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Dear FamilyLife Partners and Friends,

As 2009 begins in just a few months, Aileen and I will begin our 10th year in full-time ministry in the Global (International) Department of FamilyLife. It is hard to believe! It has not always been easy but Aileen and I are rejoicing in God's goodness and blessing. I know that many of you are facing tough times and sometimes rough roads as you seek to serve Him with FamilyLife or on Campus Crusade staff. God's word tells us to "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God and He will exalt you in good time." (1 Peter 5:6) I am so glad I listened to His Word instead of my wayward, selfish heart.

Why do I share this? Because the best fruit of life, marriage, ministry, and parenting come from years of investment, faithfulness and obedience. Aileen and I are just returning from a ten-day support development trip that included time with family and those who have partnered with us. It has been exciting and deeply moving to share of God's goodness and blessings regarding how He is using you. We are seeing some family members finally awoken to the value of what we do. We experienced firsthand the stories of the impact of FamilyLife events and HomeBuilders in the lives of these dear friends and family! Aileen and I feel like we are in the best place we have been in our lives. We are so glad we did not let the tough times discourage us.

We are seeing God open doors that will enable us to not only do 10 times the ministry in 10 years, but we believe 10 times the ministry in three to five years. On September 1st, FamilyLife launched "Vida en Familia Hoy", the Spanish version of FamilyLife Today. Already on 44 stations, six are in the U.S. We believe this will

have a huge impact in Latin America. You can listen to the broadcasts in Spanish if you desire to do so. Go to www.vidaenfamiliahoy.com

We also have launched a campaign to raise funds to provide "Print on Demand" units for 22 countries where the lack of affordable HomeBuilders is hindering the growth of FamilyLife. Two have been delivered to Kenya and Tanzania and four more have already been funded. All six have been funded by our own FamilyLife staff in Little Rock, but we are praying for more funds to complete all 22. If you want to know more about this and other projects, visit www.globalfamilylife.biz. This website is a temporary website as we will eventually move most of this to the global pages of familylife.com. Regarding Print on Demand, you may want to see our last two letters at www.hostendorff.com.

The eternal and lasting fruit of your labors through FamilyLife are yet to be fully known until the day we enter heaven. I encourage you to continue in your faithfulness and obedience. When your ego wants to get in the way, remember "Faithful is He who calls you!" (1 Thess. 5:24) Finally, a holy walk is essential to serving our Lord and receiving His blessing! May I encourage you to ask yourself the following question: "Would I rather have God's blessings or God Himself as my most intimate relationship?" If we answer the latter, I believe we are on the right track. Blessings to you!

Until Every Home is a Godly Home,

Howard and Aileen



Forty-four radio outlets throughout the Americas are now broadcasting “Vida en Familia Hoy”—FamilyLife’s Spanish radio broadcast. For the first time, these audiences are hearing the message of God’s blueprints for marriage in Spanish. This is the first time “FamilyLife Today” is broadcasted in a different language. These are exciting days!

“Since our first broadcast in 1992, we’ve seen U.S. families transformed through the timeless, biblical principles presented through ‘FamilyLife Today,’” said FamilyLife President Dennis Rainey, host of “FamilyLife Today.” “We are thrilled to provide listeners in Latin America with those same family-changing truths.” These Spanish broadcasts are taken from the archives of past core message programs of “FamilyLife Today.”

FamilyLife has partnered with HCJB Global (Heralding Christ Jesus’ Blessings) on this project. HCJB is assisting with translation, production and distribution of the radio program from their headquarters in Quito, Ecuador. HCJB also helped in obtaining the actors who voice the parts of Dennis and Barbara Rainey and Bob Lepine. The program is 15 minutes in length.

“Vida en Familia Hoy” can be heard on radio stations in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela. HCJB will continue to secure more radio stations for FamilyLife, and by this time next year over 160 Spanish radio outlets will be offering the biblical truths of marriage and family.

FamilyLife’s goal is to distribute the programming to our 14 partner countries in Central and South America that already participate in FamilyLife through conferences, Bible study materials and other resources, and to expand to other countries as interest grows. There is hope that this new programming will build momentum for “Vida en Familia,” the ministry in Latin America led by Leonel Motta. We expect increased participation in parenting conferences, marriage seminars and HomeBuilders Couples Series small group studies.

“With the addition of Spanish radio, FamilyLife’s impact should expand greatly,” said Dennis Rainey. “This Spanish version of our daily radio program will assist us in equipping marriages and families to live out God’s plan in Latin America.”

Listeners are encouraged to visit www.vidaenfamilia.org for transcripts, audio copies of the broadcast, and contact information for Leonel Motta or other FamilyLife leaders. We are excited to see how God will use this radio broadcast in the Spanish families who live in North, Central, and South America. To God be the glory!

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Jane and Henry attended a Weekend to Remember. It was a miracle they came to the weekend in the first place. Jane shares how God worked.

In my previous marriage, my husband drank, went bankrupt, and turned to another woman. After 25 years he walked out on me and our three children. Christian counselling helped me to forgive him, but I still felt I was walking around with an enormous sign reading REJECT/FAILURE on my forehead. Even in my new relationship with Henry, I felt all was performance-orientated.

Henry is more conservative, reliable, rational and steady. He was happily married to his previous wife for over 30 years before she died of cancer. In his view, any relationship that required significant effort must have been deeply flawed in the first place.

So the Weekend to Remember was not so much Henry's thing. But since we planned to marry at St James next summer, it was suggested that we attend. Through the various speakers, Henry was astounded to realise that real men do indeed have to try to understand a woman's needs and thoughts. It was also a revelation to him to actually consider his own expectations and needs.

Our couple project times during the weekend were so rich. We have always communicated freely with one another, but this was communication of a totally different quality, at a more profound level.

We had been too "whacked" to write our love letters on Saturday before going out for the most romantic of meals complete with a log fire! So Sunday evening we decided to prolong the weekend and have another romantic meal. After eating, we read out loud our love letters to each other. I suggested Henry read his letter first, anticipating ten lines of practical observations about our relationship. How wrong I was! He covered both sides of the page and as he read it, the tears started to roll down his cheeks. We simply melted into each other's arms—all tensions and inhibitions gone. We wept together. Henry had never sought to express such emotions to me before—in speech or on paper! The realisation sank in for the first time that he loved me. Yet he was hurt and frustrated that despite his proposal and our impending marriage, I still suffered from low self-esteem. At last, I grasped that he really did love me for what I AM and not as a pawn to fulfil what he was looking for in a wife. I was able to tear off the label of REJECT/FAILURE.

I know we shall move forward to marriage with a much deeper understanding and oneness. As Henry said, we now have tools to help us identify and deal with the problems and misunderstandings that will inevitably come along. I feel as though I am still floating on cloud nine securely anchored to earth by the strength, reliability and utter realness of Henry's love.

Editor note: Jane & Henry attended the Weekend to Remember as an engaged couple in 2007. You can tell from the article that they had an eventful weekend. After that Jane suggested that Henry might like to attend an Alpha course (a well known seekers course) starting in January 2008. Henry agreed but warned her that if anyone mentioned "being born again" he would leave. God has such a sense of humour because at the Alpha course Henry gave his life to Christ. In July 2008 Henry and Jane were married and they have recently returned from their honeymoon blissfully happy!

United Kingdom FamilyLife—To find out more, go to www.familylife.uk.com.



Movement Makers

Advanced HomeBuilders Module

Multiplication was the way Jesus planned to change the world 2,000 years ago, and is still the way to change the world today. Multiplication, especially among laymen volunteers, is the backbone of a movement. HomeBuilders Couples Series are designed to enable lay volunteers to have a powerful life-changing ministry. Many couples have seen their desire for reaching families multiplied into more than 100 HomeBuilders groups. A section on HomeBuilders is included in the basic Movement Makers manual. However, the “Advanced Module” helps thrust HomeBuilders into a movement.

The content is similar to *Multiplying a Legacy* except in a Movement Makers format.

It includes:

- Tips on leading
- Warming up your audience
- Outreach ideas
- Group activity for praising your spouse
- Couples’ projects & romance quiz
- Ministering to couples with great needs
- Starting a movement in your church
- Advanced ministry skills

The most effective ministry opportunities for laymen are usually outside the context of church services. Couples can readily serve their church by strengthening marriages within the church by using HomeBuilders. It is also an excellent tool as a church outreach to non-Christians and other couples.

Ministering to families gets us into cultures and groups that other strategies cannot reach. When needs are met, hearts become open to Christ. Sometimes one-on-one sharing of God’s plan for life is not welcomed, but practical how-to’s that apply to life and marriage are warmly received. As people respond, they become healthier spiritually and personally. They get involved in a deeper way for the cause of Christ. The “Advanced HomeBuilders Module” is designed to equip couples to multiply God’s principles for families into a movement.

FamilyLife’s new logo and byline.

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If you would like to use it, contact Betty Rogers for the file and also the guidelines of proper usage. brogers@familylife.com

Our email address is now:

global@familylife.com

please update your address book!

Let's Talk Turkey

and "A Family Prayer of Thankfulness" Prayer Card

In the United States, Thanksgiving is a holiday where we focus on family, food, warm conversation and hopefully godward gratefulness.

Being thankful to our God is important to all Christians. Perhaps this resource could help your family have a time of gratitude by using this product during a special meal.



Let's Talk Turkey resource pack is suitable for any spiritual level. The eighteen ink-jet-compatible name cards sit by each person's plate and have a thought-provoking question of gratitude for each guest to consider. They're also designed as keepsakes as each person records a point of personal thanks. The host guide will help maximize your experience and quality conversations.

The Family Prayer Card of Thankfulness is based on Psalm 103. It would make a great gift for your supporters.

Let's Talk Turkey (18 name cards with host guide)
Partner price in US dollars \$1.67

Product number MSC11065

"A Family Prayer Card of Thankfulness" from Psalm 103
Partner price \$.19

Product number CRD11157



When Christmas Came

by Barbara Rainey

"Now I see that the wonderment of my childhood Christmases and the longing I felt for it to last was an invitation that God was writing on my heart. He wanted me to experience something far greater than my present-tense life. There was so much more to discover...Christmas really could last forever."

-*When Christmas Came*

This book celebrates the season's deepest and most lasting meanings while illuminating connections between Christmas and John 3:16. "For God so loved" flourishes with life in Barbara's poignant prose and her vivid watercolor illustrations. These simple meditations will warm your heart and add meaning to your family Christmas.

72 pages, hardback with dust jacket
Partner price in US dollars \$3.30

Product number BKH11100

2008 2009 Events Calendar



Africa

Nov 23-25, 2008	Marriage Conference	Suhag	Egypt
Jan 27-31, 2009	Movement Maker Training	Abijan	Cote D'Ivoire
Jan 27-31, 2009	HomeBuilder Leader Training	Abijan	Cote D'Ivoire

Europe (Eastern)

Nov 8-9, 2008	One Day Seminar	Chojnice	Poland
Nov 15, 2008	Parenting Conference	Poznan	Poland
Nov 22, 2008	Parenting Conference	Kolo	Poland
Nov 28-30, 2008	Marriage Conference	Lanckorona	Poland
Dec 6, 2008	Marriage Seminar	Wisla	Poland
Dec 13, 2008	Parenting Seminar	Bydgoszcz	Poland
Nov 1, 2008	Marriage Seminar	Chigirin	Ukraine
Nov 9, 2008	Marriage Seminar	L'viv	Ukraine
Nov 22, 2008	Marriage Seminar	Simferopol	Ukraine

Europe (Western)

Nov 8, 2008	Parents Seminar	Thessaloniki	Greece
Nov 9, 2008	Family Seminar	Serres,	Greece
Nov 22, 2008	Parents Seminar	Athens	Greece
Nov 27-30	Marriage Conference	Leptokaria	Greece
Nov 8, 2008	Marriage Seminar	Valencia	Spain
Nov 8, 2008	Premarital Seminar	Barcelona	Spain
Nov 29, 2008	Premarital Seminar	Barcelona	Spain
Nov 28-30, 2008	Marriage Conference	Schwarzwald	Germany
Jan 31, 2009	Parenting talk	Barcelona	Spain
Feb, 2009	Premarital Seminar	Barcelona	Spain
Feb 28, 2009	Parenting Conference	Barcelona	Spain
Feb 28, 2009	A Day to Treasure	Chalfont St Peter,	England
April 25, 2009	Parenting Conference	Barcelona	Spain
May 30-31, 2009	Parenting Weekend Retreat	Barcelona	Spain

Middle East and North Africa

Due to sensitive nature of these countries, please contact global@familylife.com for further information.

North America

United States—Phone 1-800-358-6329 or www.familylife.com for a complete listing of conferences.

Latin America

Nov 6	Marriage Seminar	Galapagos Is	Ecuador
Nov 7	Marriage Seminar	Salinas	Ecuador
Nov 13-14	Movement Maker Training	Sao Paulo	Brazil
Nov 15-16	Marriage Conference	Sao Paulo	Brazil

Oceania

Nov 1, 2008	A Day to Treasure Seminar	Invercargill	New Zealand
Nov 20, 2008	Understanding One Another	Auckland	New Zealand
Nov 1, 2008	A Day to Treasure Seminar	Bensville	Australia
Nov 15, 2008	A Day to Treasure Seminar	Rowville	Australia