



We serve an awesome God. I pray this finds you and your family well. To all those who have been saying, “Where has Eric been, what is he up to, and is he ok?”, please accept my sincere apologies. This overdue prayer letter will update you on the progress of the ministry transitions and share some exciting answers to prayer on several fronts. God has clearly indicated there is much work for me/us to do in His harvest field, and the best is yet to come.

FamilyLife

My last update mentioned the plans to move FamilyLife’s headquarters from Little Rock to Orlando in two phases. Phase one was completed August 31st. The headquarters building has been sold and FamilyLife is renting back a small portion of space for staff needs during phase two. FamilyLife has decided to increase emphasis on community outreach, which will require additional field staff to build into local lay leaders located in key cities around the USA. The Weekend To Remember Conference and FamilyLife Today broadcast (also podcast / streaming) will remain as key elements of our overall outreach.

The Pandemic

The lockdown of 2020 has certainly impacted everything. About mid-March FamilyLife staff vacated our office space in the headquarters building and we all began to work remotely from home. We all have added a new word and capability to our skill set, “Zoom.” The team has recently released several ministry tools with more in process as new FamilyLife resources.

1. **Vertical Marriage** small group was released awhile ago. You can find info re: that product here. “If your marriage isn’t vertical, then it’s just a matter of time before your relationship will pay the price. Or you could read this book and transform your marriage into a page-turning, smoking hot, this-is-more-like-it love story. Your call.” – Dr, Tim Kimmel, Founder and CEO of Family Matters
2. Bob Lepine’s new book, **Love Like You Mean It**. “This is the ultimate how-to book where you can express and experience true love.” - Dr. Dennis Rainey, cofounder of FamilyLife and TheRainey.org
3. Four FREE online courses
 - a. **The Art of Marriage** - Learn how to handle conflict in your marriage in a biblical way.
 - b. **I Still Do** - 7-day prayer guide for you and your spouse. Each day, you’ll receive a short devotional reading that includes a Bible verse and a few related prayer points.
 - c. **The Art of Parenting** - Eight-sessions providing creative ways for parents to instill faith in their children.
 - d. **The Art of Parenting on Discipline** - This course provides a simple and creative ways to apply your faith with your children in the ways you discipline in your home.
4. Jeff and Shaunti Feldhahn New books
 - a. **Lightbulb Moments for Your Marriage**
 - b. **How to Talk Money in Marriage Right Now: 3 Must-Have Conversations**
5. **What's the Point?** A small book about cohabitation. Will release late fall.
6. **Dates to Remember** A brand new project to be released this fall.

My Personal Update

I had been praying for wisdom and clear leading since the announcement of the headquarters move. At first, it seemed that God might be closing the door at FamilyLife, yet at the same time I sensed He was not done with me. FamilyLife's emphasis on local outreach plus the desire to bring in and empower a younger team, and my preference not to move, gave me confidence and peace knowing that God had something special in mind for me. In His time, a wonderful opportunity to work with Cru Military opened up. Long story short, I am planning to transfer from FamilyLife to Cru Military at the end of 2020, reporting to the Director of West Coast Area Operations. He said, "you can honestly say that you may be leaving FamilyLife, but not family ministry. In fact, we are strongly partnered with FamilyLife, almost at the hip." And, "The West Coast Area Operations includes 12 states and encompasses the largest geographic area in the USA, with 55 major military installations, and three of the largest military complexes in our nation (San Diego, Seattle and Hawaii). Hawaii and Alaska are part of our responsibility." So, I believe the Lord intends to use me for several more years, putting my Navy experience to best use. Since I will be staying with Cru, no change is necessary to continue your ministry support.

Are you sitting down? Here is a really wonderful and exciting development in God's plans. It



Vicky and Eric

has been over three years since the Lord called Sherry home. I know that I am a better man with a soulmate by my side. The truth of genesis 2:18 really resonates with me, "The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." God taught me some things bout dating and being single again. And then, just a few months ago, through Match.com, I met Vicky. She is someone very special, God's gift and answer to prayer beyond all I could



ask or think. We immediately began sharing and learning about each other. it was clear that we both loved the Lord and sought His will. In a relatively short time, we grew to love each other. It became clear that Vicky was the answer to my prayers and I to hers. It is my pleasure to announce that Vicky and I are engaged!

Praise and Prayer

1. Praise the Lord with me for answering our prayers for a soulmate and please pray for all the arrangements to go smoothly as Vicky and I prepare for our December 5th wedding.
2. Pray for FamilyLife as the team waits for the green light to restart the Weekend to Remember Conferences and develop new ways to touch marriages and families with the truth of God's plan for oneness during these challenging and uncertain times.
3. My support has fallen off during the Covid crisis. Please pray for funding to be restored.
4. Pray for wisdom and joyful teamwork as Vicky and I make the necessary decisions as we transition and downsize from two households to one in these next few months.
5. Pray for God's will, voter discernment, and for an honest election this November.

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