



Did you know that 577 million people around the world speak Spanish, some 7.6% of the global population? This makes it the second most widely spoken native language on the planet, just after Mandarin Chinese and before English! It is no surprise, then, that a translation into Spanish is a big step in any FamilyLife® resource. This has certainly been true with the Like Arrows™ movie! On March 22, **Como Flechas**, the Spanish version of FamilyLife's Like Arrows movie had its global release. It has already had a great impact in Latin America, as well as Spanish speaking areas of the U.S. By the beginning of April, the movie trailer had over 750 Thousand views! These showings often not only draw crowds to the movie, but draw people toward FamilyLife's Art of Parenting® materials and God's blueprints for marriage and family. Here are a few examples:



Mexico— Como Flechas, premiered in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico on February 25th. The theater was completely full with pastors and ministry leaders from local churches. The local FamilyLife team there was given the opportunity to speak to the crowd before the screening to share more about FamilyLife and the movie. They also spoke to them after the movie to promote FamilyLife's Art of Parenting. At the end every person was given an information sheet with contact information for them to find out more about an Art Of Parenting Facilitator's Training. This training took place in March where 75 people were trained as Art of Parenting facilitators—just think about the multiplying effect!



Panama—The picture to the left shows the lines forming to purchase the tickets at the third showing of Like Arrows in Panama!

Spanish Resources for YOU!



Did you know that United States has the second highest concentration of Spanish speakers in the world, after Mexico? (roughly 53 million) There are more people speaking Spanish in the U.S. than Spain (47 million speakers) and Colombia (48 million speakers) and it is the most common non-English language spoken in U.S. homes. FamilyLife resources in Spanish are a great way to connect with your Spanish speaking neighbors in their heart language. Introduce them to Vida En Familia Hoy®, the Spanish version of FamilyLife Today® or the Como Flechas movie. Most of our small group materials are also translated into Spanish. You could host a small group in English, but Spanish speakers could also have a copy in Spanish for their personal use. Family is a great way to reach people of every people group—not only around the world, but also across the street!

Paraguay– In Paraguay, they rented 52 theaters to launch Como Flechas on March 21st. They believe this one night could open the door for them to reach over 10,000 people with God's plan for parenting.

El Salvador–A church in El Salvador completely filled a theater for a screening of Like Arrows, 320 people in the picture to the right. This was in conjunction with the broader Latin American theatrical launch of Como Flechas.



Of course, the goal is just not to fill theaters, but to fill peoples hearts with a longing to understand Biblical parenting. As a follow-up to Like Arrows in Latin America, about two thousand pastoral and leadership couples have been trained as Art Of Parenting Facilitators, and this is just the first wave of training. The initial printing of 12,000 Art Of Parenting manuals is now depleted and in the hands of our FamilyLife volunteers throughout Latin America. The second printing of 18,000 manuals has been ordered, and will be shipping from FamilyLife's Latin America distribution center in Panama any day now (mid May). Pray for the impact of Como Flechas and the Spanish edition of The Art of Parenting around the world!

In Him,

Eric & Deb

Health Updates: Eric has completed the genetic testing and has been cleared of the markers for colon cancer. He still has to watch his diet and take medication for the gastroparesis, but he has been able to reduce symptoms through this. Deb will be having hernia surgery and abdominal muscle repair on June 3rd. The muscle repair will cause more recovery time since it cannot be done laparoscopically, but the hope is that it will prevent future hernia issues. Charissa was able to finish all her classes even with mono (with A's I might add!) and is home symptom-free. We pray for continued rest this summer to help prevent any relapse.

Tear & Prayer

Pray for the Riedy Family
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Pray NITOC (National Invitational Tournament of Champions) in Dallas May 19-25-Brenna & Amanda competing while Eric & I work facilities

Pray for Amanda as she prepares to go to Houston June 9-14 to serve the community there in ongoing recovery efforts from Hurricane Harvey.

Pray for my abdominal surgery June 3d & recovery
Praise for a great graduation night -Grandma Allen was able to come out & Charissa made it home in time to watch Brenna walk with honors!

Praise for Eric & I finishing our last class toward our Institute of Biblical Studies certificate here at FamilyLife