



FamilyLife Parenting Initiative Update

Seems like just yesterday that we told you about the exciting Parenting Initiative project that happening at FamilyLife®. You might recall that I (Eric) went on a tour with our newly announced President at FamilyLife, David Robbins, to premiere the Like Arrows movie in several locations in the Northeast. Well, that tour happened in November 2017, so NOT YESTERDAY! About time for an update, don't you think?

FamilyLife officially launched the Parenting Initiative project on May 1, 2018. We are thrilled to report that **406,277 lives** have been directly impacted by the various resources and translations of the parenting project (through 6/30/2020). These lives represent homes that may be forever changed as a result of the exposure to biblically based truths. As a result, the overall impact is much greater than we can measure. FamilyLife has also translated these resources into Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, and Arabic.

As you might imagine, the impact of COVID-19 on the family has been and continues to be great. Many parents are struggling with how to 'survive' the immediate crises and looking for help. One of the benefits of the project was our online streaming access to all of FamilyLife's Art of Parenting® video sessions. These are now able to be used for people to create virtual small groups, during a time of keeping safe social distancing.

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In August 2019 FamilyLife announced the move of our headquarters from Little Rock to Lake Hart, Florida. One of the main goals of this move is to improve collaboration with Cru, our parent organization, by co-locating with them in Florida. At this point, the Little Rock office is closed

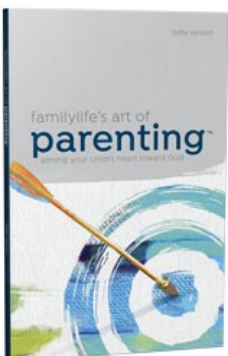


Parenting project Impact: 406,277 lives directly impacted! To God be the Glory!

US—WI: Art of Parenting series is being used for parents who are court ordered to take a parenting course. Attendees are telling friends, who are asking how they can attend!

Feedback from one small group: "We had a very diverse study group from 6 different countries. It was an amazing experience of evaluating how culture and upbringing impacts our parenting styles, sometimes in opposition to the truth of God's Word. We all agreed that this course was instrumental in reorienting our beliefs and practices toward Christ-centered parenting."

Kuwait (Arabic): The National Evangelical Church of Kuwait hosted the first showing of the Arabic version of "Like Arrows" movie. Over 200 people, both Arabic and English speakers, attended. The movie showing encouraged over 120 people to attend Art of Parenting small group training several days later.



(with a wing leased back to retain our recording studios while building new in Florida). Part of our staff have moved. Eric's department is part of the 'phase 2' group who have a move deadline of August 2021. After a year of praying, seeking advice, and visiting the state we have decided that a move to Florida is the right direction for us as well. As God leads, we will be moving in the spring/summer of 2021! This move will give us a sense of 'team' with others serving at FamilyLife, a connection to Cru as a whole, and the best opportunity to use us in our upcoming 'empty nest' years.

Amanda, our homeschool senior in high school, will be taking two online college classes from Southern Arkansas University this semester. We hope this will give her a jump start on her year so that if we move to Florida in the spring, she will have a lighter courseload during the transition. Her speech and debate season is totally up-in-the-air; no one is exactly sure what a tournament could look like right now. She is also taking a Core Construction Class via Zoom. This should end with an in-person certification that she hopes will help her get a construction job in Florida during her gap year (maybe Disney?!?).

Brenna is getting a chance to practice her pandemic pivot, too! Due to COVID-19 concerns, the upcoming Florida move, and many other factors, she will not be returning to College of the Ozarks this fall. She has decided that an online degree is a better fit for her, and has registered for John Brown University's liberal arts major with a minor in communications. It is a similar degree to what she has started, but will give her the freedom to stay home, move to Florida, and/or travel while still moving forward with her education. The eventual goal is still a Masters in Library Science and a job at a public library.

Looking for an update on Charissa and Jon? You'll just have to check out our letter next month!

The verse that keeps coming to mind regarding these issues, and all the other difficulties with planning nowadays, is Proverbs 16:9, "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps". It is good for us to plan, think ahead, consider and dream but we need to remember that it is the Lord that truly 'establishes' (def'n: to put beyond doubt, to set on a firm basis, to bring into existence) our steps.

In Him,

Tear & Prayer



Pray for our family to adjust to all these changes & for our path to Florida to become clear

Pray for our Weekend to Remember team as they have canceled in person events for Sept & Oct so far-that they would have wisdom for the rest of the season dates & creativity for ways to impact marriages remotely during these months

Praise for the many FamilyLife staff who have already moved to FL, as well as over 15 Cru staff who have recently transferred to join us there.

Praise for the wise leadership of Steve Sellers (Cru U.S. National Director) & David Robbins (FamilyLife President) during unprecedented times -enthusiastically encouraging us to minister & share the gospel while caring for our safety