

# The Riedy Reader

February 2020



February kicked off the Spring season of FamilyLife® ministry with a bang! We headed off on the Love Like You Mean It® marriage cruise with over 5000 guests, while on land there were 9 Weekend to Remember® getaways with over 7500 in attendance! These numbers don't take into account any of our international events. It is just amazing to see how God uses our small staff here in Little Rock to touch SO many! Another example of 'ministry multiplication'.

This is the second time that Eric and I have been asked to help serve on the cruise staff, but this ship was about twice the size of our first. With such a large ship it was 'all hands on deck', so to speak. As you may know, in Eric's role, he often travels to different parts of the country to meet with FamilyLife partners. The cruise was a wonderful opportunity to interact with many of those folks all in one place for a whole week. One of the exciting things about FamilyLife donors is that they rarely just send money, they often use our tools and resources themselves. The stories we were able to hear of how people are taking what we provide at FamilyLife (Weekend to Remember, The Art of Marriage®, FamilyLife's Art of Parenting®, etc.) and sharing with their communities was just powerful! At one event in San Juan, I had the opportunity to sit next to the couple who brought the Weekend to Remember to Bermuda. They run a school supply store on the island and have been active in marriage and family ministry for years. When they heard about the Weekend to Remember they decided to fly to New Jersey to check it out. After attending there, they called FamilyLife and asked what they could do to get an event in Bermuda—about three months later 150 couples attended the first Weekend to Remember in Bermuda! This is a picture of Eric and I representing FamilyLife at that event in Old San Juan.



This whole trip was another reminder that Eric's role is truly as 'a M&M Man' - We are praying that God uses this time to multiply both His Ministry and His Money as we seek to bring the gospel and God's blueprints for marriage and family to every home.



2021 Love Like You Mean It Marriage Cruise Feb 7-14 San Juan Puerto Rico to Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire, and St. Maarten go to [lovelikeyoumeanitcruise.com](http://lovelikeyoumeanitcruise.com) for more details- reserve early— it fill up fast!



Another area of service Eric was able to help with was introducing and supporting some speakers. On the left he is introducing Beth & Jeff McCord, Enneagram Coaches. On the right he introduced and ran tech for David and Meg Robbins.



With this being the 10th anniversary cruise, the week was themed around anniversaries. Each day celebrated a different decade of wedding dates and every guest was invited to submit a wedding picture to place on a mosaic board. The picture on the left is of us putting up our little wedding picture early in the week when the board was still mostly empty. The picture on the right was the end result - pretty spectacular!



### Tear & Prayer

Pray for the **Riedy Family**  
 Serving in Arkansas with **FAMILYLIFE®**  
 Help for today. Hope for tomorrow.

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**Pray** that the guests will bring the vision & oneness that they felt on the cruise back to make an impact on their homes & communities.  
**Pray** for our upcoming vision trip to Florida (3/9-13), that Eric, Amanda, & I will all have a clear vision of what our future could look like there.  
**Praise** health & safety for our girls while we were gone — they even had some fun together!  
**Praise** for a GREAT Arkansas Diamond Speech & Debate tournament! We are looking now to transition our roles to other parents next year,  
**Pray** that God will raise up other SOAR parents to take over this 10 year Diamond tradition and keep this tournament going strong as we move on.