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Current Initiatives

Future Initiatives

The family is the greatest untapped resource to help fulfill the Great Commission, build God's Kingdom, and cause societal change. When families engage with our resources, they are encouraged and empowered to reach out into their communities in ever-widening networks, impacting even more families to Christ.

Every home a godly home The bold vision statement of FamilyLife® drives us toward our mission "to effectively develop godly marriages and families who change the world one home at a time". But how do we go about this? What exactly does this look like? Consider this clip from our recent annual report:

We envision a world where disciples are unleashed to transform the world for Christ, helping every family move from isolation to impact wherever they are. To achieve this goal, we will focus on 4 core areas:

- Time Together over Timeless Truths: providing practical, biblical help and hope to couples and families, so they may draw closer to God and one another
- Families Discipling Families: Equipping families to put their faith into action and leverage their lives

for Christ as they impact friends and neighbors.

Community Transformation: Drawing marriages to Jesus by building spiritual movements

Time Together	Families Discipling Families
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Ø Weekend to Remember	 Vertical Marriage
⊘ Love Like You Mean It [®] cruise	
 Online library of culturally relevant 	
articles	Stepping Up [®]
+ Podcast network	+ The Art of Marriage 2.0
+ Weekend to Remember: relaunch	+ Social media community
+ Preparing for Marriage [®] video series	

COVID-19 Update

As I'm finishing up this letter, things are changing so fast it is hard to even know what to write! Brenna was due home for Spring Break on 3/13, but on 3/12 received the news that she needed to pack for an indefinite amount of time at home instead as students would not be allowed back on campus until at least 4/6. Her schedule is still in flux with online classes due to start 3/30. Amanda is also watching cancelations & unsure about the rest of her speech & debate season. FamilyLife & Cru are supporting government efforts by restricting travel both domestic & international. FamilyLife has canceled all Weekend to Remember® events for March, and expects to do the same for April & May, but are waiting for state & federal advice before finalizing that. At this point, FamilyLife staff will be working virtually from their homes for at least the next two weeks. We are seeking to be creative with online resources & tools for families at home together. Pray with us that God uses this enforced slow down of the pace of life to bring hearts to Him & families closer to each other. **What are your updates & prayer requests? Email or call us—we would LOVE to hear from you!**

in homes, churches, and communities across America to create flourishing local communities.

• **Global Outreach:** Serving community leaders and church partners around the world to bring societal change through local movements of marriage and family ministry.

Community Transformation

Global Outreach

- The Summit on Stepfamily Ministry
- Marriage and family workshops
- + Mobilizing local events
- + Marriage ministry equipping summits
- + City marriage initiative partnerships
- + Longitudinal assessments

- ❷ Vida en Familia Hoy[®]
- El Arte del Matrimonio[®]
- Global movement maker training
- + Multi-media equipping resources
- + Self-sustaining movements



Thank you for praying for our 'vision trip' to Lake Hart, FL from March 9-13! We had a Cru staff member walk us all around the beautiful Cru headquarters and give us a glimpse of what is happening in the many ministries and departments located there. He spoke of opportunities for both Amanda and I to serve, as well as Eric. We also went through the 'Jesus Film Tour' available to any visitor—be sure to stop if you're ever in town (only abut 1/2 hour from Disney World). We also spent a day and a half with a local realtor getting an idea of the housing market and neighborhoods. We are still months away from decisions needing to be made, but we have a clearer picture of what life at Lake Hart could be.





Pray for wisdom for those in leadership! So many hard decisions to make on so many levels, from our local speech club deciding when to meet in person again, to FamilyLife leadership deciding when it is safe to hold public events, all the way up to our President deciding how to lead our country! Pray for couples who had made plans to attend a Weekend to Remember -esp. those in crisis who need support to save their marriages Praise for technology that still allows us to reach families-for example Blended & Blessed will STILL be livestreamed, even if in-person event cancels! Praise for our FL trip-we were able to do every thing we planned, including a day at the Magic Kingdom, & get safely back home

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