

The Riedy Reader

May 2022



Some of you have been eagerly awaiting this month's letter. Others are probably wondering if you'll enjoy reading a letter written by me, Eric. Don't worry I won't add too many engineering terms or technical jargon so everyone should be okay. Really everything is fine folks, I'm not taking over full writing duties for our letters. Deb will return again, but we thought it best for me write to you this month.

Since the first day I started working at FamilyLife, I've been in one role the whole time. Sure the titles are different, the territory switched, and some aspects of the role have changed. But that's it. I've had one role for over twelve years of serving at FamilyLife.

Quick reader poll time: How long have you had the same role? Stay at home parents count too!

My title was Regional Development Director. The role was one I thoroughly enjoyed and I was good at (that's what others have told me too, not just a self-assessment). I often explained myself as an M&M man for FamilyLife. No, not the candy coated chocolate. The first "M" is Ministry: caring for partners, helping employers sponsor employees to a Weekend to Remember, or suggesting resources for marriage and family. The second "M" is Money. I had the privilege of asking people to partner with the ministry through their financial gifts.

Deb often describes me as, "an Engineer who can speak with other humans." Well the role was one that required a lot of details and plenty of 'human' interaction.

You may have noticed me using some past tense verbs in the previous paragraphs. That's because I recently accepted a new role at FamilyLife. I've accepted the role of **Chief of Staff and Operations Manager** in the Development department (the same department I have been in since day 1). This role found me, I wasn't searching it out. However, I'm excited for this new opportunity to use the skills that God has given me in technology, organization, and management to help the ministry of FamilyLife further the mission of 'Every Home a Godly Home'.



Jon and Charissa have a baby boy! **Oliver James Vandiver** was born on 5/16/2022. He arrived at 9 lbs. 2 oz & 21 inches. Big sister Ruby is still trying to figure out who the little baby is.



Here are some words of introduction from Gene Haub, the Vice President of Donor Development at FamilyLife:

I have some really exciting news to share. Effective April 2022, Eric will become the Development Department, Chief of Staff and Operations Manager.

In his new role, Eric will serve on the Leadership team helping to shape future strategy and direction for our Department. He will also direct overall department projects & initiatives, and manage our Operations Support team. Eric's depth of experience and analytical gifting are a perfect match for this leadership role. He will be a lead voice in driving continuous improvement, cross functional excellence, best practices, and stewardship of resources and talent within our department of over 40 staff. I'm thankful for this opportunity to see Eric's influence increase in an even greater way across the ministry of FamilyLife!

Along that line, FamilyLife is pressing into the expansion of ministry in local communities in an ever expanding way. Our desire is to help families move toward intimate relationships with God, each other, and the families around them. This local expansion will only happen as outreach movements are fully funded.

And that's why I am so thrilled that Eric has accepted this new role. It is critical that we reshape and operationalize new processes for this to happen. I am rejoicing that God has brought Eric to this place to help bring this to reality! Oh that God would bless our efforts to reach 10, 20, and even 100 fold the families that we are currently reaching!

Thank you for your faithful support of Eric and Deb Riedy. They are such a blessing and have played a key role in helping to continually expand our outreaches toward our mission of "every home a godly home". Their service over the past 12 years has truly been invaluable. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in ministry together with them!

One last announcement to close this letter: the birth of our newest grandchild, Oliver James Vandiver (see info & pictures). Deb and I were able to be there and spend some time holding and loving Oliver and his older sister, Ruby.

In Him,

Tear & Prayer



Praise for the birth of Oliver. He & Charissa are doing well post-birth.

Praise that our whole family was able to visit to see and hold Oliver.

Pray for the Vandivers as they adjust to being a family of four.

Pray for Eric as he transitions into his new role at FamilyLife. There are lots of details to cover.

Pray for hurricane season in Orlando.

Pray for Amanda during a busy summer as she prepares to start at JBU in August.

Pray for the Riedy Family
serving with

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