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The Eckerson Adventure



Do you remember us reporting a few months ago about the significant breakthroughs in shipping and product costs for our international ministries? God opened huge doors to make FamilyLife materials much more affordable. FamilyLife Nigeria is really taking advantage of this situation. They have big plans for their ministry and placed the largest international order FamilyLife has ever received.

There has been an enormous learning curve for me, and I've been astounded by the myriad of details involved in preparing a trans-Atlantic shipment. Finally, about two weeks ago, three pallets of small group study guides and conference manuals were loaded on a ship to begin their journey, port by port, to Africa. Next month, when they arrive at the Port of Lagos, the Nigerian ministry will have enough materials for more than a thousand couples — literally — to be involved in life-changing HomeBuilders Bible studies and attend Art of Marriage events!

When you think of “ministry,” making shipping arrangements may not be the first thing that comes to mind. But it is ministry because it facilitates the ministry of many others and impacts countless lives and marriages!

Who knows what challenges lay ahead in clearing the shipment through customs at Lagos. Please pray!



Trained FamilyLife lay-leaders in Nigeria are waiting eagerly to receive this precious cargo so they can begin helping others build their marriages on the foundation of God's Word!

As a ministry, Campus Crusade for Christ International (of which, FamilyLife is a part) wants to give every person on the planet an opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To accomplish this mission, some of our staff go into some potentially dangerous and volatile parts of the world. As you might expect, CCCI has Global Crisis Management protocols.

I am FamilyLife's representative on CCCI's Global Crisis Management team and will be traveling soon for a meeting with other Global Crisis Management leaders from all around the world.



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FAMILYLIFE International Representatives to over 20 African nations

"In what ways could you and your spouse create a more playful spirit in your bedroom?"

— Christopher and Rachel McClusky

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Other Projects

We are actively involved right now in several projects, such as:

- ☀ A high-priority FamilyLife training event for lay-couples, seminary students, and pastors in Jamaica in February 2016.
- ☀ Preparing for a week-long international guest program as part of FamilyLife's 40th anniversary conference next July.
- ☀ Improving some of our department's global ministry processes and practices.

Our FamilyLife

- ☀ Ben is settling in to his new apartment in a nice area of Dublin, Ohio. His new job is going well. He has found a church and is doing things with other people but has yet to make any real friends.
- ☀ Baby Daniel is healthy and growing fast! He just had his three-month check-up: 16 -1/2 lbs and 27-1/2"! He is wearing six-month clothes and is sleeping through the night! We see him next weekend!
- ☀ Luke (Sarah's husband) cut his wrist badly with a concrete saw last month. The wound required surgery and six days in the hospital! The surgeon said the cut severed his artery and missed the main nerve by only 1 mm. His recovery is going well, but it is slow and painful.
- ☀ We have done a little camping and canoeing over the beautiful autumn weekends (when we are not traveling to visit Ben or Sarah, Luke and Daniel).

Blessing the Roofers

We had our hail-damaged roof replaced a few weeks ago. The Hispanic work crew did a great job and we wanted to bless them. We gave them each an envelope with a cash tip and a Spanish-English evangelistic tract.



Pray that God would reveal himself to William, Tico, Wilmer, Hector (pictured), Leo and Maquias and that they would follow Jesus.

Please join us in prayer!

- ☀ Pray for God's favor with the **shipment to Nigeria** (ETA Nov 5), and especially that it would **clear Nigerian customs without incident**.
- ☀ Pray for the **planning of training trips to Chad, Nigeria and Jamaica** in early 2016. There are several complicated factors that all need to line up.
- ☀ Pray that God would **open a door for us to visit every country with an active FamilyLife ministry** in our region in 2016 (Togo, Gabon, Cameroon, Nigeria, Chad).
- ☀ Pray that God would **bring good friends into Ben's life** in Ohio.

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