



Emily was selected by her graduating class to give a speech at the ceremony.



Prayer & Praises

Emily Is looking for a summer job along with ministry plans while preparing to leave for college in the fall.

Katie Has begun a rigorous summer session in med school and trying to balance the emotional costs of it.

Lisa Preparing to move Emily to college in the fall and praying about available new ministry options.

Nick Working on new ministry tools for this fall and balancing support needs with ministry work.

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+ What's next for Emily?

In August she will graduate from the Arkansas Fashion School as part of a fashion show and luncheon. The next week she will begin her studies in International Business at John Brown University. Her goal is to combine these two areas with an overseas tent-making mission to help the abused and neglected.

A Time to Celebrate God's Goodness!

On May 19, 2016 we celebrated Emily's high school graduation with friends and family at the Home Ed of Greater Little Rock graduation. It was an incredible joy to celebrate with this daughter of ours on whom the doctor's had pronounced such dire prognoses when she was so young. Emily suffered brain damage as a young baby from high fevers as a result of being allergic to every currently known antibiotic. Doctors, therapists and other professionals predicted she would never

read or even be able to do high school work. *BUT GOD...* God said, "She is not broken. She is perfect just the way she is." We homeschooled Emily and slowly she began to learn and then she blossomed into an amazing, beautiful, compassionate and gifted young woman with a huge heart for God and His hurting people. She graduated with a GPA of 3.96 and 14 hours of college dual credit.

"I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?" – Jer 32:27



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Celebrating FamilyLife's 40th Anniversary, our 15th year in ministry...and yours!



In May we were recognized for our 15th year of service with FamilyLife during a ministry wide staff meeting. Afterwards we were invited to join Dennis and Barbara Rainey for lunch at a local restaurant to celebrate.

FamilyLife is celebrating its 40th anniversary in July during our biannual conference in Little Rock. We are very excited about this ministry milestone; but it's not our anniversary that matters—it's yours! We're excited to support marriages every year and seek to make each one extra special. Every anniversary is a milestone to be commemorated and another step toward a stronger legacy, and we're committed to helping couples see lots more of them! We would love to celebrate with you so would you please email us your anniversary date and the number of years

married? We want to send you a gift to celebrate or that you can share with someone else.

The reason we serve with this ministry is because we care deeply about reaching lost people with the gospel of Christ. Marriage and family is an international language through which we can reach the heart of people around the world. Bill Bright said, "If we reach the family, we can reach the world." That continues to be our goal and our mission. We want to thank you for partnering with us in this work. Without you it would not be possible.

Up to 40% of families in your church and community are blended families. They have unique needs and struggles. Our outreach called *FamilyLife Blended* provides biblically based resources that help strengthen stepfamilies, and help break the generational cycle of divorce. Our resources for blended families include conferences for pastors, tools to help families, FamilyLife Blended™ radio programs, books, and online



articles. In September we are holding The Summit to help pastors and ministry leaders learn how to reach and minister to this segment of our communities. If you have any kind of leadership role in your church, you should be at this conference. If you want to affect change in your church and community, come join a growing movement of leaders learning how to effectively minister to stepfamilies. Check out the details in the flyer we included with this letter.