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CONNECTIONS

God leads, opens doors and helps us make connections! No surprises there, right? I don't know about you, but sometimes we tend to forget just how powerful our God is and how intricately He weaves our paths together. I'm glad He lets us see just a glimpse of His work so that we can continue to be amazed by Him!

Scott and I found ourselves in such a situation recently when we were in the Rio Grande Valley in South Texas. While staying in Edinburg, we noticed the [Rio Grande Bible Ministries](#) campus. They train people for ministry in Spanish-speaking countries around the world. God began to stir up an interest in our hearts about what needs the students there might be experiencing and how we might connect them with FamilyLife® resources and information.

While we were worshipping at a local church that Sunday, the pastor mentioned a seminary at which he taught. We thought it might be Rio Grande Bible Ministries, so Scott

explained our desire to connect with someone there. The pastor referred us to Dr. Love (I'm not even kidding—that is his name!) It turns out that Dr. Love and his wife are members of that particular church!

When we met with Dr. Love the next day, we discovered that he had facilitated the Spanish portion of the Art of Marriage® which was recently held in their church, and he loved it! Immediately the three of us began to brainstorm ways that we could assist and put tools in the hands of the ministry leaders there on campus who will soon be serving around the world. He even invited us to come share about FamilyLife in his classes and at the school's annual Missions Conference! Who knows how God will impact Spanish-speaking people across the globe with the biblical teaching that FamilyLife offers?

If that were not enough, God also made it possible to deepen our relationship with another local pastor who is the current president of the Hispanic Ministry of the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT). He has invited us to their statewide 2018 meeting to share FamilyLife's resources with Hispanic pastors across the state of Texas! To God be the glory!

OUR TRAVELS

Don't forget—just as we shared last month, **YOU** are invited to any FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember® getaway, and we can help you save money! Contact us right away if you want to attend one of the two upcoming events in Houston or the event in Austin. The Houston Galleria and the Austin event will be held June 9–11, and the Houston Sugar Land event is scheduled for June 16–18.

Speaking of those events, the whirlwind has begun! We are currently in Austin promoting the getaway. Tonight we'll be on a local Christian

talk radio show with our Austin Weekend to Remember Directors (WTRDs) to talk about the event and FamilyLife. (It's a live show. Scott thinks this is fun, but I do not!) Then we will return home for about a week before we go back to Texas to stay the entire month of June as we work the events and follow up with all who are exploring future volunteer opportunities with FamilyLife.

We will be at home for the first few days of July, then it's off to Colorado for **CRU17**! CRU 17 is a mandatory meeting for all CRU staff held every other year. Here is a short description of the event from their website:

Join us at Cru17 for a time to connect with God, one another and the greater body of Christ. Hear from speakers on how to continually step into the fullness God has called each of us into. Worship and learn alongside Christ-followers from around the nation.

It's always exciting and encouraging to hear from the different speakers and fellowship with other CRU staff members. As you may imagine, it will be a great time to recharge, refocus, and prepare for future ministry.

Thank you all for your prayers and support—we appreciate you!



Prayer Requests

- ◆ Please pray that we keep in step with the Spirit as we work the events and meet people
- ◆ Please pray for energy and stamina for us as we travel this summer

