

# FamilyLifers

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"Reaching People for Christ Through the Felt Need of the Family"

## Parent seul FamilyLife va Français

Single-Parent FamilyLife Goes French >>>

When Carrie and I turned thirty (quite a few years ago!) we felt a desperate calling of God to be used by Him in the most effective way. Many of you share in our passion and that's why you choose to invest into our ministry. You may love the Green family, but even more you want to be found faithful in the day of our Lord's return. I want to list a few things that are unfolding that could not happen without your physical investment in being the hands and feet of Christ for us.

I'm sure you noticed the headline above translated into English, "Single-Parent FamilyLife Goes French." Recently we were approached by Power To Change Canada to add our single parent articles to their French websites. Initially designed for Quebec, the sites are now reaching all the Francophone world. Mostly reached through these sites are people from Europe (about 60% of traffic), then North America (15%), then North Africa (10%), but they get visits from over 173 countries, spanning the globe. In the last twelve months, they've had over 200,000 Francophone visitors, and the numbers right now are between 23-28,000 visitors per month. They are mentoring people from Africa, the Caribbean, Europe and North Africa.

Next on the list is this neat testimony that Carrie shared a few weeks ago with FamilyLife staff:

"Dear friends, it has been a significant day in the development of the single parent family book and we wanted to share our excitement!

Today I was looking forward to spending a day assisting Rob with writing. But as the morning wore on, the pain in my abdomen was so severe, and I was spending so much time in the office rest room, that I decided to go home, change into sweat pants and have a cup of tea. At the same time, a friend had stopped by and we spent a little time in reflecting on God's holiness and anointing.

Rob and I have been in continual prayer for God's anointing on the book, and as I stood at my kitchen counter, praying yet again, it occurred to me that I really didn't care for the title that we had been leaning towards. Little did I know that Rob was back at the office frustrated over the same issue surrounding the title.

I grabbed my slippers, still wearing my sweats, and headed back to the office. Rob and I threw-out one or two new ideas for a title and hooked on a wonderful (and catchy!) solution. Within minutes we had not only the title and cover concept, but the initial design layout for the inside pages. Thank God!

We realize that we could have easily come up with a title and design without God's help, but knowing that He has blessed us with such a simple and straightforward plan blesses us completely! The theme will be "organic single parent family ministry" and will incorporate the 100% Organic catchphrase and icon, as well as lots of organic gardening pictures on a very, clean, crisp white background. Rob already has an idea for the page size and layout, which is unconventional and fun. I pray we see it to completion!"

Carrie and I (currently the only staff working on single parent ministry development, implementation, design, growth, networking, marketing) still hold to our vision even though

the process has not been quick. Single-Parent FamilyLife is already global and we're only scratching the surface in helping, equipping, and leading people to Christ. We're in the process of building the ministry roads where they are needed.

We continue to write and develop the book/manual "100% Organic Single Parent Family Ministry," which will be the key piece in empowering the church at large to become servants in the area of single parent families. With a tool of our own in-hand (the book/manual), we will begin a strong emphasis of marketing Single Parent FamilyLife across Canada and the globe.

We consistently receive emails from people thanking us for the information on singleparentfamilylife.com and letting us know that they are starting ministries in their church.

An author and pastor out of Colorado who leads a single parent ministry has offered us free rights to the resources that he has developed (several books including a new one which is a 12-week curriculum for single parent workshops). He says, "What I have is open for your use. After all, it's all about sharing the love of Christ with a lost and hurting world. If there is anything else I can do to help you out just let me know!"

One of hundreds of single mom's & dad's coming to our website, requested this prayer, "I really appreciate what you are doing for the single moms, and honestly I needed to hear Cassie's story, because now I know that it's not just me who went through some difficult times. I am a single mother of 3 little girls and it is chaos 24/7, and I don't have any help from their dads at all. I sometimes sit and wonder when will my life begin, because I have no job, no diploma, and no way to support my kids, just my mom and dads help... ." I might add, if you (our supporters) would like to help as an online mentor, please let me or Carrie know.

### Praises & Prayer Requests:

1) Thank you for those who have been so gracious with giving special donations for our furlough... We're nearing our financial goal! We still need about 12 disciples who will give \$100 or so each. You are such a treasure and we appreciate what you are doing.

2) We're in desperate need of prayer warriors to speak the name of Jesus over the spiritual and physical dimension of our family. To finish the manual we're working on which will be used to take more ground for His kingdom, and to travel as a family this summer as we anticipate, we are going to need a profound moving of the Holy Spirit. At the name of Jesus every power on earth must bow or flee.



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