

FamilyLifers

Oct '11 update



"Reaching the world for Christ through the felt need of the family"

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FALL IS IN THE AIR!

Hi family and friends.



Fall is in the air! And you'd know by now, I LOVE to celebrate change and new beginnings.

Summer was wonderful though! We had a fabulous time as a family traveling to the Midwest and back, pulling our little camper over 6,000 miles. The only regret was that we didn't visit with as many family and friends as we would have liked. "Thank You" to the handful of churches that welcomed us to visit or speak, the time spent with you was warm and welcoming! Thanks to Dad Hinman, for having us camped out in your driveway! And thank you to all who contributed to our trip in prayer and finances... you gave us much needed time as a family!!

The kids are back in school now, Rob is back to work, and I am trying to keep everyone's lives in order. 😊 We've had 3 amazing foster children with us. Madison was only here for a short while... but oh, what a beautiful treasure she was to have around. And now we have Corina and Daniel. Corina is 18 and Daniel is her 4-month old son. His doctor calls him "Mr. Charming," and it's easy to see why. We'd appreciate your prayers over our home and these kids!

Our FamilyLife fall conference season has kicked-off in Canada, Rob's currently reworking the power points for Uniquely Us, our one-day conference using a Personal Style Indicator (PSI). We use this in churches across Canada to help couples understand their own unique personal style and how to effectively relate to their spouses.



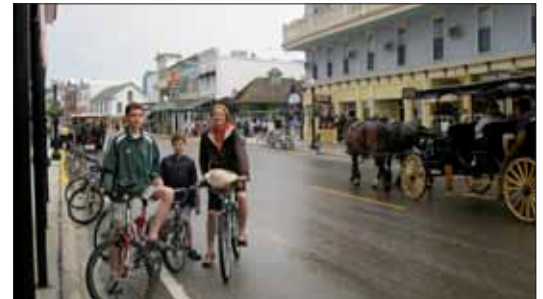
And Rob is getting back into a routine with Single-Parent FamilyLife ministry and website development. Rob recently emailed you a letter from a correspondent in Russia. It's exciting to see lives touched in a country that's near and dear to our hearts personally. (Remember Vanya, the little boy we attempted to adopt from Ekaterinburg, Russia? He's doing well, and is 11 years old now.)

We have a small group of staff visiting China this fall to develop FamilyLife leadership and promote local conferences. They've worked all summer on translating the FL material/manual into Mandarin. No small feat. God go before them and bless them! Their next steps are translations for India and United Arab Emirates.

Rob's responsibilities include more marketing and graphic design this conference year. He'll not only be designing for FamilyLife, but also those ministries we're in partnership with. We work in cooperation with other ministries in order to provide the best possible variety of resources for those that come to our conferences or visit our websites.



Our truck and camper



Mackinaw Island, Michigan – rainy, but we loved it!



Maybe someday they'll be up there too?



This ride, at Cedar Point Amusement Park, broke down with Carrie and Max 301-feet-in-the-air. The Windseeker spins riders nearly 30 stories above Lake Erie.

Dates for Our 3-Day Conferences Include:

Nov. 18-20 Whistler, BC
 Nov. 18-20 Blue Mountain, ON
 Feb. 10-12 Niagara Falls, BC
 Feb. 13-17 Bahamas Cruise
 Feb. 17-19 Victoria, BC
 April 27-29 Banff, AB
 June 1-3 Fredericton, NB

Check familylifecanada.com for dates of our 1-day conferences!

Trick or Treat

Also, God was faithful, not to mention relentless, 😊 to stretch, grow and change our Spirit mindedness over the summer. I was exhausted after arriving in Indiana, I'd lost 20 pounds, and I'd spent days at a time sleepless and in pain, but I was determined to push on... see who we needed to see... go to the places that we were expected to be... and do it all with kind words and a smile. Then late one night when we were at Dad's, while the rest of the family was asleep, and God and I were together, He gave me a word – “**PRETENDER.**”

Ugggh, is that what I was being, a pretender? Was I really back to THIS again?? I've walked down this road a hundred times. One of the greatest lessons I've learned from having a chronic illness... I have to be my authentic self, no pretending to be something I'm not, and it's then and only then, that God can work in me and through me effectively. What's even better is that in my weakness He's made strong. It's a lesson we've been recently applying to our church life as well. Our church family has been seeking God diligently for revival... to see the power/grace/glory wash over us and our neighborhoods. We want to see the “greater things than these” that Christ promised us in John 14:12! But we're realizing that it can't be done if we're “pretending,” working in our own strength or hiding our own sin.

Being real doesn't mean you'll catch me chatting on about my aches or pains. It doesn't mean that when you ask, “How are you?” that I'll reply anything but “Good!” It just means that “good” is my state of relationship with my Father, and that I still need prayers to do all those things God has called me to do. (We all do!) What's key... is that I'm doing only the things that God has called me to do, and not pretending that I can do more than I should in my own strength.

It's imperative that I'm working as part of a whole also... the Body of Christ. I have the gift of faith, and because I can operate in that gift without doubt, I can use my illness, my healing, and how the two of them coincide, to engage, encourage or challenge the Body to exalt their own specific gifts. I'm realizing more and more, that although I know my healing is complete, the Lord is using this time of “faith is the substance of things hoped for and not yet seen” to grow myself and others into agreement... walking in accord and in action.



L to R: Uncle Ron & Aunt Janet (Rob's Dad's brother), Max (almost 6' now), Rob's Dad & Mom, and Isaac



Kids ride the Wall Drug Jackalope



Grandpa tells us about Korean War

And let's purge those “little seemingly insignificant sins” in our lives. Those sins that may be clouding His glory and hindering our prayers.



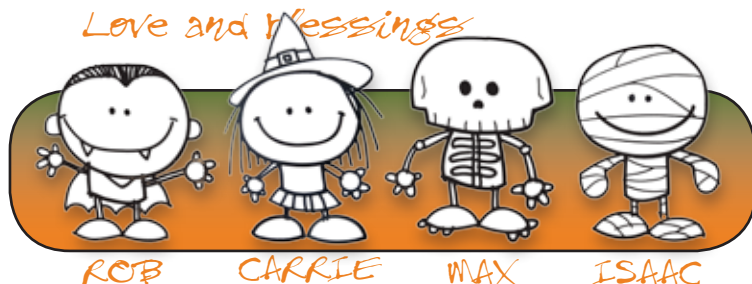
Since we've arrived back home, we're all feeling refreshed and at peace. Max has started 8th grade, and Isaac's in 3rd. Max is taking his courses through an alternative school, as well as participating in the high school band and doing some home school. This provides time for his much loved music. Isaac's easy... he loves his sports and attends the elementary school 2 blocks away. Baby Daniel has his own “I'm the only one in the world with needs” schedule, but we're attempting to convince him that our more organized one would work better for everyone!



Rob is dividing his working hours between his home office and his office in Langley (Vancouver), British Columbia. It's working well so far. He closes his doors during his days at home, and ignores the children's cries of “Dad! Can you help me?”

And we've had a few new supporters come on board this fall! The best part has been meeting with local friends for the first time to share what we do. Rob and I never have more fun than when we're working together. **So, welcome to TEAM GREEN!** We are so blessed to have you!

Love and Blessings



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