

PARTNER PERSPECTIVE

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We've always heard that time seems to pass faster as you get older. I don't know if it's a function of us getting older or our kids getting older, but it certainly seems to be true. Another thing we've always heard about but never experienced is the hectic pace of a child's senior year. We're in the midst of it now and it is a bit of a whirlwind. College visits and applications, scholarship applications and essays, senior pictures, plus all the "normal" school activities of both a senior and a freshman. It's enough to make anyone a little crazy. And we just have two kids! But, things are going well. It's comforting to talk to other parents in the same situation and realize that they're wondering how it's all going to get done, too.

We did get some exciting news this month. **Hayley** was named a National Merit Semifinalist. For those of you who know what that means, you know why we're excited. For those who don't, suffice it to say that it opens up some opportunities for college scholarships that wouldn't otherwise exist. We're really proud of her and are grateful that God has blessed her with the ability to excel in the classroom. She's staying very busy right now with all the previously mentioned college stuff, serving as stage manager for the school's fall play, serving on the yearbook staff as well as the staff of the school's literary journal, working



Hayley (seated middle) is one of eight seniors from Little Rock Christian Academy named National Merit Semifinalist earlier this month. There were 143 honorees in Arkansas and only about 16,000 nationwide..

part time and keeping a fairly full social calendar. Please pray that she will stay healthy and be able to truly enjoy her final year of high school amidst all the stress, deadlines and decision-making. Oh, and also pray for her this Saturday morning as she takes the SAT test. She's feeling a little overwhelmed!



Kyle pushes toward the finish at a cross country meet earlier this month. He led his team with a top ten finish!

Kyle isn't quite as busy as Hayley, but almost. He's in his freshman year and is learning the ropes of high school. Soccer season is at full speed now, and he's also running cross country when he can. Due to soccer conflicts, he's not able to run in many of the meets. In his first meet (and only one so far) he finished 10th out of 184 junior high boys. His cross country coach is really encouraging him to devote more time to the sport. (He only works out with the team 2-3 days a week and mainly views it as conditioning for soccer.) She's a real encourager and Kyle is feeling the pull to be more engaged there. His health has been great, but he's still having one of his heart SVT episodes about every 3-4 weeks. Otherwise, things are really going well.

June has been staying busy so far this fall with all the usual wife, mom and ministry

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Hayley as she moves through a busy, sometimes stressful, senior year, especially over the next few weeks as she has a lot of college and scholarship application deadlines looming. Pray for her this Saturday morning as she sits for the SAT.
- Continue to pray for wisdom for us as we make a final decision about Kyle's heart procedure scheduled for December.
- Pray for June as she juggles many different roles. Pray that God will help her minister to the students with whom she's working.
- Pray for Scott as he transitions in to a new role at the ministry as Manager of Partnership Operations. Pray that his work will help further the mission of FamilyLife and bring glory to God.
- Please use the prayer bookmark enclosed to remind you to pray specifically for our conferences each week this fall.



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stuff. And with taking on the role of yearbook advisor at school, she's had plenty to fill her days. She's really enjoying working with the students and getting back into using some of her journalism training. It's been a challenge, though, being new in the role with some students who worked on it last year. You know, the old "but that's the way we did it last year" thing. But she's had a lot of opportunities to work with the kids to develop both leadership and conflict resolution skills. If she can make it through the first few big fall deadlines, things should

get a little easier. Interestingly, even though her stress level has increased, she's had very little trouble with headaches. We were concerned that it could have gone the other direction. She's got a FamilyLife staff women's retreat coming up this weekend. Pray for her that it will be a good time away and that the couple of days away won't make her feel like she's just that much further behind.

There is a pretty big change happening in **Scott's** life, too. By the time you read this, he will be in the process of transitioning into a new and very different role at FamilyLife. After spending the past four and a half years as part of the leadership team in our Events area, he's moving into the newly created position of Manager of Partnership Operations.

A key to maximizing FamilyLife's contribution to furthering

Conference Prayer Bookmarks

As we mentioned in last month's letter, our fall conference season kicked off this month. We covet your prayers as we again work hard this next year to reach even more people with God's plan for marriage through the *Weekend to Remember* conferences. Enclosed with this month's letter you'll find a bookmark you can use as a reminder to pray with us weekly both for our conferees and for our team. Unless God goes before us, all our efforts will be in vain. You'll notice a little different look to this bookmark in terms of color and design. That's a sneak peak of a broader marketing campaign that is set to be rolled out later this fall to promote our events.

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Many have inquired about how things are going with the sale of our house. Well, our timing couldn't have been much worse, could it? We had a lot of interest the first 3-4 weeks but no offers. Things have been really quiet the past month. But that's okay. We haven't really had time to keep it "show ready" lately and now would be a really lousy time to try to move! We're just continuing to trust God's timing for the right buyer to come along. Thanks for praying with us about that.

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FIREPROOF Update

We hope you were able to get out to see the movie, FIREPROOF, this weekend. Thanks to strong support from the faith community, the movie finished in 4th place for weekend attendance—the highest for any movie this year opening in less



than 1,000 theaters. The *Love Dare* book featured in the movie finished the weekend at #12 on Amazon.com! You can get the book at www.familylife.com. If you haven't seen the movie yet, we'd encourage you to go this week. It probably won't be in theaters long.

Ministry Partner Conference Certificates

For our financial partners who may be watching the mail for the *Weekend to Remember* conference discount certificate that we usually send about this time each year, we'll get that to you later this fall. Production has been held up a little due to the development of a new marketing look. The ones we sent last year are good through the end of this calendar year. But if you've got someone you would like to send to an event this fall and can't find yours, let us know and we'll get you one in the mail!