

“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.”

**Psalm 9:1**

**S**usie and I have been blessed this year and we are writing to you at this year’s end to invite you to consider how you have made a difference in the lives of people you’ll likely never meet—as well as in us and our family—and to encourage you to give as God leads you at this time.

We are grateful to God that you join us on this journey. Your prayers and financial support strengthen our faith in God as we know that He is the true source of all we have. 2018 has brought many challenges that have been met by Him through your faithfulness to us and our call to ministry with FamilyLife. Life change for a lifetime is our passion and desire and God allows us to see the Gospel change many lives through FamilyLife getaways, resources, radio programs and hosted events.

We lead three volunteer teams (Chicago, Tulsa and St. Louis) who invited and coached couples to be engaged using our Weekend to Remember Invitation plan that resulted in over 3000 people attending 4 events in those cities. 74 people indicated that they had accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior at those events! As a ministry we reached over 61,000 people at 95 events and over 1500 individuals--that we know of--indicated a decision for Christ at our events. Here’s what one of our guests wrote while at the St. Louis Weekend to Remember getaway:

*I am encouraged to be reminded that though there are multiple “issues” & reasons marriages & families are being ripped apart & destroyed, there is hope!*

*This organization is spot on—Praise the Lord!*

Married 38 years

Here are specific needs we are facing right now:

- **Please pray God will continue to give life and breath and strength to our latest granddaughters, Harper and Quinn, who were born at less than 26 weeks on Oct. 19. Pray God would wean Harper off her ventilator (Quinn is doing ok without hers at this time) and reveal Himself daily to us, our son and his wife (Joey and Brittany), as He responds to yours and our prayers. Every day is a miracle. Thanks be to God.**
- **Please consider giving above and beyond your regular giving at this time. We are asking God for \$10,000 in new support to replace lost or changing support through attrition. This year we faced three short paychecks in September/October. A significant amount of our annual support is met each year by generous year-end giving. Any gift or amount is significant to us.**
- **Also, please share the opportunity to impact marriages and families with the Gospel by inviting like-minded people you know to partner with us. Send them to our website, [www.rickandsusie.cccministry.org](http://www.rickandsusie.cccministry.org), or to [give.cru.org/0470690](http://give.cru.org/0470690).**

Thank you for standing with us. We’ll keep the Gospel at the center of all we do for it is the Gospel that changes lives. We appreciate you!