

Thank you for your faithful partnership. You are making a difference as Susie and I are facing challenges the likes of which we've never faced—and you've been with us through much over the past 20 years!

I never wanted to, like Jacob, "wrestle" with God, yet that is what this summer entailed. I learned there are things that are absolutely true for me as I wrestled with God and God has been faithful to reveal these three truths to me:

1. I don't know what I don't know. I do, however, know the One who knows all.
2. Proverbs 3:5-6 applies to me (*Lean not on your own understanding but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight*).
3. Susie and I are a team.



After God pointed the way to join Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), I was puzzled and even reluctant to trust Him and to go where He leads me. As you know, I was certain God was leading me to a different ministry after FamilyLife announced they will move their headquarters to Orlando, and they decided that Susie and I could not stay on staff unless we moved there, too. We were certain God was not calling us to leave our 6 children and 12 grandchildren who are here in Central Arkansas. God had made it clear that He would lead us, and He has been faithful to do so. But the road, the journey, has been hard!

What I've discovered along the way is that God is sovereign AND He plans to continue to use me—and Susie—to reach people—especially the next generation—for Christ. Through FCA and through our children and grandchildren we get to do just that. To God be the glory!

Susie and I are blessed and know it is a privilege for God to use us to reach others for Christ. As missionaries, we rely on God to put on the hearts of people like you a desire to partner with us. We need your prayers to keep fighting, to not grow weary doing good. We need your financial partnership so we can realize our full support so we can make our budget work. **If you have planned to provide special giving at year end, we would love to have you consider giving toward our ministry outreach with FCA.**

Our greatest need is consistent, ongoing support. God has been so faithful to keep most of our support team intact and to provide in amazing ways throughout our Summer/Fall transitional journey.

Currently, **we are seeking 8 new partners at \$200 monthly to reach full support.** Obviously, God can do this any way He chooses (16 at \$100; 32 at \$50, etc.). Also, this summer we used savings to cover two months of no salary as we transitioned. Special gifts have provided a balance so we can draw a full salary at this time. We praise God that He faithfully supplies our needs, and we'd love to have that savings restored. Any gift amount will be a blessing to us.

You can give electronically at <https://my.fca.org/rickmaupin>.

You can also mail gifts (checks should be written to FCA for tax deductibility) to our home address, 20611 Presley Dr. Roland, AR 72135. Thanks for choosing to join us; you are making a difference. It is a joy to serve Christ with you!