

Mother's Day



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## THE ROAD TO KAELUMA

Have you heard of the *Jesus Film Project*? It is one of the ministries under the umbrella of Cru—just like *FamilyLife*. They have taken the book of Luke and turned it into the most translated film in the history of man! It is available in over 2,000 languages and has been seen in every country of the world.



### Lake Tahoe 2025 - In the Books!

Bev and I are just getting back from the Lake Tahoe getaway where we had nearly 536 guests attending this year. Even though the event was in April, we had sold out all our seats in January. Bev and I asked for them to increase our capacity, and thankfully, we were able to allow more couples in.

Besides California, we had 24 states represented at the getaway—from Florida to Maine and everywhere in-between.

One of the fun things we do on Friday night at the conference is to see who has been married the longest and the shortest amount of time. This weekend, we had a couple married 54 years attending as well as a couple that had eloped and had been married for 4 hours!

Next year, we are asking to use the entire ballroom where we think we can get 700 people in there without having to use a shoe horn to fit them all in.

Our local volunteer team has really worked well together, and we will be expanding our reach, to not only the greater Reno area, but Carson City and the northern Nevada area. To God be the glory!

Now, the Jesus Film

Project, in partnership with FamilyLife, is creating their first-ever audio drama to be released in June. The name of the audio drama is entitled *The Road to Kaeluma* and will be a fun, comedic, and action-packed five-episode series, and is a reimagining of a classic Bible story set in a fantasy world. The hope is that the story's biblical and relational themes spark conversations for the whole family to engage together.

You can hear the official trailer by going to our website at: [COOPERFAMILYLIFE.COM/DOWNLOADS](http://COOPERFAMILYLIFE.COM/DOWNLOADS)



# UPDATE ON OUR FAMILY



Our son, Brian, is preparing for another mission trip this month to Ghana. Last fall he traveled to the Muslim country of Egypt for a short-term mission trip. He enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the local people and have strategic conversations with them.

This trip, he will be teaming up with the Good News Bible Churches of Ghana in making disciples of all nations. They will be partnering with the *Jesus Film Project* to reach out into the community and surrounding villages to share the Gospel, connect with local families, and encourage their brothers and sisters in Christ ministering to the nearby Muslim majority area.

He leaves **May 10th** (his birthday) and will be back on **May 21**. Please pray for his safety and that his trip will be effective in making disciples.



Bev and I flew to Kansas City over Easter to visit Bev's mom, Shirley. Bev's sister, Cheryl, flew up from Dallas, also. Last year we had to move Shirley to a nursing home due to too many falls and the onset of dementia. We prepared to sell her house at the first of the year and sold it in April. It wasn't the easiest thing to do long distance!



## PRAYER NEEDS

- Pray for us as we wrap up this season's marriage getaways. We are finishing up our San Jose getaway on May 2-4. By the time you get this letter, we will be following up with all our guests who indicated that want to be involved in some way with building strong and godly marriages.
- Beginning this next month, we will be strengthening our financial support. Pray that God would show us who He has planned to support us.
- Pray for our initial plans to have a one-day Latino marriage event in the Bay area this fall. We're still in the planning stages.



We had some terrific speakers at the packed ballroom at the Lake Tahoe getaway. Jim and Angela Davis flew in all the way from Orlando, FL to speak. Jim is a pastor and Angela is a counseling student at Reformed Theological Seminary. Also speaking, was Bob Maddox, a retired pastor of 30 years, now back working with Cru.