

HAPPY Mother's Day



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Everyone Speaks Family

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San Francisco Volunteer Team with our speakers in the middle

The month of April kept us at a fast pace. The Lake Tahoe *Weekend to Remember* was on April 8th and located on the North shore of the lake at the Hyatt Regency. It was a perfect weekend with sun and in the low 60's. This was our first event that we were in charge of and our boss was just observing. Our boss said we passed with flying colors so now we can manage the events on our own.

Two weeks later, we were in San Francisco hosting the *Weekend to Remember* by ourselves. This event was much harder because we did not have an existing volunteer team to help out. We recruited two new couples that indicated at the Napa conference in February that they wanted to volunteer. We also borrowed our Sacramento *Weekend to Remember* directors to step in to help us manage the volunteers and host the luncheons. The weekend went smooth and without any hiccups! This weekend was our favorite one of the season because of the nice facility, and the guests were so friendly and responsive. Many were wanting to help out next year.

One funny story that we have to tell is that as we were

being introduced to go on stage to do our part, a guest couple sitting in the audience started sweating bullets. Why? They heard their names and thought they were being called up on stage! But before they got up, they saw us stepping up on the stage...they were so relieved! Their names were also John and Bev! They must not have heard our last name!

This is the last of the events in northern California until the fall. The next event we will be hosting will be in Sacramento in December. So, from now until then, we will be training volunteers and growing our teams in San Francisco and Sacramento. We will also be reaching out to pastors in the northern California region to help support or develop their marriage and family ministry at their church.

Next month we will be traveling to the Reno area to break ground and begin building a volunteer team in that area.

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ON A PERSONAL NOTE:

I was introducing myself to a person at our church and I had mentioned we had been attending for 6 months. But, I had to correct myself as I added up the months in my head and it is now 9 months! Unbelievable!

Later this month, our daughter, Brittany, will be taking some time off and flying out to visit us. This will be our second visit from one of our children. Kimberly came out last fall. It will be a nice reprieve from work and it will give us a chance to explore the northern California area. We just haven't had the time to look around due to our new job.

Please pray for a harvest of volunteers to help us build hope and encouragement into marriages, and that couples would look to Christ for their strength.

Weekend to Remember - San Francisco

Attendance: 267

Professions of Faith: 3



We were over, dealing with infidelity. My husband had drifted away & actually rented another place to live. But we realized that forgiveness was a reality & it reignited a long lost spark. I came very skeptical that any of this could happen but was fully reminded that God can restore ANYTHING! *(Wife, 17 years married)*



It is helping us rebuild our marriage. We didn't know if we were going to make it and lost hope one week before this event. But this has helped us forgive and get on the path to healing. Thank you. *(Wife, 10 years married)*



It made us talk about things that have been brewing for a while and we just didn't have time to think through/talk through. Net positive, but some hard times. *(Wife, 12 years married)*



It's sparked a new excitement to love each other greater and because of the blended family session it helped to encourage me as the step mom to reach out more to my adult step children *(Wife, 15 years married)*

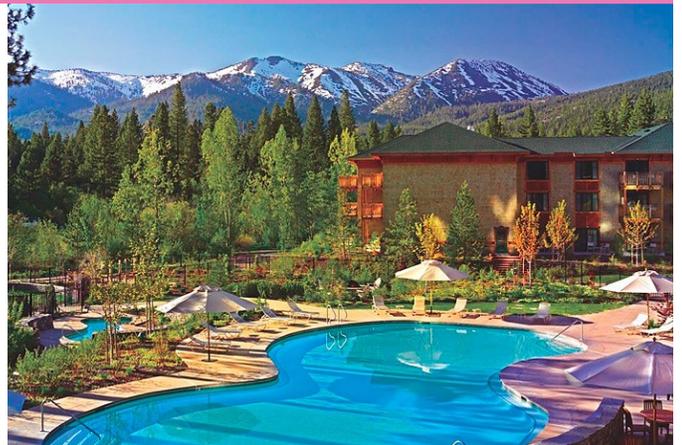


It made us talk about some tough stuff. We rarely have arguments, but when they do, it's like someone gave up the nuclear codes to us! But it was great because we were able to talk it through and ended it with a love letter to each other. The day ended well. *(Husband, 14 years married)*

Weekend to Remember - Lake Tahoe

Attendance: 390

Professions of Faith: 6



1.5 years of courtship and premarital counseling didn't hold a candle to what we learned this one weekend. *(Husband, 1 month married)*



I was done with our marriage and now I feel like I want to work on it with my husband and God. I could sense the Holy Spirit as soon as I was in the ballroom. Tears would stream down my face the entire time. *(Wife, 4 years married)*



My wife and I have been greatly impacted this weekend. We came here because we've been struggling against each other for at least a year and have been stuck in a cycle of withdrawal, bitterness, and criticality. The holy spirit started working on us from the second we walked in, and continued to whittle away at our defensive layers and we began to talk to each other about the real issues. It all came to a head when we read our love letters to each other last night... and many tears were shed and I feel like at last, we can begin to move forward with hope in our hearts! To the wonderful speakers and amazing prayer warriors, thank you thank you THANK YOU for everything you have done and are doing - *(Husband, 13 years married)*