

NEWS FROM ROCK

THE WOODWARDS IN THE SAN JUANS

InFocus Family Ministries

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Prayer requests:

Please pray for our family as we are in the process of transitioning our friend Adolfo back to his mom's home.



Pray forward with us as we ask God to open doors for us to share Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage with people through churches or other ways.

Pray for daughter Ellie's lower back pain. She has been experiencing back spasms. Her MRI's revealed two bulging disks in her lower back. She is in physical therapy weekly.

Thank you for making all that we do in serving others, possible. We thank God for your prayers and generous giving every day!

Ruminating with me...

Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, "When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?" The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me." Matthew 25:37-40 CEV

The past four months we have been helping out a single mom by caring for her five year old son Adolfo, pictured below with Ellie. Adolfo is going home to live with his mom and baby sister full time now, and we will miss him. Our family was stretched in Jesus by this precious little guy and we all learned so much about loving in the Kingdom of God.



We are hoping to stay connected with Adolfo and his family in the months ahead. God definitely blessed us through him. We read many stories together, built some cool Lego space ships, created many spin art masterpieces, and watched some good old Veggie Tales that had been collecting dust in a drawer.

LAUGH YOUR WAY

On Saturday March 28th we shared the Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage message to around 90 people from Plymouth Congregational Church in Whittier, Calif.

This was our first opportunity to present this seminar as official LYW video presenters, which means we conduct The Flag Page portion of the seminar live. We select one couple from the group, who previously went online to do their Flags, to take a deeper look at the good things that their Flags reveal about each other. We had a blast and so did they, I think.

Here are some comments from the seminar attendees prompted the question; "How has this experience changed your outlook on your marriage."

- Humor, Appreciation of my spouse, forgiveness of each other
- Gave me some tools
- Look at the Flag Page and work with it, know that it is OK to be different
- Understanding the other sex!
- There is hope for our marriage to be better.
- Being more sensitive to my wife
- Understanding how my husband and I are wired
- We are not alone in our marriage journey.
- It has given me insight to my wife's thoughts.



Pictured above are our Laugh Your Way trainers, Jeff and Janae Rogers. We can't thank them enough for their guidance in equipping us to share the message of hope for marriages through Laugh Your Way. Included in the group photo are Gil and Brenda Stuart, newly trained presenters and Kailie, LYW staff from Green Bay, WI.

Men's Fraternity

One of my friends, who I meet with regularly, told me the other day of the tremendous impact Men's Fraternity is having on his relationship with his son. God is at work restoring their relationship in a mighty way. The communication between the two of them over the last few years has been sparse and shallow.

My friend shares that as a result of his attending the first year of Men's Fraternity, [The Quest for Authentic Manhood](#), he was prompted to reach out to his son. In the first year, a powerful encouragement to men comes from a session titled **The Father Wound**. For this one reason and many more, I will continue to pursue offering men the freedom that comes through this Men's Fraternity study.

God is pouring this truth into the lives of a father to his son; healing and restoration of a most important relationship. see God's Word and what he does...

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:18-19*