

FAMILY LIFE[®] LINE



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*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ...” — Matthew 28:19, NIV*

Your Support Opens Hearts in Closed Countries

Aamira couldn't resist any longer. With phone in hand, she ducked into the bathroom, quietly locking the door behind her. Then she began dialing the radio station she'd been listening to. One ring. Two. Her hands were shaking.



When the station answered, Aamira held the phone to her ear, fearful of what she was about to do. Using her headscarf to muffle the voice on the other end, she whispered a

question that would threaten her family and her life: "How do I begin a relationship with Christ?"

Aamira knew she was **risking great persecution,** and maybe worse.

Aamira lives in a country where Christians are persecuted. She was raised in a religion hostile to Christianity, as was her husband. But she recently discovered the Christian

radio broadcast from one of FamilyLife®'s global partners, which shares God's plan for marriage and family. And the Holy Spirit has used it to transform her heart.

She is among a wave of people in closed countries who have turned to Jesus in recent years through radio broadcasts and other FamilyLife ministries. These include Weekend to Remember® events, The Art of Marriage®, and HomeBuilder small group Bible studies.

Thank you for helping to open hearts in closed countries!

"I dreamed you were **being crucified!**"

My name is Ghazi and when my friend Sami contacted me, his voice was urgent. "Are you OK?" he asked. "I had a dream about you."

I assured Sami I was fine but he wasn't convinced. "Are you sure? I dreamed you were being crucified!" I explained that I was truly OK and that I had been introduced to Jesus. Since Sami and I both grew up in a culture that opposes Christianity, he grew very concerned. "You should stop learning about Jesus," he said.

Six months later, Sami, who was studying abroad, contacted me again. This time he said he'd dreamed I was *resurrected*. I told him I had recently become a Christian and urged him to find out about Jesus for himself. Within days a student leader with FamilyLife, along with a missionary, began telling Sami all about Jesus as part of a relationship-building outreach, and he soon prayed to receive Christ too!

Thank you for partnering with FamilyLife to reach people like Ghazi and Sami with the message of new life in Christ!





The former witch was thrilled to have Daniel baptize her in a public confession of her newfound faith.

You're Taking the Gospel Message to Gypsies in Southern Romania

As their car sped down the dusty road, Daniel and his wife Zana spotted an elderly woman who was flagging them down for a ride. The generous couple pulled over, helped the woman climb in, then discovered her village was precisely where they were heading to organize an evangelism event. Providence? Time would tell.

Along the way, Daniel and Zana began sharing with the woman about Jesus and challenged her to pray. She informed them she was a witch and had no interest in praying. But days later, when the evangelism event got under way, guess who showed up to hear more?

The Holy Spirit was powerfully at work. The woman asked what she had to do to follow Jesus.

Zana told her she would have to change her heart and her master. She responded this time by praying to ask Jesus into her life, then she immediately threw out all of her witchcraft paraphernalia.

Soon after, Daniel baptized the woman in a nearby lake, making it known to the entire village that she was now a transformed woman with a new master.

Daniel and Zana are part of a group of young church leaders ministering to gypsies in the south of Romania. Your support is providing people like them with discipleship training and is equipping them to take the good news into villages where the word "Jesus" is rarely uttered.

Local Movements With Global Impact

From the U.S. to the Middle East to Africa, and everywhere in between, making disciples begins locally. That's why I'm



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excited about FamilyLife's focused effort to create local movements around the globe—movements that will mobilize people to build up families in their own communities and draw people to Christ.

Through your generous support, several types of local movements are getting under way and making an impact for the kingdom:

Spiritual Multipliers — These are people who are already making disciples in the context of marriage and family in their communities and are helping to identify other local spiritual leaders who will do the same.

Churches — We are working with effective church networks to restore marriage to a place of honor and sanctity, and to return discipleship into the home via small groups.

Collaborating Ministries — By joining hands with organizations who have a similar vision, we aim to maximize efforts to disciple individuals and families from within their communities.

Thank you for your important role in raising up disciples in your own community and around the globe!



**CHINESE GOVERNMENT
CRACKS DOWN ON
CHRISTIANITY**

**PERSECUTION OF
CHRISTIANS IN
CHINA ESCALATES**

**Families in China
Forced to Denounce
Their Christian Faith**

FamilyLife's Art of Parenting™ is Going Global, Thanks to You!

FamilyLife's Art of Parenting is a dynamic resource to help families apply biblical teachings to raising their children amid 21st century realities. And demand for the curriculum has been off the charts. However, while packed with an 8-session video series, a workbook, and the movie *Like Arrows*, it was originally available in English only. Until now ...

Spanish: Thanks to support from faithful friends like you, the Spanish version has just been completed, fully funded, and is now in distribution!

Mandarin Chinese: Friends like you have helped jumpstart a translation into Mandarin Chinese, spoken by over 1 billion people worldwide. But funds are still needed for completion.

Arabic: We're trusting God to translate FamilyLife's Art of Parenting into Arabic, the 5th most spoken language, but the largest unreached people group worldwide. Please pray about supporting this strategic opportunity!

Share Biblical Wisdom with Families Worldwide!

Help create godly homes
around the world!

Why FamilyLife's Art of Parenting is so needed in China

As the persecution of Christians in China grows, the government is burning Bibles, shutting down churches, and forcing believers to sign documents renouncing their faith. FamilyLife's Art of Parenting is desperately needed in Mandarin Chinese to give families strength and help for raising godly children, and to open doors for more people to know Jesus.

Please join us in praying for our Chinese brothers and sisters ... and continue your support today!

