EDITOR’S NOTES

I DID THINGS RIGHT AS A DAD, BUT I WASN’T HOME ENOUGH...

When our kids were growing up I did some of the things Jeff Hill writes about in his article. But, as a busy pediatrician, I was gone far too much. On the good side, each of our six kids had turns traveling with me to meetings and often went back to the office with me for emergencies, like stitching up cuts. But I needed to be at home more—including getting there for dinner. I wish I’d read Jeff’s article a long time ago. I hope you will—and then will do a better job than I did.

Don’t miss Elaine Walton’s article about forgiveness as part of healing and the related story. No matter how bad the hurt, or abuse, has been in your life—or in the life of someone you are trying to help—read this one.

Then there’s Richard Miller’s report on the misleading idea that children make their parents dissatisfied with marriage—an unsupported theory that is sometimes taught. Linda Waite’s talk is a fine introduction to her book, with Maggie Gallagher, The Case for Marriage. Alan Hawkins reviews their book and two others about children and marriage. Be sure to read these articles—and the three books, if you can.

Now, after the privilege of helping create this publication, it’s time to say goodbye. Mary Ella and I are off to serve a mission. In addition to sharing our testimony of Jesus Christ, we will be medical advisors for the Church in Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, and India. Our job is to keep our missionaries healthy and when there’s a problem to get them the best care possible—in an area more than 6,000 miles wide.

So what about the magazine? Don’t worry. With Lisa Hawkins as editor, Tom Holman as faculty adviser, and a great editorial board, it’s in good hands. It will continue to be filled with credible data that support time-tested values—that's fun to read without needing to be decoded.

So as I say goodbye, I hope you'll spread the word about the "m" word, MARRIAGE, while building your own strong marriage and family.

With love and thanks,

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