EDITOR’S NOTES

MICROSCOPIC BEASTIES, GRANDMAS IN THE COMPUTER, THE CREDIT TRAP, AND CHILDREN WITH GREAT DADS

Since the first Marriage & Families was published in December 1999, we have seen some changes—from 16 to 32 pages per issue and from 20 thousand to more than 40 thousand readers (and growing). Nine talented student interns have made important contributions and, for the most part, moved on to graduate school and other endeavors. Dr. Glen Griffin, the founding editor, received a call to look after the health of LDS missionaries in a huge section of Asia—and so he has moved on, as well.

The most important things have not changed, however. “The Family: A Proclamation to the World” remains the guide and standard for every article. Our generous contributors and editorial board members continue to educate and assist us with topics of interest to families and all who work with families. The editorial staff works to see that each article is research-based, interesting, and understandable. And we receive calls and e-mails daily, requesting additional copies of the magazine for use in educational, religious, and family settings. (One recent e-mail led to a four thousand-pound shipment of magazines to Australia!)

With the help of contributors to this issue, you can protect your family by checking to see if you need to clean up the air in your home. Learn more about a group of mothers who have written a code for advertisers targeting children and teens. Travel back in time and among your kinfolk to learn more about family history. Avoid or escape from debt. And share the stories of fathers who have built faith and love by caring for their children with special needs.

Enjoy journeys through the world, the home, and the heart in Marriage & Families. Best wishes,

Lisa B. Hawkins, editor

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