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Continued from last Issue: **The Marriage Triangle —Leaving, Cleaving, Becoming One Flesh**

Recap: Everyone talks about love, sex and marriage and how these fit together. Which is more important? Where does a relationship begin?

- If there is no leaving (commitment, marriage) we have the *Stolen Marriage*.
- If there is no cleaving (communication, love) we have the *Empty Marriage*.
- If a couple does not become one flesh (cohabitation, sex) we have the *Hungry Marriage*.

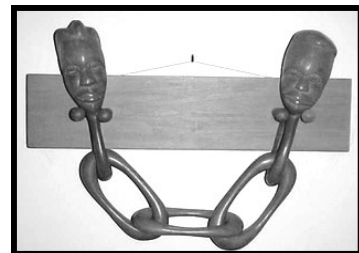
In this issue we look at the third angle

One Flesh— Walter Trobisch in his book "I Married You" wrote:

Becoming one flesh describes the physical aspect of marriage. This is as essential for marriage as the legal and personal aspect. The physical union between husband and wife is as much within God's will for marriage as the leaving of parents and the cleaving to one another. Some people are embarrassed and feel it is something unholy, maybe even indecent, something which has nothing to do with God. What did the Apostle Paul say?: "Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?" We not only can talk about it but where else could we talk about it more reverently and respectfully, if not in church?

Of course, 'two become one flesh' means much more than just the physical union. It means that two persons share everything they have, not only their bodies, not only their material possessions, but also their thinking and their feeling, their joy and their suffering, their hopes and their fears, their successes and their failures. It means that two persons become completely one with body, soul and spirit and yet there remains two different persons. This is the innermost mystery of marriage. It is hard to understand. Maybe we can't understand it at all, but maybe this carving will help.

This is a marriage symbol which the church in Liberia gives to the young couple as a reminder of their marriage vows. "Where God Joins, there is no joint." The two become completely one, 'one flesh' made out of one piece of wood and still they remain two individual persons.



Faithful Friends Called Home— In Memoriam

Martha (Hult) Wiemken died Oct. 9 in Springfield, Mo. She was born in Springfield Oct. 28, 1932.

Martha is survived by four children, one granddaughter, four brothers and four sisters, including FLM President Ingrid Youngdale and FLM Board Member Eunice Will.

Martha was a nurse for 40 years. She married Max Wiemken July 9, 1954, Max passed away March 21, 2003.

Dorothy Youngdale died Sept. 27 in St. Cloud, Minn.

She was the wife of Pastor Kermit Youngdale and the sister-in-law to FLM Board Member Lauren Youngdale.

Both Dorothy and her sister-in-law Ingrid Youngdale were born in Tanzania where their parents were pioneer missionaries. Dorothy and Ingrid were later college roommates.

Dorothy was a woman of God serving as teacher, faithful intercessor, pastor's wife and mother.

We thank those who sent gifts to FLM in memory of Martha and Dorothy.

Charitable Giving Means Continued Blessings

By Attorney Stephen Aton

There are a number of ways that you can make a charitable donation to further the goals of FLM. Here are a few of the ways you can insure FLM continues for years to come.

Cash Gifts: Cash donations are perhaps the most helpful to any non-profit organization.

Gifts of Stock: You may also donate securities that have appreciated in value. If you donate the stock to FLM, you will receive a charitable income tax deduction for the present fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift, and pay no capital gains on the appreciated value.

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Real Estate: If you wish to retain the use of the real estate for your lifetime, you may do so, and the property will only come to FLM after your death. This method of giving allows you to take a present charitable deduction and save on future estate costs.

Life Insurance: You can make FLM the beneficiary for all or any part of the proceeds of a life insurance policy.

Bequests: Gifts through your will or trust are one of the most common types of planned giving. Your attorney can draft a simple codicil to your will or amendment to your trust.

FLM Board Member Lectures at Defiance College

FLM Board Member-at-Large David Trobisch, professor of New Testament Language and Literature at Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor, Maine, was a guest lecturer at Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, Oct. 28.

David spoke during the 2004 Old Lecture and Continuing Education Day at Defiance.

In pre-conference material Dr. Marian R. Plant of Defiance wrote the following:

"David is that rare combination of down-to-earth teacher and enthusiastic scholar....I find his excitement about teaching and dialogue around Biblical topics refreshing and infectious."

Conference of FLM Germany Full of Inspiration

Lauren and Ingrid Youngdale returned home enthusiastic about their October visit to Germany and Austria. They observed first-hand the fruits of "Couple Power" stemming from 25 years of FLM seminars in Germany.

They attended the FLM German Leaders Conference in Wernigerode, Germany, Oct 7-10. Forty-two couples attended the meeting organized by the President of FLM Germany Dennis Clarkworthy.

This leaders conference is held every three years and brings together volunteer couple leaders of FLM seminars and events held throughout Germany.

Because of these dedicated couples an estimated 500 couples yearly experience FLM seminars and events. In addition it is estimated that over 6000 German couples have attended FLM events over the 25 years FLM has been active in Germany. All remarkable when realizing Germany is not much larger in geographical size than many of our states.

The conference language was of course German which left Lauren, who does not speak German, missing out on some of the communications. However the absence of full verbal understanding allowed for keener visual observation.

"I was impressed with their enthusiasm and dedication. Through their actions, body language and smiles they exuded commitment to the Lord and to their mission in retreats," reflected Lauren.

Perhaps what Lauren observed is best summed up by one of the Conferences attendees:

"Marriage is the best landing place of God's Love."

"We came home encouraged about the growth of FLM worldwide", said Ingrid.

FLM is currently active in 14 African countries and many European countries as well as here in North America.



President of FLM Germany Dennis Clarkworthy (left) with Ingrid and Lauren.

Advent Retreat Scheduled Dec. 2 & 3

Katrine Stewart of Tijuana, Mexico, will lead an Advent Retreat Dec. 2-3 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Springfield, Mo.

The event titled ***Blessed Are The Pure In Heart As They Will See God*** is a workshop for men and women and is designed to be a ***Time For Uncluttering Our Hearts.***

Call the FLM office at 417-866-9337 for registration.

Meet Ministry Coordinator Melody Saul!

“God will provide” - Once again that promise was realized when Melody Saul joined FLM as ministry coordinator.

In 2002 Melody and husband Mike moved from Arizona to the Springfield, Mo., area to be closer to their children and to help care for grandchildren.

Melody has a great deal of ministry experience including serving as a staff member of a 6000 member church in Mesa, Ariz. There Melody helped with conventions, workshops and various administrative responsibilities.

Since joining FLM in June, Melody has concentrated on updating the FLM office for better efficiency and improving communications with area Christian organizations.

Melody said she is committed to helping FLM grow.

“I hope to help develop the ministry here to be as widespread as it is in Europe and Africa, and to help FLM partner with other organizations who have the same goals,” explained Melody.

Besides her duties as ministry coordinator, Melody is the inn keeper for Quiet Waters Center, a facility located in Branson, Mo. The center is available for retreats and/or renewal of Christian families and pastors.



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During the October FLM Board Meeting Mike Saul, Nixa, was nominated and elected to serve on the FLM Board.

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