



## Annual Meeting Continued:

She emphasized how FLM continues to carry out the three-fold style of ministry initiated by Walter and Ingrid of teaching retreats and seminars, literature, and correspondence.

She explained how new communications techniques, such as Internet Blogs and Facebook, are being utilized to better reach young couples and others who respond through these forums. She also shared the success of the new teaching publication, **"Family Life Mission Retreat Leader's Manual"**, noting that a reprint is needed due to unexpected demand. She emphasized the importance of continuing with the current retreat formats and introduced the plan to conduct small-group weekly sessions to reach more people.

Courtney stressed that although FLM is utilizing new communications channels, the ministry message still stands on the foundation upon which it was built.

During the business meeting, Gerrad and Courtney Lemon, and Eunice Will were reelected to the board to serve 3-year terms.

The meeting concluded with a prayer of rededication for the FLM Cottage and the ministry.

## Vision Presented Continued:

Because of that, their ministry exploded from teaching on the subject, to writing several books that were translated into many languages, to personal counseling and letter writing, to seminar and conference teachings. Their entire ministry was birthed out of and for the sake of the cause of the Gospel.

In Ingrid's words from her book *On Our Way Rejoicing...*

***"Have we forsaken our original missionary call? Those who read I Married You will find the answer there. We strongly believe that family life work is one of the most promising doors for proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to modern man. In developing countries, an interaction is taking place; on one hand the conflicts arising out of the situation of rapid social change cause the people to open up to the message of the Gospel. On the other hand, only the Gospel provides help in depth for the ones suffering from these conflicts. No marriage can be helped unless husband and wife come to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. This is why witness and serving are interrelated in our work...In order to underline the unity of word and deed when proclaiming the Gospel, we have chosen the three internationally known words FAMILY LIFE MISSION to design our activities (lectures, seminars, literature, radio programs, correspondence). We conceive of this work as MISSION because we believe that the renewal of the FAMILY is possible only through the One Who has said, "I am the Life!"***

Isn't our work today the same? Not considering our current success or failures with our numbers or amount of ministry, our vision remains the same.

Our culture today needs a refreshing reminder of the glory of marriage, lifting it up out of the sitcom sewer.

Some cultures and some time periods have had a greater view of marriage than others, but I believe there is no culture or time period that has ever had a high enough view of marriage. Paul even talks about this in Ephesians 4:31-32 where he is quoting the quintessential scripture on marriage from Genesis and the verse on which much of FLM's teaching is based.



***“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”*** Paul then says, ***“This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.”***

In the book, *This Momentary Marriage: A Parable of Permanence*, John Piper describes marriage as God’s idea, God’s design and God’s doing. It exists to display His glory by imaging forth Christ’s relationship with us, His church.

In our culture, marriage is cheapened, but we aren’t surprised because marriage’s greatest meaning is foolishness to the world. Marriage’s greatest meaning is in Christ. And in its fullest sense, marriage is inexpressibly glorious.

So, FLM continues to seek out to be a voice of encouragement, speaking the truth in love and grace because who can live up to such a high measure of meaning in marriage? No one in his or her own strength. This is where the picture of Christ’s love for His church is so amazing, because the same grace He extends to His church is the same grace we can exercise in our marriage. Marriage in our culture today needs this grace filled truth. It’s all about Christ’s covenant keeping love and grace.

FLM’s purpose is to bring hope to families surrounded by hopelessness, healing to diseased marriages, and life for all through Christ and for His glory.

We are in this together as lives who have been touched by Christ’s grace in our marriages. Let us seek out what we can do to live out and further this message.



### **FLM President Looking Ahead**

As summer comes to an end and the joyful chaos of school begins, a new season also begins for FLM. After a year of getting to know our board, we continue this year with the comfort of old friends.

I am excited to welcome this new year and embrace our future, expand our goals and explore our vision. We will refocus our mission through Christ with your prayers and support. Blessings, *Nichole Cravens*

### **Contacting FLM**

We value communications with those interested in our ministry. Volunteers do all of the work in the office, so there are no regular office hours. Phone and email messages are not always checked every day, but will be answered as soon as possible.



**Welcome New Baby**  
Gideon Karl Lemon  
Born: June 17, 2009

### **Anna Crofton, 1925 - 2009**



On April 16, former FLM Board

Member Anna Crofton went home to be with the Lord.

As a young woman Anna studied at Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis, Minn, where she met Ingrid Hult (Ingrid Trobisch Youngdale). That lifelong friendship with Ingrid resulted in Anna and her husband Bob being faithful FLM supporters.

Through the years Anna and Bob have served on the board; helped with annual meetings and FLM events; and have been faithful prayer warriors. We will especially miss Anna at annual meeting where she always managed to share a story of days-gone-by in a way that only Anna could tell.

***Gifts have been received in the memory of Hanna Hanson and Anna Crofton.***

### **Trobisch Family Continues Quiet Waters Center Ministry**

The Quiet Waters Center was created in 1997 by Ingrid Trobisch Youngdale, the founder of FLM North America. The center fulfilled her vision as a place to “care for the soul” and was often used for FLM Retreats.

When Ingrid passed away in 2007, her five children decided to keep her vision alive. You can still book Quiet Waters Center by contacting Sandra Barnette at (417) 429 1694 or [quietwaterscenter@gmail.com](mailto:quietwaterscenter@gmail.com).

## FLM Garage Sale is Huge Success

After repurposing Walter's Study into the FLM Cottage, there were several items that were no longer needed. Board members agreed to bring other miscellaneous items, and friends and supporters also contributed.

Work nights were held, post cards sent, signs posted, and finally the garage and driveway were set up for a weekend sale this past May.

Even with the rainy first day, there was a wonderful turn out. As people were shopping, we also were able to share information about FLM.

Close to \$600 was raised to help continue the message "Hope for the Family" and the Cottage now is more thoroughly organized as a place for personal study and retreats.



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## FLM Reaching Out In New Ways

This spring, in working to share the message and ministry of Family Life Mission in fresh ways, Gerrad and Courtney Lemon started a Family Life Mission Blog and Facebook page.

By using these forms of communications, the Biblical message of wholeness for individuals and couples, stemming from the work of Walter Trobisch and Ingrid Trobisch Youngdale, can be shared with a new generation.

The blog will periodically be updated with segments of Walter and Ingrid's writings as well as other relevant topics relating to marriage and family.

The blog can be found on the internet at <http://familylifemissionna.wordpress.com/> or under the links section found on our website [www.familylifemission.org](http://www.familylifemission.org). If you are on Facebook, feel free to join the Family Life Mission Page for updates about the ministry.

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