



Christian Family Life

IMPACTING MARRIAGES TOGETHER



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

"It was simple, yet so profound."

This statement was shared with us by a couple going through the Two Becoming One study. 2B1 points couples to God's Word where we find the blueprint for building the house of marriage. While studying God's Word we clearly see God's design for marriage and how to make it thrive. We are as thrilled as ever to be strengthening couples by pointing them to the pages of Scripture.

Together we can reach more couples! We are reminded how important it is to be ambassadors of God's love.

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'" Romans 10:14-15

Your prayers, financial support and connecting us with couples, churches, ministries, and marketplace organizations have allowed us to reach thousands of marriages over this past year. Together we have been able to offer digital content that has reached 40 countries. Couples have been trained to disciple other couples. Small groups have been started all over the world. Conferences, retreats, and marriage events have all been part of the process to reach married couples.

2022 has been an amazing year and should encourage us to know that together we can continue to ensure married couples know that "God created marriage, and He can make it work." Yes, so simple, but so profound.

Roland Martinez
President of Christian Family Life



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"Hands down 2B1 is my favorite marriage training tool! To disciple marriages, to pour into other marriages is such a gospel way. We love the team and leadership! Thankful for all God is doing through 2B1!"

*Joey and Stacey Alcala
Founders of Alcala Ministries*

VISION

Our goal is to have a Marriage Discipler in every church, community, and country around the world to help build, enrich, and reconcile marriages.

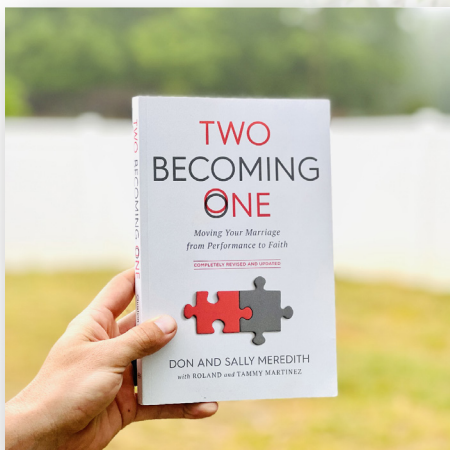
We want to see marriages move from performance-based to faith-based.

MISSION

Christian Family Life exists to help couples avoid the pitfalls that can cause marriages to fail. Our resources are designed to help couples embrace their spouse as God's perfect, personal provision and apply Christian relationship principles to strengthen their marriage.

We are here to help build up leaders to become Marriage Disciplers, equip churches to become Marriage Ambassadors, and encourage everyone to become Marriage Investors.

Two Becoming One is our resource that we train Marriage Disciplers to use in their groups.





Christian Family Life

FAITH Love
is the sand
that runs
through it all

Why we exist
and what we
continually
offer

Content

Trainings

Conferences

Retreats

Groups

Counseling

We are filling
and equipping
Marriage Disciplers
to do the work

Performance-Based
Marriage →

Marriage Discipler

→ Faith-Based
Marriage

Marriage Disciplers
make more
Marriage Disciplers

Build

Enrich

Reconcile

Marriages
thrive
everywhere

Communities

Churches

Countries



THE JOURNEY TO BURKINA FASO

In the spring of 2021, DG Elmore, friend and chairman of The Navigators Board, called me to talk about Christian Family Life. He wanted to connect me with Gio Llerena, Vice President of Christian Family Life. Gio and I then talked and right away we could tell there was significant overlap with CFL and The Navigators mutual focus on making disciples. I brought Sam Johns, who gives Staff Oversight & Care with our Navigators staff, into the conversation.

We concluded that it would be great if Christian Family Life could serve us in The Navigators in June 2022 by having several trainings with Navigators Staff couples. Most are leaders with the Navigators Disciplemakers Life Mission. Gio and his wife Suzy along with Roland and his wife Tammy led us through some great training on marriage using their core material. I truly appreciate how the training is grounded in God's intent for marriage as found in the book of Genesis and building marriages with this foundation in mind.



Bob and Ronda Adgate

Mike Kotecki attended the Navigators Training with Bob



CFL connects Mike Kotecki

A CFL Team Member put me in touch with Army Chaplain Mike Smith (now at Ft Bragg) who had returned from Burkina Faso where he had been helping with the training of military chaplains. Mike & I spoke on the phone and he gave me Etienne's contact info. We then exchanged emails in French and I asked The Navigators Country Director if the chaplain and his wife could be invited to two days of the week-long Laborers Camp (held every 3 years) where Karen and I were the principal speakers for the 80+ attendees.

The Burkina Faso Navigators agreed to invite Etienne and his wife. Karen and I met them the first evening and he said he would need to come and go through the week, but he would be present the two days we were to present Two Becoming One (in French). After the first day, he and his wife registered for the whole week and remained with us. Etienne and his wife were particularly encouraging to us personally all week, in and out of meetings, small groups and meals.

We took two days to present the house overview with enthusiastic participation, especially by married & engaged couples. When we gave them the book and workbooks for \$2.65 per set, they were ecstatic and insisted on a group photo with these treasured resources. French biblical resources are rare and costly in Francophone Africa. Having ministered there over 20 years (12.5 as resident missionaries in Côte d' Ivoire), we have never found anything comparable to your marriage materials. When we handed out the sets we asked them to write their names inside each cover and to write in the text their promise as a couple to read the book and finish all the chapters in the workbooks within one year or less.

All the laborers that attended were CIM (conventional income ministers) - teachers, nurses, accountants, etc. - who group together in several regions or provinces throughout Burkina Faso. They have the possibility of reuniting a few times per year in person or by video calls. We encouraged them to prioritize some time to share what they are learning and applying from Two Becoming One when they do have a chance to fellowship together.

You've made an excellent choice in offering Etienne & his wife the ministry opportunity with Two Becoming One. We thank God for the privilege of partnering with CIM in building up the saints in French-speaking Africa in their marriages and the ministries the Lord has entrusted to them all over Burkina Faso.

Mike & Karen Kotecki | The Navigators | Colorado Springs

In the military community where it is difficult to understand the context unless you have served, few resources have penetrated that unseen barrier like the marriage discipleship materials of 2B1. Success in a military context is predominantly from soldier performance. Ironically, success in a Biblical based marriage is centered on Faith instead of Performance. Thanks to a growing wave of military marriages being transformed by this 2B1 principle, the good news is spreading that a career in uniform doesn't have to equal a failed marriage, but instead a victorious marriage.



Mike Smith

And now the power of the faith principle has transcended international borders and is radically changing marriages in freedom contested environments on the Continent of Africa. Small marriage discipleship groups who are using the 2B1 materials are popping up all over Burkina Faso, and spiritual freedom is taking over where physical freedom is being challenged.

Mike and Maureen Smith
Freedom's Rest

Words fail me to express to you our gratitude for supporting our ministry. Starting with my wife and I, several couples will see their lives as couples restored. Already, there is a very positive impact. May God continue to bless this ministry!

Etienne and wife Wingoundi
New CFL National Leaders in Burkina Faso

For Christian Family Life testimonies of the Azougo couple, head of the cell of the Kaya-Burkina Faso military temple. We cannot begin without saying thanks to our Lord who has graced us with taking part in this magnificent teaching cell on the life of a home. May all the glory and honor be His. Then a big thanks to our shepherd, Pastor Bonkougou Etienne who really thinks about the well-being of his sheep. As for the studies on the Teaching Manual, there is a lot of rich teaching in this book to the point where we saw ourselves in front of a mirror and it was really good to study it. We really immersed ourselves in the teachings as they speak of our daily lives but much more of everything that really happens in our home. Starting from the principle of the causes of divorces these days, passing by how the laziness is extinguished, each of us was able to see in these lines what was wrong. And God being Sovereign enabled by the principles of faith, demonstrated that His plan for mankind was so great that we cannot afford to fail in our marriages. Reflecting his image, reproducing Him and ruling the earth; accepting our spouses as his personal provision for our individual needs; to accept the weaknesses of our spouses by trusting in God; the role of the Holy Spirit in our homes; to submit to the only active and reactive forces we have in fact realized that our marriage can only succeed in the name of our Lord.... We are already more than satisfied even if we have not yet finished the study, we are really aware of the benefits that we have inherited from this book. A big thanks to all those who put on them the responsibility of making these manuals and this support program available to us for our growth in the faith. May the grace of our Lord abound in your lives and may the ministry prosper more.

The Azougo's
New Marriage Disciples in Burkina Faso



Mike Kotecki trains Etienne and Wife to lead Two Becoming One in Burkina Faso they join as country directors

Mike Smith introduces Mike Kotecki to Etienne and wife

CONTENT



At Christian Family Life we want to see Marriage Disciplers in every church, community, and country around the world. We are here to train, resource, and encourage Marriage Disciplers. Our resource, *Two Becoming One*, is rooted in God's Word and gets to the foundational principles of why marriage exists. The material is so biblically-saturated that even after 50 years it doesn't need updating or changing.

However, one of the questions we always get asked is, "What's next?" We plan to answer that question

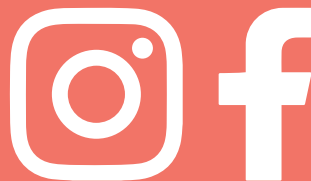
soon with 4-week studies on topics that dig deeper into the principles we cover in *Two Becoming One*.

Another way we resource and encourage Marriage Disciplers, and everyone, is through our digital content. We are consistently putting out blogs and podcasts that apply our material to everyday life and situations you may find yourself in. We also post regularly on our social media, specifically Facebook and Instagram, and plan to put together a Facebook group for Marriage Disciplers with tips for how to lead groups, and more!



Recorded 50 Podcasts:
1,472 Minutes of Content

Listeners in:
45 States
40 Countries



Instagram:
Went from 428 to 695
Followers (38% increase)

Facebook:
Reached 47K People

Books Sold



911

2020

1823

2021

2124

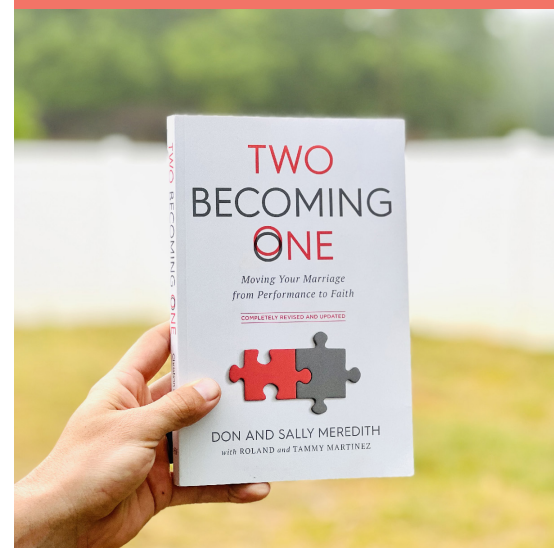
2022



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Impressions

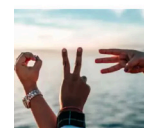
Wrote 40 Blogs

We Now Have 102 Blogs
On Our Website



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EVENTS BLOG PODCAST STORE

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Dec 7, 2022

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Fully Known and Fully Loved

by Christian Family Life |

Nov 16, 2022

"Love is not blind; that is
the last thing that it is. Love



The Power Source Your Marriage

by Christian Family

Nov 10, 2022

Have you ever attend
marriage conference

CONFERENCES



In 2022 we held several conferences across the country from Florida to Washington and a few in between! A conference is a great opportunity for CFL to partner with local churches and church networks to share on a bigger level the “FAITH Love” principles.

Our desire is that this type of event would be a catalyst for couples to be trained as marriage disciplers and for discipleship groups to be formed through their local church.

We are excited about the new partnerships that were formed this year and are impacting marriages!

TRAININGS



The heartbeat of Christian Family Life is found in equipping and resourcing couples to be marriage disciplers. Whether we are doing a conference, retreat, date night, or any other catalytic event, our main focus is found in training couples

to invest in other couples. This year we estimate **over 200 couples were trained** to take the message of FAITH Love and share it with other couples either in groups or individually. Our trainings were held all over the world both in-person and virtually.

We will continue to make this a priority for Christian Family Life and look forward to seeing hundreds more trained and equipped to impact marriages in their communities.

RETREATS

This year our CFL team partnered with Charlotte Leadership Forum and Walking With Warriors ministries to provide a retreat experience for couples they are investing in. At a retreat, we have the opportunity to invest at a more intimate level with couples attending and with the leaders that are guiding them. This is a fairly new initiative for CFL and we are looking forward to growing in the future.

Partnering with these two ministries now gives the leaders the opportunity to follow up and even form a group and walk them through the faith principles on a deeper level.

We are looking forward to adding a few more retreats in 2023!



GROUPS

We are excited to hear about groups popping up all over the world. A small group environment allows couples to come together and build relationships while investing in their marriages.

Churches, individuals, parachurch organizations, missionaries, and so many more have used "Two Becoming One" to launch groups, plant churches, and invest in marriages within their communities.

Groups have also formed virtually for those unable to meet face to face.



GOALS FOR 2023

The CFL team is driven by the vision to help marriages thrive around the world. Each year we prayerfully consider what our goals are going to be in seven different categories.

We want to provide content that takes couples to the pages of scripture and reveals God's biblical blueprint for marriage. We want to train couples so that they are equipped to disciple other couples.

Our desire is to see groups formed creating a discipleship culture in communities, churches and countries around the world. We offer retreats, conferences, and other events, all pointing people back to God and His Word and the marriage relationship.

Check out our goals for 2023 as the CFL team continues to be vision-driven and help us be fully funded to do the work of the ministry.

- Train 200 Couples
- 50 Podcasts and 50 Blogs
- 12 Trainings
- 6 Retreats
- 50 New Church Contacts
- 6 Conferences/Events

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

It is exciting to see the ministry of CFL growing around the world!

This year Cuba, Dominican Republic, and Costa Rica moved forward with more flexibility post-pandemic and held conferences, retreats, and trainings across their respective countries!

Efforts were also extended outside these countries as our leaders invested in pastoral couples and lay leaders in Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay and Ecuador. Burkina Faso, Nigeria and a few other African countries have come on strong as the Lord continues to open doors through partnerships such as the Navigators, Freedom's Rest, and Emblaze ministries.

Marriages are being impacted around the world as a result of many faithful people praying, financially supporting our teams, and answering the call to do the work in their own countries.

Continue to support CFL as we look to add National Directors in each of the countries we are beginning to work with.



OUR TEAM



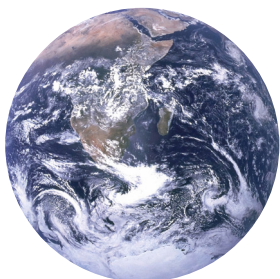
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President – Charlotte, NC



Gio and Suzy Llerena
Vice President – Charlotte, NC



Don (1940-2022) and Sally Meredith
Founders – Charlotte, NC



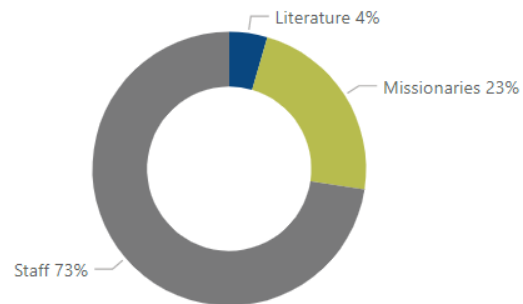
Marriage Missionaries
Around the World

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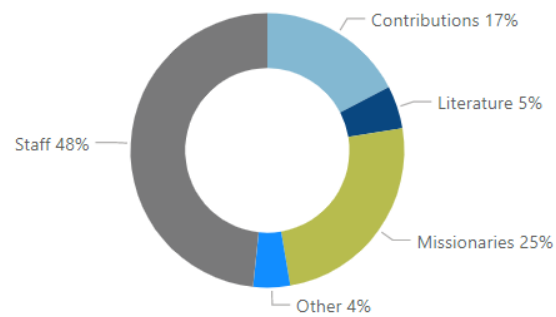
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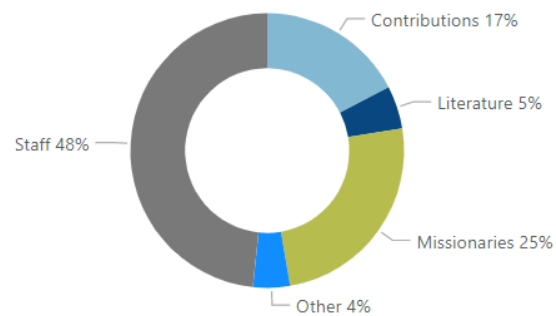
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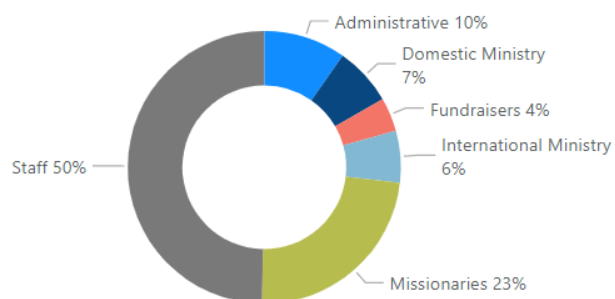
2022 Revenue



2022 Revenue



2022 Spending





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