



THE MAUPIN MESSAGE

FamilyLife Ministry: Developing godly families, who change the world, one home at a time

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Life and God's Perfect Timing

Susie and I have been on quite a roller coaster of events and emotions this past month. I thought I had written this prayer letter three or four times when events changed and therefore altered what I had planned to write. As many of you know—everyone who has joined our Facebook group, Maupin Ministry Prayer and Support page (or if you follow Susie on Facebook)—we have been praising God lately for answered prayer. God has seen to the healthy—if earlier than expected/planned—birth of our latest grandchildren, Harper Jayne and Quinn Josephine. Harper was 1 lb., 9 oz and Quinn was 1 lb., 15 oz at birth. Joey and his wife, Brittaney, have endured a very difficult month of extremely hard decisions that culminated—at 9:02 p.m. Oct. 19—in the birth of their twin girls. They were one



day shy of 26 weeks old. By God's grace and mercy, they were born without major complications and continue to grow in the NICU of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). Harper and Quinn will likely be confined to that unit for the next 10-12 weeks. Thank you so very much for your prayers and please keep them coming.

Over the course of this past

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Travel Plans

FY19 Events

Save the Dates! The Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 event schedules have been finalized and the Weekend to Remember getaways for the cities we currently oversee are all set.

St. Louis, Dec. 7-9, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency at the Arch Hotel; Tulsa, February 22-24, 2019 at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Convention Center; Chicago-Oak Brook Hills, March 29-31, 2019 at the Hilton-Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort; Chicago-Lincolnshire, April 12-14, 2019 at the Marriott Lincolnshire Resort.

Prayer and Praises

- + Praise the Lord for all 9 grandchildren, and all six children. Please continue to pray for each grandchild to continue to grow with increasing strength and stamina—especially Harper and Quinn—and for each of our children to point the way to Jesus for our grandchildren. Praise God for filling our quiver and pray His name is glorified as they grow.
- + Please pray for all of our children to find meaningful employment that meets their financial needs and encourages them to trust God. Some are between jobs right now, others are struggling to balance home and work well. Pray for Susie and I to lead well by example—balancing ministry and home is often a struggle for me (Rick).
- + On the lighter side, we are cheering for the Robinson Senators high school football team. Our son, Brian, is defensive coordinator and has the Senators poised for a playoff run. Pray God's favor on Brian as he invests his time and energy emphasizing character and hard work to these young men.

Make Plans to attend your own Weekend to Remember Getaway

Planning to attend or invite those you love to attend a Weekend to Remember getaway? Establish your own group name at <http://gcmobile.familylife.com> or use Maupingroup to access the savings. Using a group name will save \$100 per couple off the regular registration rate. Financial partners, contact us. We have even more savings available for you.

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Baby Quinn gets some loving touch from mommy Brittany. To God be the glory.

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month, many verses of Scripture have had amazing impact on our lives but for me, Rick, none more than Psalm 116:1-2: "I love the Lord for He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live." God hears our prayers and responds, so please, keep praying He will grow these two precious and special girls to be amazing, God-fearing women who point the way to Him.

Ministry outreach efforts in St. Louis, Tulsa and Chicago are well underway and God has shown us His favor there as well. St. Louis, as of this writing has over 500 already registered for the

Dec. 7-9 Weekend to Remember getaway at the Hyatt Regency at the Arch Hotel in downtown St. Louis. We'd love to see you at any of the events listed in the Travel Plans box and we feel so privileged to be a part of this Gospel-centered ministry. Without you, our prayer and support team, we couldn't be here so, thank you for your faithfulness.

Also, we have refined a great way for business owners to use the WTR to be a blessing to their employees. It's called our **Corporate Sponsorship Program**. For details, you can visit www.familylife.com/corporate. If you or someone you know is a business owner who wants to bless their staff, contact me and I can help get things started.