

THE MAUPIN MESSAGE

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













Every Good Gift Comes From God—And He Uses YOU!



very once in a while, God lets you in on something I believe gives Him great ioy: blessing His children. As most of you know, our 2009 Taurus X was wrecked on January 10. Susie and I began praying about the replacement vehicle—as well as lamenting the loss of the Taurus X. Susie began asking God to lead us to a Grandma-mobile—a minivan of all things—and one with a reliable engine—and a sunroof, if possible. Oh, and could you put it within our price range, which is established, if you will, by

our financial support team's response to our "Car Ask" which Susie wrote and we sent to many of you.

God really does supply ALL our needs, according to the riches in Christ Jesus. The 2013 Toyota Sienna Minivan pictured in this April Maupin Message does, indeed, come with enough room for Grandma—and Pops—to cart around at least 4 car seats and all of our 7 grandchildren all at once. Trips to the zoo with multiple car-seats became possible

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Travel Plans

May 3-5, St. Louis promo trip and volunteer training (and May 3 Like Arrows outing at Ronnie's Cinema).

FY19 Events

Save the Dates! The Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 event schedules are quickly finalizing 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 God for His provision for our new-to-us car. We praise God for your faithful generosity toward us to make

it happen.

- Pray that our first-ever fulllength feature film, Like Arrows, would be well attended May 1 and May 3 and that live's will be changed as a result of folks seeing God's design for marriage and parenting on display on the "big screen." Pray also that our new resource, The Art of Parenting, would provide courage and the tools needed to launch parenting and marriage ministry opportunities in churches across the country and around the world.
- Please pray that more couples would step up and volunteer on our Weekend to Remember volunteer teams in Chicago, Tulsa and St. Louis. St. Louis and Chicago could use some leadership roles filled by couples who respond to God's call to make a difference with other, likeminded couples in their community. We believe more people will attend Weekend to Remember getaways if more people were inviting those they love to do so. If more attend, more Gospel opportunities are realized and that means more lives changed.

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due to the flexibility of this minivan. Best of all, it came equipped with a SUNROOF and only 75,000 miles! Back in June of 2016 God led us to a friend of the ministry who happens to own Mangold Ford in Eureka, IL (just outside of Peoria). That's where Mike Mangold made it possible for us to purchase the Taurus X. Now, 18 months later, we found out that Mike gave us quite a deal so that the

insurance company gave us \$700 above what we paid for the Taurus X—and after we added 40.000 miles! Mike is so thoughtful, I am convinced he "saved" this 2013 Toyota Sienna. Last month, we purchased the minivan because you, our support team, made it possible. Thank you! To God be



the glory. Susie is loving the flexibility it gives her to take our grandkids to the zoo, to hiking trails, even back to their own homes! We are so blessed by God through you. May His blessings flow back to you 10-fold for your faithful provision for us. We appreciate you!

Don't Forget: Like Arrows May 1 and May 3

amilyLife's first-ever feature film, Like Arrows will be shown nationwide Tuesday May 1 and Thursday May 3, 7 p.m. at nearly 1000 theaters. Visit www.fathomevents.com. search for Like Arrows and put in your zip code to find a theater near you.

The movie coincides with the release of a brand new FamilyLife parenting resource, The Art of Par-

Every child is unique and do not come with an instruction manual. This series empowers parents

with timeless biblical principles and practical application steps as they prepare to launch their children into the future God has prepared for them. It's a tool to equip parents from a foundation of godly principles that will aim your child's heart toward God.

Kit includes:

- Like Arrows film
- 8 video teaching sessions
- Online video content
- The Art of Parenting book