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Greetings to you,

When you become a parent you soon realize that often our kids teach *us* more about life and God, rather than the other way around.

During our many meetings with people to share about our ministry with FamilyLife and how they can partner with us, we ask our children to pray for us during our appointments. They also pray when I go into my office to work on our fundraising by making calls to connect with others. And it's become their habit to enthusiastically say, "HIT ME WITH THE DIGITS!" when we see them again. This is their way of asking what was the result of their prayers. Did the couple(s) we met with decide to join our support team? If so, at what amount? How many other potential contacts were we given? How many new appointments did I schedule?

Naturally, they want to know if God heard and answered their prayers. And we believe they should be expecting for there to be some kind of results *every* time they pray.

On a recent trip to Seattle, we had a few appointments scheduled and the kids were at home with Grandma. During the first appointment we got a text message from Anna saying, "We're praying for you. Hit me with the digits!" Deborah called afterward and mentioned that there was a church who was committing to give \$100/mo and that we could pick up the first donation that afternoon. Anna sounded a little disappointed. (Usually a new supporter of \$100/mo is greeted with cheers of jubilation.) But Anna explained that she had specifically prayed that morning asking God for \$300.

As we met with the pastor, he mentioned that it would work better for their budgeting if they could make the initial check to cover June, July, and August. Yep, you guessed it, they handed us a check for \$300! As we walked out of the office Deborah was in tears overwhelmed by God's goodness in answering the prayers of our ten year old's heart.

As we called to tell Anna (and the other girls) the good news, we couldn't help wondering why are we so surprised when God answers our prayers so perfectly? Why do we doubt that He will provide, when it was He who called us to this ministry?

We were the ones that day being taught by our daughter what it means to truly trust God and believe that He does hear and will answer when we pray.

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support of our ministry. **How can we pray for you? What are you believing God to do or provide? Call, text, write, or email us your prayer requests, we'd love to pray for you!** Our contact info is listed above.

Fighting for families,



Abraham and Deborah Lara



Anna
(10)



Danielle
(9)



Julia
(7)



Rachel
(4)



Sarah
(3)



Naomi
(3)

Abraham & Deborah: are ready for the family fun road trip memories we're sure to create on our way to CO.

Anna: enjoys her new twitter account; follow @larakid1 to see what's on her mind.

Danielle: has come a long way this year in her

swimming lessons

Julia: enjoyed her first art classes with a family friend

Rachel: loves her "daddy-daughter" dates

Sarah & Naomi: love visiting our 'other house' - the parsonage of Warden Assembly. Thanks Harpers!

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