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Helping people take the next right step in their life!

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God is growing our ministry and we're doing our best to keep up with Him! We want you to know about it and we want to invite you to make hope and help accessible and available to all who need it! Here's the what, where, when, why, and how!

WHAT?

Fall 2018, we had the chance to do a "life plan" with our friends Greg and Julie Gorman. We spent several days identifying goals, core values, and next steps in our life and ministry. One of our shared core values is authenticity. We're both open about things many people aren't willing to talk about publicly. Because of this, we have become natural mentors for many people. In fact, we have become go-to mentors for:

- affair recovery
- marriage struggles
- pre-marital counseling
- pastors in crisis
- loving a child with mental illness
- dealing with reactive attachment disorder and fetal alcohol syndrome in adoption
- loving your LGBTQ child well
- healing from pornography
- recovering from a traumatic childhood (Mark)
- men who have strong wives and they don't know how to navigate that strength (Mark)
- breast cancer treatment (Jill)
- men's identity issues (Mark)



We have created books, online resources, blog posts, blog series, an online marriage mentoring program, and more to help people take the next right step in whatever challenge they are facing

or place they want to grow. However, that's not always enough. Sometimes people need someone to help them sort through the intricacies of their particular mess. Sometimes they need someone to walk alongside them for months at a time. Sometimes they just need to know they're not alone and that someone understands and cares. Always they need to know Jesus. Many of the issues we help individuals and couples face are not things people always feel comfortable being open about in their church, small group, or Bible study.

Then there are the pastors and their families. Being in church ministry for twenty years has given us a unique ability to help those who are navigating the messy parts of life in a fishbowl where it seems everyone is watching. When life gets hard, our home has become a safe haven and our mentoring relationships a safe harbor for pastors and their families. In fact, the 95 Network—a ministry for small to medium size churches—has decided to partner with us, offering pastors scholarships for marriage coaching (in person and online) and the marriage intensives we offer in our home. (The three-day intensives are where we host a couple in our home and work to uncover the relationship patterns that are causing pain and destruction in their marriage.)

The demands for hope and help are only increasing and God is making it clear we need to make some changes that will allow us to be free to minister to those who need it.



NO MORE PERFECT MARRIAGES SEMINARS HAVE BEEN HELD IN:

Jackson, Tennessee	Falls Church, Virginia
Minier, Illinois	Galesburg, Illinois
Sarasota, Florida	Scottsdale, Arizona
Claremore, Oklahoma	Springfield, Illinois
Chicago, Illinois	Rochester, Minnesota
Normal, Illinois	Tyler, Texas
Portland, Maine	Budapest, Hungary
Pekin, Illinois	Vienna, Austria

WHERE?

No, we're not going overseas. The mission field is huge right where we are! **Our ministry takes place in our home, on the phone, online, in coffee shops, over lunch, on our porch...and with technology, we are already reaching people all over the world!** Those who know us well say that our home has a revolving door in it. It's true. We host individuals and couples from all over the world—some as a hospitality stay and some for much-needed personal retreats and marriage intensives. We believe what Henry Nouwen said is true, "Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place."

WHEN?

Mark is slowly transitioning his SawHorse Homes business. He may continue to do handyman jobs that are not too big and can be done with a flexible schedule, but he no longer has a crew. **We are currently building our support team (both prayer and financial) to allow us to fully make this transition.**

WHY?

The “why” is probably best explained by hearing just a few of the stories of those we have invested in. Here are just a few from the past year:

DP picked up our *No More Perfect Marriages* book in a church bookstore. He had gone to church for the very first time because his marriage was failing. After reading the book and accepting Christ, he reached out to us on email. We've spent over nine months mentoring him through email.

CK is a guy who reached out to us through our website when his marriage fell apart due to his infidelity. Mark spent over almost two hours with him on the phone. By the end of the call, he had accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior and started on next steps to repair and restore his marriage. We continue to mentor him over email and texts.

BG and AG are a weary pastor and his wife who came to our home for a three-day intensive. They knew their marriage had been on the backburner for too long. We helped them identify destructive patterns they had in their relationship and gave them the much-needed hope and help they came for.

RC and BC—Here's the difference made in their own words: “My wife and I spent one weekend with Mark and Jill for marriage mentoring. It was amazing! Their wealth of knowledge and vulnerability made it easy to connect with them. They gave us awesome tools to use in our relationship. We had some tough conversations and worked through some hard stuff, but it needed to be done. This was, for me, the best weekend I have had with my wife since we've been married.”

MS is a mom who reached out to us when she discovered her husband's infidelity. She was not a believer, but we began sharing Jesus with her each time we mentored her. She eventually accepted Christ! While her husband was not open to mentoring, she is now navigating a messy divorce in a godly way. Our mentoring has been in person, on the phone, and through thousands of texts (not exaggerating!).

HOW?

We are joining His Harvest Ministries to officially become “missionaries to the family.” His Harvest Ministries is a 501c3 non-profit that exists to come alongside people who are sensing that God is calling them into an expanded ministry role. They believe in the value of full-time “mentors” who walk alongside people in the messy journey of life, pointing them to Jesus and His truth.

We have no desire to do this alone. We know we are better together, and we would LOVE to have you on our team. **Would you be willing to consider being part of making hope and help available all who need it?**

Your prayer partnership will:

- Lift up each speaking event before the Lord
- Lift up each coaching client (first name initials only) when we are meeting with them
- Lift up our travel, health, personal, and ministry needs
- Help fight the spiritual warfare that kicks into high gear when crisis and ministry happens.

Your financial partnership will:

- Fill the financial gap for couples who need marriage coaching but cannot afford the full cost.
- Fill the financial gap for couples who need a three-day marriage intensive but cannot afford the full cost.
- Fill the financial gap for small to medium size churches who want to offer a marriage retreat for their congregation but can't afford the full costs of bringing in two speakers.
- Provide for a portion of our living expenses when we take less than full speaking fees to make an event accessible to a church or when we take less than full coaching fees to make coaching accessible to those in crisis.
- Be a tax-deductible gift that allows you to be part of something bigger than yourself! You will KNOW that you are making a difference in families and marriages!



In other words, financial partners make our mentoring/coaching/teaching ministry accessible to everyone who needs it! Our full inbox of requests (20-30 a week) for help indicate that there are a lot of people who need it!

WE WANT TO GIVE BACK TO OUR PARTNERS!

Because we value their willingness to link arms with us, we want to invest in those who partner with us.

For any individual on our prayer or financial team, we will commit to pray for you regularly and will set aside one month a year to pray for you daily.

For couples that partner at \$50 or more a month, we will provide a complimentary membership to our No More Perfect Date Night program. (www.NoMorePerfectDateNight.com)

For churches that partner at \$500 or more a month, we will provide a complimentary marriage or parenting event once every three years for your church and community.

You can join our team at HisHarvest.org/markandjillsavage

If you have questions and/or would like to meet to talk about partnership, email Mark and Jill at jill@jillsavage.org or mark@jamsavageministries.org to set up a time to connect.