

*Hello to all our Retrouvaille relationship saviors:*

*One week after we all gathered in Las Vegas, I can ecstatically report that, for our family, Retrouvaille needs only Pope approval to qualify as a miracle.*

*Our lives have made so many positive changes in so little time my head is reeling and my heart is wide open ... I've experienced many strong emotions this week, with the four strongest being love, optimism, joy and appreciation.*

*Monday was a blessed birthday cake from God with each candle representing a magic synchronicity of people and events "showing up" in marvelous manifestations of the truism: "God is in heaven, all is right with the world."*

*I wished I possessed the power to convey to you how dramatic our week has been.... perhaps the perspective of one of our shadows on the wall will help tell the story...*

*We have only now realized how much our married-single life impacted our children, Zac (11), Karly (8) and Thomas (6).*

*Earlier this week I asked Karly if her Mommy and Daddy's arguing affected her.*

*"I would go straight to my room and shut the door," she said. "Sometimes I would come out and ask one of you a question and hope that would make you stop."*

*Today I was driving Karly to her soccer game and I received a call from Karen on the cell phone. When I hung up, Karly looked at me quizzically and asked, "Who were you talking to?"*

*I thought that question was odd as I had ended the call to my wife with, "I love you." First of all, I rarely get calls on that cell phone from anyone other than Karen. Secondly, I don't say "I love you" to very many people. I thought it should be obvious to my daughter that I was talking to her mother.*

*Then it dawned on me: Karly is not accustomed to me using a sweet voice with Karen. My emotional shift towards Karen rattled Karly's normally logical thinking.*

*She explained why she was surprised that I was talking to Mommy.*

*"Lots of times when Mommy calls she is mad at you," Karly said, "And then you get mad back ... I'm glad you went to that class in Las Vegas."*

*And so are we!*

*We thank you all for giving so much of yourselves to us.*

*We are happy in the belief that you know the great good you are doing and that, through devoting yourselves to God's work, your own lives are filled with meaning and love.*

*Most appreciatively,  
John and Karen Zlatic*

*p.s. Pictures of the kids and the family you "saved" are attached. Feel free to share this email and its joy with all.*