



## Christian *life in* Hollywood

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**It’s a typical Sunday afternoon** for married couple Kerri Pomarolli and Ron McGehee. With just a few hours to spare before they are due at church, they squeeze in a break from the obligations of parenthood while their 11-month old Sleeping Beauty, Lucy, takes her afternoon nap.

Both just returned home from weekend trips—McGehee from Phoenix and Pomarolli from Dallas. Neither is a stranger to the Hollywood lifestyle of frequent touring and acting. Professional comedians with reputations for dishing out clean, Christian-based comedy, the couple travels close to forty times a year.

Leisure time comes as a rare luxury for the two who also work from home when they’re not traveling. Both are also writers who have authored books and contributed magazine articles to various publications on topics ranging from dating and relationships to life in general.

Prayer meetings with friends are one of the get-aways they use to get out of work-mode. It’s a necessity for the faith-based couple who work in an industry that accepts and almost expects crassness, obscenity and profanity. But as tempting as some offers may be, there comes a time when faith meets fame and you just have to say no, says McGehee,

who was once turned down for a movie role after refusing to take the Lord’s name in vain. “All this stuff is going to be gone someday and the only thing that will remain is Christ and Christ will say ‘Were you my good and faithful servant?’” McGehee says he wants to be able to answer yes.

That same attitude of faith rings true in the couple’s marriage. “You did make an oath before God to make this work...you have to go in with [the attitude that] failure is not an option,” says McGehee.

Women are especially prone to believing marriage will be a fairytale as opposed to hard work and dedication, says Pomarolli. “I think some women think marriage is some fantasy where you walk around dancing in the kitchen because we watch too much Lifetime T.V.,” she laughs. “It’s hard and you’ve got to stick it out,” Pomarolli says. “People don’t really tell you. You know, you put a man and a woman in a house and it’s a reality show; plus a lot of people don’t want to be honest and say that marriage is a challenge so you think you are the only one struggling.”

With the new baby on board, balancing family, work and travel is already posing some challenges that require creative maneuvering, says Pomarolli.

“I was devastated to leave [Lucy] for twenty-four hours this weekend,” she says. “Luckily, I have a wonderful husband who is amazing.” Armed with a diaper bag full of breast milk in a cooler, McGehee brought Lucy along with him since the trip to Dallas was shorter and less taxing for the baby.

The Mommy-Daddy team also boasts a support system of family and friends who have been ready and willing to help in any way possible from babysitting to dropping off dinner.

The couple is committed to making their marriage work and both are true believers that it takes practice, tons of prayer and a true relationship with Christ. “If you both have God, there would not be irreconcilable differences,” says Pomarolli. The couple hopes to strengthen their relationship with the Lord this year by remaining committed to their New Year’s resolution—praying together every single day no matter what.

“I think that if we can do that, the other stuff isn’t going to seem as threatening,” says Pomarolli.

*Check out McGehee and Pomarolli’s reality show “I Love Kerri”, which aired as a special on Sky Angel and TVN, at [www.ilovekerri.tv](http://www.ilovekerri.tv) or email them at [www.kerripom.com](mailto:www.kerripom.com) and [www.funnyron.com](http://www.funnyron.com).*