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The Plain Values magazine staff in front of an old schoolhouse in Winesburg, Ohio.



What Can Amish Values Teach Us?

Marlin Miller started a magazine unlike anything on newsstands today. Embracing traditional values and faith, it offers a light in modern times.

THALIA ZHAO

When most people think of the Amish, the first thing that comes to mind is probably not a magazine. But Marlin Miller isn't most people.

Marlin is the publisher of Plain Values, a magazine that brings good news, stories of inspiring people doing good, and opportunities to make a difference to more than 300,000 readers nationwide, many

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of them Amish. The magazine's content is designed to appeal to the entire family and is carefully curated to support the Amish way of life distant from modern amenities.

The Ohio-based magazine has grown and expanded, even now reaching non-Amish readers who appreciate its traditional values and biblical worldview amidst modern times—something Marlin never expected.

A little over 10 years ago, Plain Values hadn't even been a thought in his mind. It would take seven weeks in a NICU

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The Beginnings of a Family

"Sometimes the Lord calls us with a gentle nudge. Other times his calling can feel like a rush of a sudden wind when things begin to whirl around us, seemingly out of nowhere."

These are Lisa Miller's opening words to an article published in the October 2020 edition of Plain Values.

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Practice Makes Perfect: Lives Well Lived

The principles of practice apply to relationships as well as craft

JEFF MINICK

Some readers will know this old joke. A visitor to New York City gets lost going to a concert and asks a man carrying a violin case, "Sir, can you tell me how to get to Carnegie Hall?" The man smiles at him and responds, "Practice, practice, practice."

In "Outliers: The Story of Success," Malcolm Gladwell asked a differ-

ent question: "How do some individuals win fame and fortune?" He found the answer in such places as their culture and the circumstances of their childhood, their passion and drive, their personal habits and experiences, and even the dates of their birth.

Gladwell also points out as one factor for success the "10,000-hour rule,"

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By making sure to spend time with our loved ones on a consistent basis, we deepen our relationships, little by little.



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