



# Emra Expressions

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## Appreciation

I have recently spent some time with a young lady who asked for some help finding a family she can adopt by helping with some basic needs at Christmas but also at times throughout the year. She wants to give back to someone who is less fortunate. She said, "Growing up I remember my Dad saying, 'Beverly, you just don't know how fortunate you are to have a roof over your head and not worry about where your next meal is coming from.'"

Along those lines I am spending more time being intentional about recognizing what God is providing us so we can continue to affect others here in Los Angeles and beyond.

I could cover pages and pages with the list of the ways God is blessing us. That list would include housing, food, health, family and you as part of our support team.

We are so fortunate to have you praying for us. God has given us a small group of people who have made it possible for us to affect the lives of at risk kids here in Los Angeles and beyond. The 22 After School Programs we are involved with here in Los Angeles touch about 800 kids every week. In addition God has allowed us to start six other programs in Northern California, Arizona, North Dakota and now even Guyana, South America.

This year God is providing new ways in which we can affect kids. Our new book *Parenting From the Top of the Mountain* provides the framework we are using to teach parenting skills in Churches. The book has only been out a month and we are already receiving invitations from as far away as North Carolina.

As we continue to emphasize the truth found in scripture that "Life Is Full Of Choices" make the choice to ask God if He wants you to financially support us. Your help this year would be appreciated.

Your choice will have a positive affect on those to whom we minister.

In His grip,

for John and Sheryl Emra

### Answered Prayer

*The third book has been published.*

*Cornerstones and Core Needs of Growing Kids is the foundation for the series.*

*Parenting from the Top of the Mountain takes the truths from Cornerstones and Core Needs and applies them to parenting.*

*Seven Steps to the Top of the Mountain is the manual that breaks the parenting book into seven steps.*

### Prayer Requests

*Sheryl and I will be doing quite a bit of traveling these next few months. Florida and North Carolina are already on our calendar.*

*Please pray for safe travel and that God would be glorified as we talk to people about Life Is Full Of Choices.*

*Pray that our schedule this year will be productive. We want to be used by God as messengers of truth.*