

# Emra Expressions

## The Cost of Missions

Thirty-six years ago we became missionaries and started raising money to go to Honduras. We traveled around speaking in Churches and people would support us.

Since we didn't have stories to tell, one of the things we used to do (that we don't do much of anymore) is sing songs about being a missionary.

One of my favorites was, "I'll Go."

The second verse says:

"I work so hard for Jesus" I often boast and say  
"I've sacrificed a lot of things to walk the narrow way,  
I gave up fame and fortune, I'm worth a lot to Thee"

I really liked that verse. As I sang those words I was singing about me.

Now, after some years, I realize those words were pointing to the contrast with the second half of the verse that says:

"I left the throne of glory and counted it but loss,  
My hands were nailed in anger upon a cruel cross,  
But now we'll make the journey with your hand safe in mine,  
So lift your cross and follow close to me."

After all this time I am finally coming to realize that all I had given up had no value. Anywhere I was asked to go is where I needed to be. What I was asked to sacrifice I didn't really need.

The cost of missions is not what I am giving up or where I am going. For me, the cost is summed up in the question, "Am I choosing to have such a close relationship with God that I will do whatever He wants?"

We are looking for people who want that relationship with God - and then connecting them with Him so He can work in their lives.

For thirty-six years your support has made it possible for us to work for the best boss ever - God. Thank you!

In His grip,



John  
for John and Sheryl

The cost of missions is not just about what the missionary goes through, it is also about those who are supporting that missionary family.

The cost is that you have less money to spend this month because you have answered God's call to support us.

Your reward is experiencing the blessing of God as He stretches your resources to cover your needs. You also get to hear what we share that month from the perspective of ownership. It is as if you are standing with us. You did it. You made it happen.

To claim your reward, use the donate button to go to PayPal and start the process of owning part of our ministry.

If you would rather, use [this link](#) to be taken to our website and fill out the response card. Mail it and your check to the address on the response card.

Thank you, and in the future be sure to tell us your story of what God has done in your life.

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- John Emra
- Sheryl Emra
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### Answered Prayer

Thank you for your prayers for the people who are dealing with tornado damage here.

We have felt your prayers as we have been driving through the neighborhoods and talking with people.

We are seeing God at work in the class we are leading on Sunday night

After four weeks people are interacting more with us and with the material.

Go to  
[www.houseofagape.org](http://www.houseofagape.org)  
to see a picture of us in the front row.

### Prayer Requests

We are continuing to make connections. Pray that God would be glorified as we find ways to help Churches reach out to their neighbors in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

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