

Emra Expressions

The Next Step

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One fact that has grown out of the core principles of Life Is Full Of Choices is that we choose how we want to live. We can choose freedom over dependency, empowerment over victimization, and responsibility over entitlement.

We believe that in order to do that effectively we need to accept Jesus Christ into our hearts. He is the one who empowers and transforms our minds and hearts. In 2 Timothy 1:7 it says, "For God gave us a Spirit not of fear but of power, love and self-control."

We are looking for individuals who have a passion to work with those who choose to live a life of freedom over dependency and to team up with us.

John and Sally Childress have that passion. They are in London, England working with people who have chosen an addictive behavior to deal with life and need help to change in the power offered through the blood of Jesus Christ.

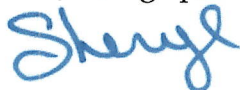
Their ministry has been effective to those not only in the church but to those who are outside the church.

John and Sally have written material to help them better minister to people who are crippled and broken because of addictions or traumas in their lives. Unlike other secular programs this material is based on a Choices Model rather than a Disease Model.

John and Sally are looking for groups who would participate in an 8 week study, called "Free", and give feed back to help them finish the writing and get it published.

We are looking for people who have a passion for this kind of ministry. If you feel like God is tugging on your heart to reach out in a new way to those who are dealing with addictive behaviors, please let us know by calling us at (855) 285-4362, e-mailing us at pj@lifoc.org, or texting us at (323) 377-2502. Going through this 8 week study would be a great next step.

In Jesus grip,



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Answered Prayer

John and Sally Childress spent most of January traveling around the US talking to Churches about the new material. The response from Churches has been positive.

Thanks for your prayers!

Sheryl and I continue to build relationships with Churches and key leaders.

Continue to pray for that part of our ministry.

Prayer Requests

Sheryl is in Los Angeles connecting with ladies she has been praying with while we have been here in Texas.

Pray for her safe travel!

We are planning a summer trip through the northern states this summer.

Pray that we would be with the right group when we can do the most about of good!

Continue to pray not just for the politicians but for everyone in our country. That we would seek Gods answer to the issues that face our country.

The Rest of the Story

It is such a small part of the letter Sheryl wrote you might have missed it.

"Unlike secular programs this material is based on a Choices Model rather than a Disease Model."

The importance of this small statement cannot be emphasized enough.

Almost all popular programs are based on the "fact" that addiction is a disease and therefore we must treat the disease.

This program that John and Sally are using is based on the reality that all of us have made choices. Those choices have consequences and one of those consequences can be addiction. Therefore we need to train people how to make different/better choices.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says; *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

How destructive it is to our faith, our testimony to the community and our view of ourselves as a child of God to stand up every week and say: "Hi. My name is John and I am an alcoholic." God wants to do a work in my life so I can stand up and say: "Hi. My name is John and I used to be an alcoholic." By saying "used to be" I am now giving God the credit for what I could not do on my own!

I have met the people in John and Sally's group who have been changed so dramatically as they grow into the freedom of "the old things are passed away". Yes, there are setbacks but they are becoming more comfortable accepting responsibility for what they have chosen and they aren't hiding behind a wall of shame.

Life Is Full Of Choices is making a difference in people's lives and you can be a part of that difference. You can connect us to someone who can lead a Sunday School Class, a small group or maybe a mid-week time geared toward addictive behaviors using this new material.

Please pray for the ministry of Life Is Full Of Choices both here and in England.

You can choose to financially support this ministry by using the response card and envelope enclosed in this mailing. Another way to donate to our ministry is to use your bank's check writing service. You can tell your bank to write a check every month, or, if you are online you can use PayPal. To use PayPal, go to www.LifeIsFullOfChoices.org, select the donation page and follow the PayPal link.

In His grip,

John

P.S. Look for the book John Childress wrote, about his experiences with addiction called "The Addicts Choice" on Amazon.