



Emra Expressions

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Autism and Roses



Sheryl and I were visiting one of the S.A.Y. Yes! Centers recently and Clair, the Director, told me this story about working with one of "her" kids.

Clair met Jeremy's parents, Dave and Tiffany, last November at their first parent dinner. They seemed to hit it off right away.

Since then Tiffany and Clair talk about once a week. Tiffany is so glad to have someone else helping with Jeremy; a fifth grader with functioning autism. She says "Everyday I pray and ask God why He did this to our family. We all get so frustrated, it is like climbing a mountain with no end in sight."

Two weeks ago Clair had surgery on her thumb to correct some arthritis damage within the joint. When she came back on Thursday, there was a line of parents waiting for her - and at the front of the line was Jeremy and his parents. "Jeremy had a bouquet of roses for me. When he gave them to me he kissed me on the cheek. That was so special."

"But even more special was when Tiffany took me aside and told me that Dave had gone into Jeremy's room a couple nights earlier and found Jeremy kneeling at his bed praying for me. As far as they knew this was the first time Jeremy had ever prayed."

"Seeing Jeremy pray for me made quite an impact on them. Last Sunday, I saw the whole family in Church."

As Clair was telling me this story she said, "The roses were nice, but the prayers were better."



Thank you for the support you give and the prayers you send heavenward on our behalf. You enable us to be involved in starting S.A.Y. Yes! Centers that take the Gospel to kids like Jeremy. The power of the Gospel is that it doesn't stop with the kids, it also reaches into the families.

To paraphrase Clair, your financial support allows us to live here and work for God, but it's your prayers that make what we do valuable.

In His grip,



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Answered Prayer

Thank you for your prayers for the 6 week Parenting Seminar.

The first class was great and we are looking forward to these following weeks.

Prayer Requests

Continue to pray for the Parenting Seminar here in Los Angeles and others that are being scheduled.

We will be here in Southern California until July, then in the Northwest through September.

Please continue to pray for the women who will attend Sheryl's leadership training course.

This 3 month course will begin April 14th.

Pray for the 22 S.A.Y. Yes! Centers in Los Angeles as they prepare for their Easter Outreaches.