

Emra Expressions

Our Wonderful Opportunity



I was recently talking to a group of pastors and I asked them; "Do you reach out to the kids who are on the streets just standing around your neighborhood? The future of the Church is those "untouchables" that are around us. But so often we don't know how to reach them. We need to be a Church that invites them in, finds reasons to sit with them, create an environment where they feel accepted, respected and loved and want to come back."

"If we don't reach out. If we don't learn how to build meaningful relationships. If we don't create an environment where they want to come as they are - and find God - we are not doing a very good job of building the Church."

I love it when I see Churches want to start an After School Program. That shows me that they are not content to be a Sunday only Church.

It was satisfying to hear one pastor say, "I've been waiting two years for this program."

I praised God when another pastor said, "My people have been wanting this for a long time, I just need to get out of their way."

In May we will be hosting a S.A.Y. Yes! Training. I think there may be eight or ten churches in attendance. The exciting part is not how many Churches attend - but how many lives will be impacted by those Churches in the years to come.

Much of our ministry is focused on the lives of kids. Yes! We are working with the kids, but in the process we are teaching people in Churches how to develop relationships with the kids and then through those relationships connect with the parents! Whole families coming to know Jesus and the power He has to change people. What a wonderful opportunity!

Thank you for the privilege of working with these Churches who want to reach out, who want to make a difference in this community.

Your support makes our ministry possible! Thank you!!

In His grip,

John
for John and Sheryl Emra

Just to make sure you understand the title of this letter.

The "Our" in the title refers to Sheryl and me and the Churches we are working with. I am also including you and your church in the opportunity.

If this is an opportunity you want your Church to take advantage of, talk to your pastor today, then talk to us. We will add you to our schedule wherever you are. We have gone to England, China and Ghana, we can come to you! How exciting would it be to watch the pews of your church fill up with families from your neighborhood and know that you had a part in making that happen.

The other part of this opportunity is this. If you are not supporting the ministry of John and Sheryl Emra, start today. You can follow [this link](#) to a response card on our web site, write a check and send it by snail mail. Or you can click on the Donate Button and use PayPal. The choice is yours.

For you who cannot convince your pastor to participate in this opportunity just think how exciting it would be to know that by supporting our ministry you are helping to turn around some other Church or neighborhood with the Good News of Jesus.



ANSWERED PRAYER

Sheryl's head is much better.
Thank you for praying!

Pastor Donniel and I have continued to meet. The contact with his Church may grow into meeting with a local Christian College and training their outreach teams how to build better relationships with kids.

Your prayers for contacts in the Dallas /Ft Worth area are paying off.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Celebration Dinner hosted by the Cru Dallas/Ft Worth team will be April 9th. Pray for a good time to be had by all.

The SAY Yes Training in May. Pray for those Churches who are wanting to attend. That God would finalize their plans.

We will be in Oregon and Washington this summer. Pray for our schedule. If you want us to speak to your Church, SS Class or Small Group between June and September please let us know by phone or e-mail as soon as you can as dates are filling up.

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