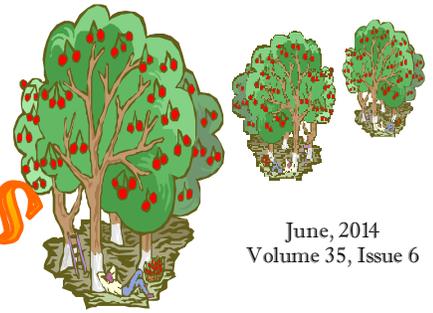




# Emra Expressions



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## There Is Hope

For a few years now it has not been unusual for Sheryl and me to get a request to come along side someone and walk with them as they deal with a variety of hard circumstances in their lives.

For example, we recently spent time with "Linda" (not her real name). She just found out her 22 year old son (an employee in her company) was doing drugs. As a parent, she thought it normal to have repeatedly helped him out of difficult circumstances in his life.

She now felt overwhelmed. Feelings of grief, fear, anxiousness, self-doubt and bewilderment had clouded her mind as she tried to think of ways to help him.

The more we talked, the clearer it became. The problem was that Colin had never been allowed to experience the natural consequences of his choices.

After many hours of talking, Linda made the choice to quit helping him out of the difficult circumstances - even when the circumstances look bleak.

At the beginning of our time with Linda we could see in her eyes that she was "beaten". As she walked out the door the light in her eyes had changed to one of hope and peace.

The change we saw in Linda was not a surprise. Life Is Full Of Choices was created to bring hope to the hopeless.

No matter the setting - if we are working one-on-one around the table, leading a seminar about parenting or addiction or teaching leaders how to connect with their community - we get the fun of watching individuals and groups of people realize there is hope.

We have heard this before, but it is always special. The last thing Linda said as she walked out the door was, "Thank you for sharing this truth with me. It is so simple. I wish someone had shared it with me 20 years ago."

Your prayers and your giving make it possible for us to bring hope to those who have none.

In His grip,

John  
for John and Sheryl Emra

### An Important Announcement

In order to be better stewards of our income we are going to disconnect our home phone.

Starting now, you can connect with us using our cell phones. Those numbers are:

Sheryl (323) 377-2502

John (323) 377-2502

### Answers to Prayer

*We have been connected with a new Church that is talking about hosting a Seminar in June.*

*The SAY Yes! Training went well. They are organized and looking foreword to Summer actives in preparation for opening in the Fall. It is fun to see the excitement of new ideas in people who have a heart for their community.*

*Sheryl is going to therapy for the tendonitis in her shoulder. She has exercises and is doing them 3 times a day! Praise God for doctors!!!*

### Prayer Requests

*We are still scheduling Churches and Organizations for Seminars now through August. We are going to be in the Northwest in July and August.*

*Call us at (855) 285-4362 if you want to talk about adding your Church to our schedule.*