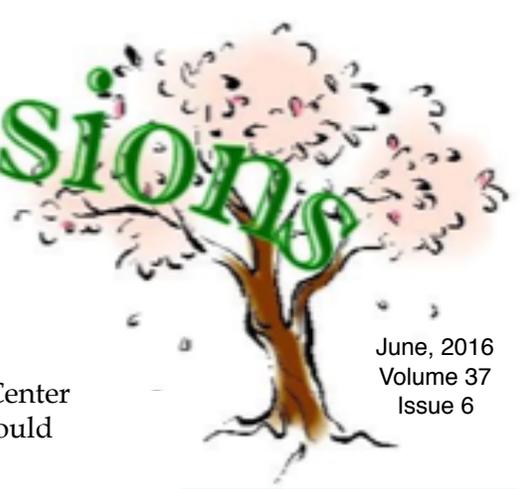


Emra Expressions

Joy



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Last month I led the Foundational Training for opening a S.A.Y. Yes! Center for Churches in the Dallas/ Ft Worth area. One Church attended! I would have liked to have more, but this is a start!!!

Much of the training is right out of the S.A.Y. Yes! Manual - but, as usual, I have adjusted parts of it to include information presented in the Life Is Full Of Choices trainings.

During the second day, the team Director, Paul Lucido, who was sitting in the training, (incidentally this is the first time a team leader or anyone in a Cru leadership position has attending one of my trainings) suddenly said, "This is the third S.A.Y. Yes! Training I have attended - this time it is making sense. It is all about building relationships with the kids we are trying to minister to, and you are teaching us how to build those relationships."

Then a few minutes later he said, "Life Is Full Of Choices is really bigger than S.A.Y. Yes!. This training would apply to Adult Ministries, Addictions Ministries, Church Growth Ministries, Family Ministries... really every ministry that works with people could benefit by including the principles of Life Is Full Of Choices."

It was a joy to hear someone else say what we have felt all along about the value of what we are teaching through Life Is Full Of Choices.

Then, as we were debriefing after the training, he said; "The stories you told of working with the kids, as we were going through the training, made the material come alive. It was as if I was standing right there with you."

The joy we feel as we hear good things about Sheryl and me and our skills is overwhelming - but the compliment belongs to God who has worked in our lives so we could tell those stories.

You are also a source of joy. For 36 years we have been missionaries. You have prayed for us - you have given so we could live in the Samaria of our time.

Thank you for allowing us to follow God's leading!

In His grip,

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Answered Prayer

The SAY Yes! Training was a huge success. Thank you for your prayers!

Thank you for praying for our schedule this summer. Many dates have filled up.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the Churches and individuals who are still thinking about us being with them between June 15th and October 1st.

Pray for traveling mercies as we pull our 5th wheel from Dallas, TX all the way to Bellingham, WA with stops along the way in Albany, Portland, Hood River, Spokane and Colbert. Then, through California to Los Angeles on the trip home.



Gary and Sarah with their SAY Yes! Graduation Certificates.