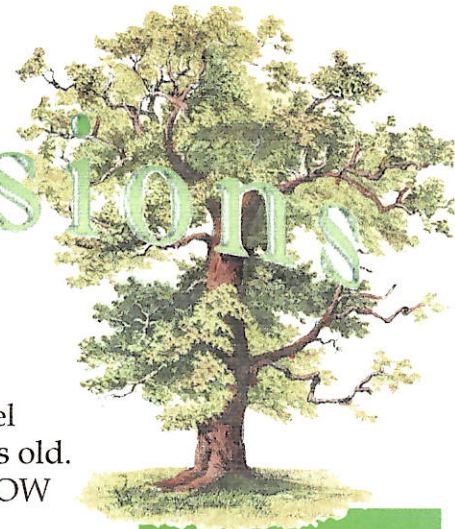


# Emra Expressions



## Ministry: Our 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

June 1, 1980 John and I began our missionary adventure with World Gospel Mission. Brian was two and our youngest son, Paul, was just three months old. Our world has changed so much since then. Brian is 40 and Paul is 38. WOW

At that time Jimmy Carter was President of the United States, there were no personal computers, internet, GPS or cell phones. Life has sure changed!

Since 1980 we have lived in Costa Rica, Honduras, and then in East Los Angeles (where we lived for 29 years). There we ministered to gang kids and their families in an after-school program. Then, with Cru, helped start and train 22 churches to do after-school programs called S.A.Y. YES! Centers.

We also helped train people to do after-school programs in Nevada, Arizona and North Dakota in the U.S. and trained people in Guyana, China, and London, England.

In England we helped ministry partners, John and Sally Childress. They went to London as missionaries for "Life Is Full Of Choices - Europe" beginning a ministry to individuals in the church who struggle with addictions which is now called, "FREE!"

We are now working in Dallas, Texas helping start S.A.Y. YES! Centers with CRU Inner City DFW. We are also doing "Life Is Full Of Choices" parenting seminars in Dallas and all over the U.S.A and beyond.

We continue to grow in our trust of the Lord as He leads and guides us in ministry.

Someone once asked when we would retire. We looked at each other and said, "Never". Ministry is in our blood and is part of who we are. I suppose there will come a time when we can't travel any more. But wherever we are, with the time the Lord gives us, we will reach out and tell people about Jesus.

Thank you for allowing us to be your hands and feet - reaching the lost for Jesus.

With Love!

Sheryl,  
for John and Sheryl Emra

### **Answered Prayer**

Thank you for your prayers for us as we were getting ready to leave Dallas for this summer trip.

We are now in Idaho and looking foreword to going into Oregon then into Washington.

Your prayers have made this trip possible!

### **Prayer Request**

The two girls we have been praying for are in a better situation now. Their mother seems to be abiding by the new parenting agreement.

Continue to pray for them, but we will not send more information unless things change.

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Continue to pray for John and me as we travel.

Safety, vehicle issues and the scheduling of people we hope to see are all areas with which we need your prayers.

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## The Rest Of The Story

In the business of our lives, in the hurry to get ready to go and get everything done, I almost missed the most important sentence in the letter.

We continue to grow in our trust of the Lord as He leads and guides us in ministry.

Our ministry is empty and meaningless unless it is centered on God!



The more we do, the more people we talk to, the further we go, the more important it is to wrap ourselves in the protection God gives us.

We pray every morning that God will protect us, hold the vehicle together and keep us from an accident. Most of the time He does just that. But sometimes, like this past week, when we have had two blowouts we just say to ourselves that God protected us from a more dangerous situation by allowing us to get those flat tires fixed in a timely manner and replaced the next day.

There was a time we might have questioned if God was with us - now we praise Him for His presence in both good and bad times.

Thank you for your financial support for Life Is Full Of Choices.

Your financial support is a way that God has used you to bless us.

Your financial support is important, but not as important as your prayer support.

However you chooses to support us we appreciate the time and effort you spend in lifting us up.

Thank you!