



Emra Expressions

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“Immanuel” Stories

Immanuel means God with us.

Much of my ministry is helping people make time and space for *Immanuel moments* in their lives. God is always with us, but sometimes we get so busy we forget to connect with His presence.

Last week at church I was approached by a friend who asks me if I would have time to spend praying with her. We spent two hours sharing and praying on the phone. That *Immanuel* time was an encouragement to me. As we prayed and shared together I got to listen to what God is doing in her life. I spent that day praising God for the privilege of being a part of His work in her life.

Yesterday a missionary called. She has been through some difficult circumstances over the past seven months that have left her depleted emotionally, physically and spiritually. She shared “for weeks I have been thinking about calling and finally chose to do it.” My heart hurt for her as I listened to her story. When I asked if she wanted to pray with me. She said, “I was hoping you would ask.” An hour and a half later I am once again blessed by a deep sense of gratitude for the honor of being placed here to help people experience the reality of *Immanuel*.

Today I sat at the table with John and a new S.A.Y. YES! Director talking about a follow up training for her new staff and volunteers. At the end of the meeting she asks me, “Is there a time we can get together to talk about prayer?” With tears in my eyes I say, “Sure.” I wonder quietly to myself what the tears are about. Then I realize – God is doing it again. He is setting the table for me to watch Him become *Immanuel* in another person’s life. I feel a flood of gratitude wash over me.

God has placed me in the inner-city for people who need an Immanuel moment in their day. Call it Inner Healing, Prayer Counseling or even Soul Care. Whatever the name, my calling is to be a conduit through which He can touch other peoples lives with the reality of His presence.

I am sharing “Immanuel Stories” so you can rejoice with me at what God is doing in people’s lives. In the days, weeks and months ahead I ask for your continued prayers for those to whom I will minister.

Your prayers and financial support make it possible to live in this place and give my time to others.

Thank you!



Sheryl
for John and Sheryl Emra

Answered Prayer

The seminar that Sheryl and I attended in Illinois last March is paying huge dividends as Sheryl works with ladies. Thank you for your prayers for us during that seminar.

Prayer Requests

On August 6th we will be helping train the staff and volunteer team of a S.A.Y. Yes! Center. Pray that those who attend will be able to use the information they are given as they work with kids this year.

This year Life Is Full of Choices will be distributing shoes and back packs to SAY Yes! Kids in Los Angeles. Pray that the students will have a good School Year.

Continue to pray that the Life Is Full of Choices Book Series will touch lives in the inner city and beyond.