

Emra Expressions

Choosing to Celebrate

As we approach the 4th of July, I appreciate that I am able to worship and praise God for the things He has done and is doing. Psalm 126:3, "The Lord has done great things for us, and we choose to celebrate." (Choices Paraphrase)

In April the Lord helped me put together a group of eight ladies. Our purpose was to grow in our personal walk with Him and with each other. We called our time together MeetU@TheWell.

Individually we read one chapter a day: John 14 in April, John 15 in May and John 16 in June. Then weekly we broke up into pairs and listened to each other's experience and prayed together. Collectively we met once a month and experienced ways to connect with the Lord and with each other.

The result for me has been watching women who are a living and breathing demonstration of what God can do in willing hearts.

Leading this group has been like the difference between reading to someone - and teaching someone to read. This way GOD gets all the GLORY and I receive the JOY of watching Him work in their lives!

I covet your prayers for the other women I mentor. They come from differing ethnic and cultural backgrounds. They minister in the African-American, Latino, Chinese and Anglo communities here in Los Angeles and each one influences many other lives for the gospel.

I appreciate more and more what a life changing experience it is to have a spiritual leader who learns to turn to the Lord, connect with Him and share this connection with others. I can give advice and teach scriptural truth but there is nothing better than helping someone connect directly to God.

Finally, I appreciate more and more each day your prayers and sacrificial giving that allows John and me the blessing of being missionaries here in Los Angeles. Without you we would not have the time OR energy to do all we do. You are one of the great things the Lord has done for us and we do celebrate your life in Him!

Our prayer is for you to grow in knowledge and yet experience the joy of personally connecting to our God who is worthy to be celebrated because of the things HE has done!

Because of Jesus,

Sheryl

Sheryl
for John and Sheryl Emra

We Have A New Address

Throw away
those old envelopes.
LIFOC has a new
mailing address.

Use the new envelopes so
we can get your mail.

Answered Prayer

We appreciate your prayers
for the 5K FunWalk that
raised money for the SAY
Yes! Centers.

That day we raised
over \$8,000.

Last week we went sailing.

Sheryl and I took 31 kids
and Center Leaders for a
day on the boat where we all
felt the power of God as He
provided the wind that
moved the boat.

Thanks to the Los Angeles
Maritime Institute for
providing the boat and the
crew that directed us as we
ran the boat and your
prayers that kept us all safe

Prayer Requests

July 13th Sheryl and I will
start traveling for 2 1/2
months in the Northwest.

Our schedule is enclosed.

Please pray for the
Parenting Seminars and the
Church Services - that God
would touch many lives.