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Kids are wired the same all over the world. China or East Los Angeles, their stories may sound different, but their need is the same.

Miguel was one of 12 kids who spent a week with us in Yosemite. Every day we talked about the Three Cornerstones of Life Is Full Of Choices. We used scripture to demonstrate each cornerstone. It was our goal to show how making the "best choice" to accept Jesus as your Savior would change your whole life.

It was about the third day when he got into trouble with Sheryl for something he said. Later I listened to him talk about "how he always used those words at home and no one ever said anything."

We talked about the Second Cornerstone. How he was responsible for the choices he made in his life. How those choices could affect the circumstances in his life and other people's lives both now and in the future.

Eventually we talked about his gang activity. He got this far-a-way look in his eyes, then he started to cry.

He shared how no one had ever told him he was responsible for what he did.

He finally said, "Now what?"

We talked about Jesus. How no matter what had happened before he could start over. I made it clear that the circumstances would still be there, but he could start a new pattern and end up a different person because of making different choices.

Under the star studded night in the middle of Yosemite he prayed and accepted Jesus into his heart.

So often we forget that the choice is between Jesus and someone or something else. It is not a hard or complicated choice. Jesus is alive. He is our "best choice".

Now we are going to China.

We will be training Missionaries and Church leaders how to use Life Is Full Of Choices so kids will make the "best choice".

Will you pray for us as we go?

Will you use the enclosed response card to support us as we go?

In His grip,



for John and Sheryl Emra

Answered Prayer

Thank you for your prayers on our behalf for our trip to China. God has provided:

- ◆ a young man in Illinois to help translate parts of our 1st book into Mandarin.
- ◆ a travel agent who will get us a discount on the tickets.
- ◆ a Church who provided enough money for us to buy the plane tickets.

Prayer Requests

We have a Parenting Seminar scheduled July 20th in Plano, Texas. We will be video taping this seminar for future use.

Sheryl will be going to High School Youth Camp as a Girls Counselor the end of July. Pray for energy and that God will have His way in the lives of these girls.

Pray for open doors as we continue to talk to Pastors about holding a Parenting Seminar in their Church. Pray for success as I talk on the phone, use e-mail and personally visit to make the need for this ministry real.

We are just about ready to buy the plane tickets. Our need now is for the expenses while we are in China.

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