

March 12, 2012

Dear Pastor,

I commend John and Sheryl Emra to you as my good friends and faithful co-laborers in the work of the gospel. We have been friends since 1986, the year we became a part of the East Whittier Friends Church family. Several times I visited their ministry in the urban environment of East Los Angeles and witnessed the dynamic impact they had on the children and families they served there. I have been a monthly financial supporter of John and Sheryl since I can't remember when.

The years of working with children and families have reinforced for John and Sheryl the critical need to help train parents in some foundational principles. They have developed material that I have found very practical and profoundly wise. I especially appreciate their training around a child's Four Core Needs: Affection, Boundaries, Consistency, and Discipline. It is the kind of training that anyone and especially parents can learn from and apply to human relationships.

The Emras also have a deep love to help churches reach into their communities. This material, and the Emra's presentation of it, can be a useful tool for outreach. If you are in need of a clear, simple yet profound presentation for parents, I encourage you to visit with the Emras. I know they are flexible in the ways they can present it and let you preview it.

Feel free to contact me if you would like more information about my relationship with John and Sheryl or about my observations about this material.

Together in Christ's ministry,



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