

Emra Expressions

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Compelled

For much of my life I have felt compelled to give people the Good News. This compulsion started in High School after I got serious about being a Christian. It continued in college and expressed itself in a choir trip to the Orient and later Sheryl and I were in a small singing group that toured the Northwest. Later, as we searched for a way to express this compulsion we went to Honduras then to Los Angeles where we worked with kids presenting the Gospel and making it real to their lives.

Paul talks about this compulsion in Acts 18:5. He says it is the Spirit that is compelling him to share the Good News with the people around him.

The Foundational Principles of Family Peace Seminar we have been presenting for the past couple of years is a new way for this compulsion to display itself.

In China we were talking to a group of parents, some of them Christians and some not. We got to the part where we talk about connecting with God and EVERYONE was paying attention. Then, we watched as EVERYONE was practicing that connection. One man shared with the whole group; "I do not believe like you, but God spoke to me about His love for me and my family. I need to find out more about this Christian belief."

Here at home we find ourselves presenting this Seminar mostly to Christians - and that is fine. Many Christians need to hear the Good News. They need to have it become real in their lives. So many are living on the surface of this New Life and need to go deeper.

Recently a man said to us; "I can't believe that God is actually talking to me!" and a women stated; "I've been in Church my whole life. Why has no one taught me how to do this before?"

What we are teaching is not a big secret. God wants to have a relationship with us, that is why He sent Jesus to die. He never intended to love us from afar. He wants to be in our lives and a part of our lives. We teach people to connect with God then ask God what He wants to say to us. Prayer becomes more powerful when God is talking and we are listening.

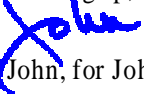
If you have questions, give us a call, send us an e-mail or write them on the response card.

Don't be intimidated by the culture of your church or the habits you have built up over the years. Try it. You may find that God wants to talk with you as much as you are wanting to hear from Him.

Your continued support makes it possible for us to fulfill the compulsion God has placed on our hearts!

Your 2013 Donor report is included in this letter. Thank you for your support.

In His grip,



John, for John and Sheryl

Answered Prayer

We had a wonderful and safe trip to Texas. It is wonderful to be with this part of our family during the holidays.

Prayer Requests

We have eight Seminars scheduled in the next three months in Texas and the neighboring States.

I am still contacting churches and other organizations to try and fill the few remaining open dates.

Pray for every person who attends these seminars and those people they will touch.

Pray for open hearts and minds as we share the truths contained within the seminar "Foundational Principles of Family Peace".