

## Changing the Culture

While sharing about our ministry I was taking with a lady and she asked me what John and I have as a passion. I thought for a moment and said, "We have a passion to change the culture." She just laughed.

I went on to explain how working with "At-Risk-Children" from 1986 to 2001 demonstrated it was possible to see them choose to change their future. As a result we have a passion to reach out and teach others that change REALLY is possible!

A special education teacher called the other day and thanked John for writing the book *Cornerstones and Core Needs of Growing Kids*, because she was able to use the book to help her in working with a very difficult case.

A mother called over the weekend and reported that her 16 year old son was driving now and she was able to have clear boundaries with consequences written on the refrigerator where everyone could see. She said, "It took all the weight off of my shoulders. I did not have to be the "bad guy" when he came home late last night. All I had to ask him was, "What choice did you make?" There was no discussion, and no fight, just his deep sigh of understanding as he said, "By choosing to come home late last night I have chosen not to drive for the next two weeks!"

A husband sent a thank you note saying he was excited about his wife's new outlook in handling their two young ones. He said, "She is so much more relaxed and cheerful to be around."

"Changing the culture" may seem like a daunting task: But it is more do-able one person at a time, one family at a time.

Thank you for your prayer support and your financial support.

Your choice to support *Life Is Full Of Choices* makes it possible for us to reach into the lives of families here in Los Angeles, across the country and around the world - and give them practical tools so they can choose to change their culture.

Sincerely,



Sheryl

for John and Sheryl Emra

### Answered Prayer

Oregon City Evangelical Church connected us with the Oregon City School District. We are going to present two Parenting Seminars February 9th. One dealing with the Four Core Needs of Kids and the other dealing with the Three Cornerstones of **Life Is Full Of Choices**.

The S.A.Y. Yes! Training in December was attended by leadership from two Churches. A good time was had by all.

### Prayer Requests

Pray for Maria who has returned from China for the next month. We are looking forward to spending time with her.

Please pray that God would continue to open doors for us to share *Life Is Full Of Choices* in Churches, schools and with other interested groups here in Los Angeles.

John Childress is writing a book dealing with the choices people make who are dealing with addictions.

Pray that he will be able to focus on what God has for him to say in this book.