

In 1990 we met Gary Ezzo at a Shepherds Conference. The parenting material we observed in his workshop looked very good but we were skeptical as to how it would apply in Australia where there is some resistance to anything introduced from the USA. So, we brought it home and gave it to an Elder in the church we were pastoring at the time asked him to run it with a pilot group (no videos, leaders guide etc. then!). What we discovered was that it was not American, but solid biblical principals. Sure, some illustrations will change from country to country, but the principles remain the same.

It was so successful that in 1996 we took a step of faith and commenced Growing Families Australia for the sole purpose of developing the "miracle" in Australia. Since that time over 35,000 families have completed at least one of the GFI programs (this does not include the thousands of On Becoming Series materials that have been sold), we have had the privilege of having Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo as our guest in Australia 6 times, at our invitation to speak National Conferences and at various state conferences and to launch the On Becoming Childwise Series, and have seen God work a wonderful ongoing miracle in the lives of families all around our nation. We now have teams of support churches and parents in every state. The news has spread to other countries that we now have the privilege of also ministering to.

We have been in Christian ministry for over 40 years and have seen God work in amazing ways, however our Growing Families experience has shown what an effective tool GFI is. God raised up an ordinary Dad and Mum to reach nations all around the world.

Soon we will hand on the baton to those younger; however we will not be retiring but supporting and nurturing precious families until we are taken to be with Lord.

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