

*My wife Beverly and I were first introduced to Growing Families material through her OB in Dallas, TX through the "Babywise" series while pregnant with our 3<sup>rd</sup> child. During this time, we were certainly curious about how to be better parents. We had a 5 year old girl and a 3 year old boy at the time and things were a bit "rocky" as it related to our child raising experience. Neither of us was privileged to have biblical parenting modeled for us during our childhood. So we...like most young parents...were "flying by the seat of our pants". On our 3<sup>rd</sup> child, we started off scheduling and teaching sign language for simple things (please, thank you, more, etc.) and found that THIS STUFF WORKS! The practical, every day, rubber meets the road kind of applications really helped in our efforts to have obedient children who's hearts were being molded and formed in the likeness of Christ. We then took our first Growing Kids Gods Way class and it completely turned our life around. Our 3 year old boy was "off the charts" and desperately needed the boundaries and the first time obedience we learned in our first class.*

*We now have 4 children (14, 12, 8 and 6). I am happy to say that our little 3 year old terror is a very respectable 12 year old (although we are still "working on it") that loves the Lord. Our oldest daughter is the most sought after baby sitter in town. Amazingly...she has a strong preference for baby sitting only those children who have gone through GKGW classes!! Our involvement with GKGW has grown and we continue to lead classes and see the enormous benefit from the shepherding/disciplining model Gary has set before us in this program. Creating a likeminded community of friends and peers for our children is worth the effort.*

*At the end of the day, Growing Kids was more important for our husband/wife relationship than it was about our kids. It is amazing how successful a marriage can be when both parents are like minded and understand our roles relative to God the Father. A secure, harmonious and peaceful family emerges!*

*Bryan & Beverly*