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## Growing Families Australia

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Dear Friends,

Some weeks ago the **Growing Families New Zealand Trust Board** (GFNZ) asked Growing Families Australia (GFA) if we would be willing to take responsibility for supplying New Zealand with Growing Families materials. After much prayer and discussion we have accepted the responsibility and privilege.

We believe in, and have a vision for, parent-discipleship and for raising children who are responsive to God and morally responsible. We believe that the Growing Families materials produced by Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo are the best parent-discipleship material available at present. We are aware that they are not perfect and are somewhat dated with a limited shelf-life, however we are actively seeking to continue to work on this aspect of the ministry. We have been shown other materials but have not seen anything to equal Growing Families International (GFI) programs.

Over these past 10 years since we began to develop Growing Families Australia, we have had over 35,000 families attend one or more of the programs and now see the very blessed results in thousands of families – children whose lives are yielded to God and are beautifully morally responsible. These families in Australia have developed a strong like-minded community all over the country. We do not call GFA a “ministry”, but a “miracle” that only God could have done and sustained.



We believe one of the keys to the ongoing success has been that we have actively and continually striven to “Australianise” the foundation materials, and produced our own supportive materials. From Australia the programs have spread to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Singapore and other countries where the same results are being experienced.

Hence we still have a passion for promoting parent-discipleship through the use of Growing Families programs wherever the Lord leads.

So, to accept the responsibility of amalgamating with GFNZ, we have agreed to do so with the following conditions:

- That we do not just “care-take”, but actively promote, encourage, support and strengthen the NZ base – re-establishing a network of like-minded families. Eventually we hope to have local NZ support teams such as we have in each state of Australia.
- All administration and distribution of materials will occur from Australia (the GFA nation office is soon to relocate to South Australia). We will give the same prompt service to GFNZ as we are currently giving here.
- Materials will be easily accessible through our website at [www.gfi.org.au](http://www.gfi.org.au), by email at [sales@gfi.org.au](mailto:sales@gfi.org.au) or by phone/fax: 61 8 94461671 and mobile 0438 044 155. Orders are dispatched within 48hrs (usually immediately they are received).

- We are seeking response to this letter from all parents and churches who are currently using, intend to begin using again, or have recently used GFI materials so we can build a strong GFNZ database. May we request that you make contact with us if you wish to remain on the Growing Families database – this is very important for the ongoing ministry in New Zealand.
- All current NZ stock to be disposed of by mid-December – please see enclosed “Closing Down Sale” flyer. The prices are drastically reduced – we aim to have all material sold. This will be done through the normal channels in NZ. At the end of December all sales will transfer to Australia and the NZ warehousing and dispatch operation will cease.

***Take advantage of this excellent sale to stock up for future classes, you will never get this material at this price again.***

- All funds generated from the NZ materials closing sale is to be used for the support of the ministry in NZ – i.e. we want to bring two key couples to our GFA National Conference for Easter 2007 (April 5-9). Donations to support this venture would also be appreciated.
- NZ parents will have easy access to all materials which will be sold to you at current NZ prices, or less, (including postage) from the GFA office.
- The GFNZ website address will be linked to the Australian website to maintain an ongoing connection for the continuity of contact via [www.gfnz.co.nz](http://www.gfnz.co.nz).
- We plan to reestablish Contact Mums and GEMS in NZ – if you have been involved in this ministry in the past, or would like to be in the future, please let us know.
- The On Becoming Series (inc. Babywise) are selling well in NZ – eventually we plan to connect with the people using this excellent material which is designed to reach the pre-christian.

We are aware of the difficulties GFNZ has had over the past year or so – however we do believe that the ministry will be revived, and we will diligently work and pray for this. Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo are normal, ordinary people with faults like you and me, to whom God gave a gift and responsibility to share with the world. This amazing “miracle” has changed the lives of millions worldwide and will continue to do so as we seek to use the foundational principles of God’s Word as presented through GFI materials, while we are actively seeking to upgrade the vehicle that presents them.

Will you join us in reaching your nation (and ours) with the claims of Jesus Christ through helping the family nurture their children, one family at a time. For further updated information on GFI and GFA, please do take the opportunity of visiting the following websites: [www.gfi.org.au](http://www.gfi.org.au), [www.garyezzo.net](http://www.garyezzo.net), [www.ezzotruth.com](http://www.ezzotruth.com).

Please do email us immediately to indicate your support, and to share your ideas and needs.

*“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever Amen.”*

*Eph. 3 v 20-21*

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***Reaching our nation one family at a time***