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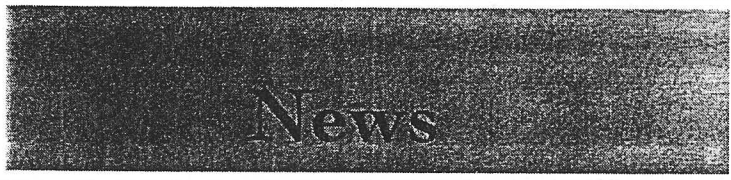
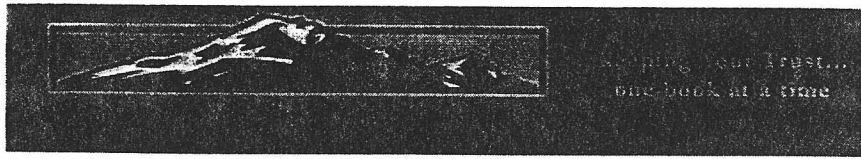
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## Multnomah Returns Publishing Rights to Gary Ezzo

SISTERS, ORE. – Sept. 12, 2001 – In May 2001, Multnomah Publishers posted a public statement in response to accusations made against one of our authors, Gary Ezzo. Because we value our longstanding relationship with Mr. Ezzo, we felt it necessary to thoroughly investigate and review charges made against him.

We earnestly desired to fulfill the biblical injunction of hearing all sides of a matter before acting. To facilitate this effort, we invited various accusers to sit with Mr. Ezzo and a neutral third party for the purpose of evaluating their accusations. While Mr. Ezzo was a willing party to this process, those who made accusations chose not to accept our invitation to participate and present evidence of their statements. This is unfortunate, as the merits of the accusations could not be biblically evaluated by a neutral third party.

While Mr. Ezzo has done everything we asked him to do, both Mr. Ezzo and Multnomah believe the process has gone as far as it can. Having come to that point, Mr. Ezzo and Multnomah mutually agreed to return the publishing rights back to the author. This decision is a mutual agreement, done in the spirit of cooperation, and best serves the needs of both parties at this time. The transfer of publishing and distribution rights will take place on October 1, 2001.

Mr. Ezzo's titles, which include On Becoming Babywise I, On Becoming Babywise II, On Becoming Childwise, On Becoming Preteen Wise, On Becoming Teenwise, Reaching the Heart of Your Teen, and The Smart Parent will be available from Multnomah through September 30, 2001. On and after October 1, 2001, all product order inquiries should be directed to: Parent-Wise Solutions; 1846 Angus Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93063; Phone: (805) 522-5391; Fax: (805) 579-8300.

## Public Statement from Growing Families International

In March 2001, Multnomah Publishers posted a public statement on its their web site in response to public accusations made against Gary Ezzo, by a former employee dismissed from GFI in 1998. Multnomah wrote:

“As a Christian publisher we are grieved that private accusations made against one of our authors was directed to us in a public forum. We value our long- standing relationship with Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo. That is why we feel compelled to thoroughly investigate and review any charge made against them or any Multnomah author.”

Multnomah and GFI spent the spring and summer pursuing those who made accusations, inviting them to join us in the biblical process and sit with a neutral third party and the Ezzos and present any evidence to support their claims. Disappointingly, but not surprisingly to GFI, none of those invited were willing to meet, present evidence, or have their statements evaluated for truthfulness in front of and by a neutral third party. This regrettable fact was confirmed in Multnomah’s statement of September 13, 2001, statement that which read:

“To facilitate this effort, we invited various accusers to sit with Mr. Ezzo and a neutral third party for the purpose of evaluating their accusations. While Mr. Ezzo was a willing party to this process, those who made accusations chose not to accept our invitation to participate and present evidence of their statements.”

After the fifth accuser declined the Multnomah/GFI invitation, both Gary Ezzo and Multnomah’s president Don Jacobson agreed that the biblical process had gone as far as it could. Given the circumstances and current needs of both organizations, it was decided to transfer the publishing rights to the author’s organization for printing and distribution. This decision is a mutual agreement, done in the spirit of cooperation and best serves the needs of both parties at this time. This is a good business opportunity for GFI.

The transfer of publishing and distribution rights will take place officially on October 1, 2001. All titles, which including e *On Becoming Babywise I*, *On Becoming Babywise II*, *On Becoming Childwise*, *On Becoming Preteen Wise*, *On Becoming Teenwise*, *Reaching the Heart of Your Teen*, and *The Smart Parent* will be available from Multnomah through September 30, 2001. On and after October 1, 2001, all product order inquiries should be directed to: Parent-Wise Solutions,; 1846 Angus Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93063; Phone: (805) 522-5391; Fax: (805) 579-8300; write [info@parentwisesolutions.com](mailto:info@parentwisesolutions.com) or visit our website at [www.parentwisesolutions.com](http://www.parentwisesolutions.com).

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