

Abstract: Marriage and Family Textbook For Global University
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ABSTRACT

The Christian Marriage and Family is intended to serve as a study book for families throughout the world and as a textbook (course) for college credit with Global University (a university connected with Assemblies of God World Missions). The book will be released in twelve languages simultaneously and will be in as many as a million homes within five years. Some of the language groups include English, Spanish, Chinese, French, German, an Indian language, Russian, and Portuguese. It will be distributed through the marketing efforts of Global University and through Assemblies of God missionaries. Families will be able to study the book as they endeavor to follow biblical instruction for their marriage, children, and extended families. Students will be able to do extra work (i.e., tests, writing, extra reading) for Global University credit.

A requirement from the publisher was that the content cover the basic mandates of marriage, difficulties in marriage, parenting, and aging. The treatment of these subjects is meant to be general in format and to be written in a way that can easily be read and understood. Global University assigned all of the thirteen chapters.

The book was written from a strong biblical perspective and was not intended to reflect American culture and traditions. To determine the types of issues to discuss, missionaries, college administrators, national officials, and lay people from a variety of countries were asked what topics and specific areas needed attention. Unique concerns of various cultures have been addressed. If a particular culture had large population, the subject was addressed with more detail. If the population was small, subjects were

addressed with less detail, however, footnoting items for further study and Scriptural support were included. The anticipated release date for *The Christian Marriage and Family* is the fall of 2003.