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Dear Moody Staff:

My wife and I recently participated in the Early Years of Childraising seminar taught by John Mahon, currently on staff at the Rice Temple Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. I am writing this letter to express my sincere thanks for the education that the Moody Bible Institute has given Mr. Mahon in this area, and to encourage you to publish his book on childraising.

As first-time parents, we studied and listened to all manner of counsel and advice on childrearing. However, the picture we found painted in most sources was one of virtual despair and helplessness; that children are unmanageable and are able to independently "grow out" of harmful traits if they are allowed to "develop themselves". Through the Early Years seminar, we were shown that the prevailing world philosophy is erroneous. Moreover, we learned that discipline is not the last resort of frustrated parents, but is the only loving response to a child's disobedience.

Perhaps the greatest benefit we received from the seminar was a view of childraising through God's eyes rather than our own. This was accomplished through Bible study to learn God's commandments pertaining to children and parenting. The notebook used in the seminar contains a wealth of Bible passages arranged as a study guide for learning God's truths about rearing children.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter. My wife and I have been greatly helped by John Mahon's insights into the Biblical foundations for childraising, and it is our sincere desire that his knowledge in this area might be shared with other parents.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin N. Magee".

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