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*"This is a poignant analysis of issues facing the family in this day and age... The material is akin to a well woven chord weaving complex issues seen from varying perspectives into readable facts that state the realities, provides hope through examples of what has been done, but is also an eye opener to many underlying currents working against the family... It clearly shows what can be done to protect the family... I recommend it to development workers, policy makers and religious leaders."* David G Kabiswa, director ACET, Uganda

*"Family in Development is an inspiring, stimulating and timely theme to be dealt with in a development discourse today. For in the name of development the fabric of family, the very foundation of society, has been weakened... The family provides the best environment for individual and social development and well-being and a discourse providing such an impetus to this effect is a much needed endeavour. The book is a must read especially for students, activists and promoters of a development that is holistic and transformational."* Dino L Touthang, CEO, Habitat for Humanity India & Chairman, Micah Network

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