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Prov18:22

"He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD . . ."

That's my gorgeous wife **Maribel** (left), a couple of months back just after her "unofficial" graduation ceremony from the local (U.A.B.C.) university - we went to eat afterwards at her favorite spot Pampas (Brazilian Barbbque) which she absolutely loves (so do I). We couldn't have asked for a better meal and to all who support us thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making it possible. She still has to "officially" graduate in late June so

please keep her in your prayers - she's had to go down a few times to straighten out the paperwork "mess" that seems to keep popping up since the university can't seem to handle the graduation process - some of her colleagues will NOT be graduating for this very reason, they (the university) lost all their original documents (thanks UABC!) and will not be able to replace them in time - welcome to third-world education. I wish this were not true - all those years her friends battled through to graduate and they will not be getting their degree . . . please pray for them.

That's my beautiful wife **Maribel** (right), a photo taken 12 years ago when we went to visit the local snow here in the mountains of San Pedro Martir (3 hours south of us) - it was her very first time in the snow! I could not believe she was sharing this with me, it was awesome! What was even more awesome was about a week later I took a knee and asked her to marry me - she said yes! And that's when the problems began (lol!) - trying to get married in Mexico if you're from the U.S. is like trying to graduate from the local university - good luck with that. Fortunately, we had God and HIS favor on our side, and finally on May 10 of 2014 (Mother's Day in Mexico - government offices are closed), we were told we were the ONLY ones getting married in all of Baja California - God had ordained that day especially for us! We serve an awesome God. Only a few months later a very dear friend of ours delivered some special rings he made just for us - we are so grateful to our friend and the Lord for inspiring him to surprise us with our precious rings - God is good all the time.



Not even a year had gone by after our marriage and we decided to take **Maribel's** niece out for a spin on her bike at the local park - what **Maribel** failed to mention to me is that she had NEVER owned a bike and asked me if I could teach her. After a few attempts of trying to get enough speed so as not to fall, **Maribel** for the first time in her life rode a bike - it was freakin' awesome! I got to see my wife ride for the very first time - God's favor is never-ending when the Lord blesses a man with a wife . . . to Him be the glory.



That's my lovely wife standing next to her very first "new" (pre-owned) car for the first time, our amazing Honda Element which lasted for years and gave us 250 plus thousand miles before we had to sell her - **Maribel** would learn how to drive in this car, another first for her, and the Lord was allowing me to be a part of all the amazing "firsts" for my wife - the joy of the Lord is our salvation, but there is also so

much joy when God allows you to “see” the joy and manner in which He loves to bless His children . . . we serve a God who loves to put HIS love on display . . .

It was almost 18 months after our marriage (**Maribel** - right) when we were finally able to get away from ministry and take a short break and enjoy a honeymoon to Disneyland - we had an awesome time staying at the Disney hotel and visiting the parks over three days - a very special thanks to my son for making all of this possible - just days later my wife would make her first visit (I believe) to Santa Barbara - she fell in love with the city and wants to keep coming back as often as she can, especially to visit my parents . . . **please keep us in prayer, that we are able to get away for our 10th wedding anniversary coming up and get some much needed “rest” from ministry . . .**



Yes, that is my amazing wife **Maribel** trying to swim for the very first time, and although she wasn't able to quite figure it out that day, her fear of the water was finally overcome and so she decided to stick with the floaters and cool off in the intense hot sun of Temecula - a very special thanks to my son for inviting us over to try out his new pool and allowing us once again to get away from ministry and just rest, have some fun, and recharge with the Lord . . . God wants us to rest too.



Samson & Maribel - When we first picked up Samson (only 2 months old) my wife did NOT

want a dog, at all - she was adamant about it. She was further repulsed at the fact that “Sammy Sosa” was going to have to stay inside and be potty trained with me doing all the training, cleaning, etc. . . my wife explained she had NEVER had a dog and really didn't see the need for one, until this little guy after a couple of weeks won her over big time - they are now inseparable (after 6 years) and when Samson “thinks” we are arguing he will reach up to bite me or her, depending on who he thinks started the argument - when he is thirsty he will run over and grab a bottle of Costco water and open it by himself - when he knows that his “mommy” is sad, he will jump up and embrace her and try to encourage her - he is absolutely the best dog I have EVER had, and wherever mommy goes, Samson is right at her heels - I told my wife God has blessed her with the best dog ever - everywhere we go people pick him up without asking and completely ignore us, so we've decided to print up some business cards with Sammy's photo, a bible verse, and a link to our radio show (Radio Los Elegidos/91.9KCSB-FM Santa Barbara) which **Maribel** also produces so we can spread the gospel any which way we can - Samson is the bait, Jesus is the answer! Let's go fishing for souls!



That's my beautiful wife standing in front of our almost finished home over three years ago - my wife's very first home, and she designed (handpicked) most of the interior - she really has an eye for beauty, definitely a gift from the Lord, and she could not be more happier with the recent addition of our second floor which she completely designed - we give thanks to ALL of our friends from the O.C. All-Stars who's efforts made this possible, and to ALL our beloved back home who helped finance our second floor too - thank you for blessing us with a beautiful home and providing us with a place to rest after long days at the ministry - God is faithful.



So when they finally finished the bowling alley about 3 years ago that was the first thing we did, take our crew from El Zorrillo bowling, the very first time for EVERYONE - we had a blast, and surprisingly **Maribel** picked it up pretty fast and actually had the best score on our first outing, second outing, and is so competitive she wills herself to win! The few times she has lost she is not a happy camper (LOL!), she is so competitive! She now loves teaching all the "new" kids how to knock all the pins down on every trip we make out there (45-60 minute drive from El Zorrillo) again only made possible by all our supporters back home - thank you for blessing ALL of our kids over the years and providing them with the gift of bowling!

That photo to the right with **Maribel** sporting her brand new engagement ring for the very first time not only united us in Christ, we also made a vow that day that we would serve Him with our whole heart regardless of the circumstances, the trials we would face, the ups and downs, highs and lows - we would serve Him to the end of our days or at least until He calls us home. It didn't occur to us at the time that we were already so close, but now in these last days (currently) we are expecting the trumpet to sound at any moment - we continue to reach out to the youth in our community warning everyone to be ready (Prepare your wedding garments! Prepare for the wedding feast!), Christ is about to call us home! PLEASE warn your family, friends, relatives - He is about to break that sky!



My wife (left) absolutely loves to teach, preach the gospel, and minister to the kids every chance she gets now that she is done with her university studies - she makes it a point to converse with all the gals at the ministry and encourage them in their walk with the Lord, to remain pure before Him, and challenges everyone to be that "light" in their homes, their schools, our community - please continue to pray for all (35+) of our kids, that each would stay on that straight and narrow path - **Maribel** can also be heard on the radio at 91.9 KCSB-FM in Santa Barbara

live on Sunday mornings from 7-8am, also heard worldwide at www.kcsb.org./listen - she has this amazing radio voice that God has gifted her with!

Mayday! Mayday!

We hope to be leaving for Santa Barbara on the 7 or 8th of May to celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary (May 10) - please pray that all the "pieces" fall into place and we can head up north on highway 101 to get away for **at least a week** so we can spend some quality time with each other - we need to get away from ministry for a bit so we can just rest and recharge . . .

We could also use some help with funds to finance our trip, stay, and anything else the Lord (Disneyland? Universal Studios?) wants to bless us with - if you would like to be a part of our celebration and assist us PLEASE let us know - we can send the links on how to send us funds. . .

That's my beautiful wife **Maribel** sitting at the plaza in downtown Santa Barbara for the very first time years ago - God is good, all the time! He has given me favor!

All of our love,

Walt y Maribel

p.s. She has NO idea I have written this letter! I want to surprise her!
Much love from Mexico!

