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"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Love will last forever." ~ I Corinthians 13:7-8

DAVE & JEN HINCHEY

"And the LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion who will help him.'" - Genesis 2:18

What else can I say, I guess I needed help, so God gave me the most wonderful woman in the World to come along my side! On September 22, 2008 after five years of friendship, a year of courtship, a four month engagement, and a very long morning... we were finally married :-)



Yeah! Jesus has been REALLY good to us. We were blessed to have Pastor Clark & Sally (Clark performed the ceremony), my parents Richard & Karen along with my oldest sister Elaine, Bob & Jossie (my California parents), and about 9 others come from the States for the celebration. It made for quite the crowd at the wedding including all of Jen's family ~ the Rosmarinos (150) and the Miguel's (another 50).

We were all set to have an outdoor wedding, but our plans were interrupted by buckets of rain brought on by an inconvenient typhoon that was brewing in the northern part of the Philippines. Fortunately God blessed us with some very talented women who were able to take the "Garden room" and transform it into a stunning wedding chapel. The Rosmarinos were busy dressing 150 little ones and getting them all into 4 or 5 vehicles to make it to the wedding on time, while everyone else helped get all the last minute details in place for the 4pm ceremony.. It all came together perfectly :-)

During the ceremony pastor Clark had all of us laughing. The signing of the marriage contract is part of the ceremony here in the Philippines. We had a family friend, Pastor Castillo, there to solemnize the wedding. The contract happened to be "several" (by several I mean A LOT) pages long and Pastor Clark made the comment that he signed less paperwork for his first house :-D And when I removed the veil at the end of the ceremony to kiss Jen for the first time he commented that they usually remove the veil first in Jewish weddings. They don't want to make the same mistake that Jacob did (see **Genesis 29:25**). In all it was a blessed, fun, and wonderful wedding!

The reception was held in the same hotel in the "Grand Ballroom". The tables were all decorated in green (Jen's favorite color) and the five layer wedding cake had our "Mickey Mouse" (also Jen's favorite) precious moments figure on top. We ate till we were all stuffed. The Rosmarino kids did some special performances for us. Then we all danced, laughed, and enjoyed each others company well past the little r's bed times.

We are so thankful to everyone who was a part of this very special day (both near and far). We have included pictures at the end of this newsletter for everyone to enjoy.

THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM

"Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Jerusalem!" - Psalms 122:2

Jen and I were blessed to have the opportunity to go to Israel for our honeymoon! A dear friend blessed us by taking care of everything in country and the Lord provided for the tickets :-). It was Jen's first trip outside of the Philippines so it was quite the adventure. We had a car and spent 2 weeks driving everywhere (*about 1000 miles*) seeing everything that we could. We even had the chance to catch a couple of Shabbat services in Jerusalem & Beersheva as well as catch up with some old friends to celebrate Rosh Hashanah (*the Jewish new year*).



MARRIAGE IN INDONESIA



On the way back from Israel we stopped by Indonesia to attend the wedding of Elia and Rio. Rio was serving as a missionary in Indonesia when she met Elia (a local pastor). She and her family have attended CCBF for several years and asked if I would be willing to come over to perform the wedding for the new young couple. Jen and I were both excited at the opportunity... fun to think that our first act of ministry as a couple was to marry another young couple!

BACK HOME IN HIMAMAYLAN

We have to say that it was nice to finally get back home to the Philippines. We had very little time to recover from our trip though as there was a lot to do on our return.

After spending the first night with the Rosmarinos in Bacolod we were off to Himamaylan to get our house set up. By Jesus grace we do have a house now! We are in the midst of a few construction projects (*repairs to the plumbing and screens because we only have water at night and the local mosquitoes think I am a lunch buffet*), as well as trying get access to the internet (*so far no success so we might be a little slow in getting back to your emails*), but we are excited to have a home :-). Our plan is to start up the Bible studies again in about a week. I will be teaching at the Bible College in Himamaylan again (*either the Gospels or the Pentateuch*), at the elementary school on Friday, and in San Antonio on Saturday. We are praying about starting up a Friday evening Bible study at our house. Also, we have been asked to start a Sunday service up in the mountains. Praise the Lord Jen will now be able to be the interpreter at all the studies for me. Should be a LOT of fun! Please keep us in prayer as we head into this new season of life together :-).

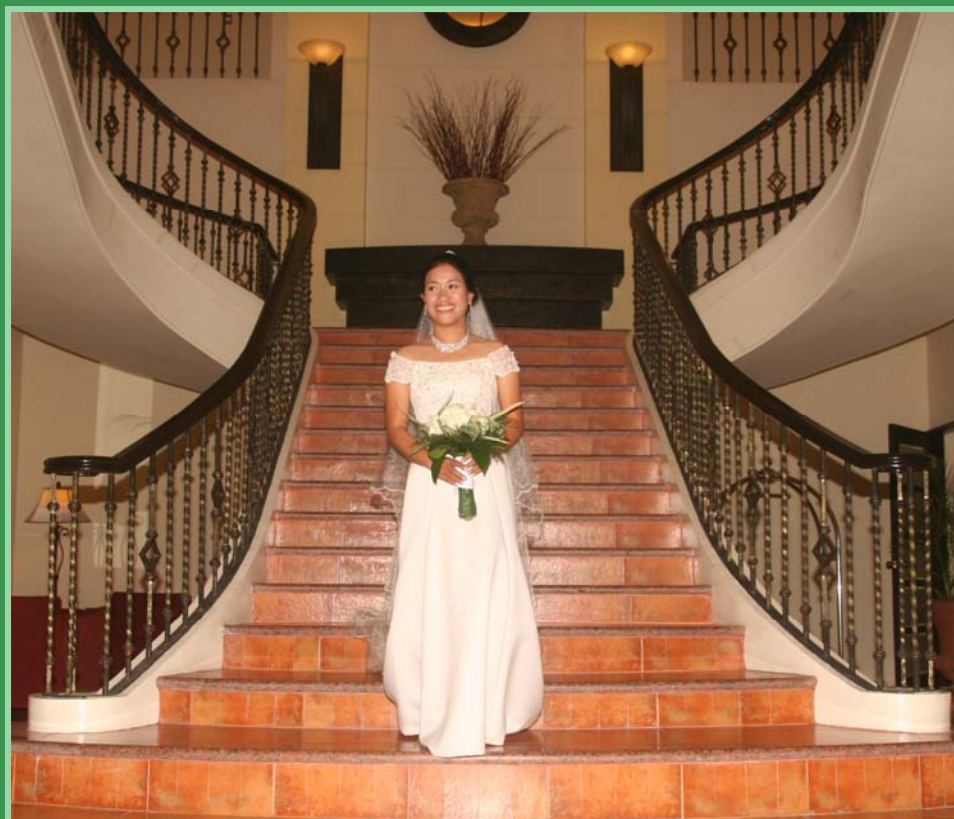
PRAYER REQUESTS

- The Bible Studies - and those who come to hear the Word!
- Dave's language lessons - time to hit the books hard again. Still got a lot to learn :-)
- For everything to go well in setting up our house in Himamaylan
- For our marriage - we are both so excited and want to keep Jesus at the center!
- For humility (all about Jesus) and flexibility (blessed are the flexible)

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