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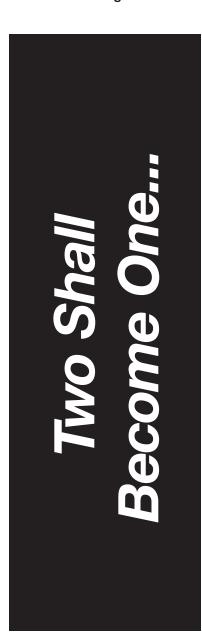
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One day at our Vida (Life) Center in Cardboard Landia the mothers who volunteer in our children's program were sharing their current blended family make-up. Each one said something like this: "My 'husband' (the man they are currently cohabitating with & not legally married to.) has 5 children and I have 4 children; together we have 2 children, so in total we have 11 children." These young mothers all in their twenties went around the circle giggling after each account.

When the last mother shared, I jumped in and added my two cents. "My wife has 3 children and I have 3 children, together we have 3 children and in total we have 3 children!" They roared with laughter at Pastor's Lee's math (3+3+3=3). This is God's way to protect and provide for the emotional, economical, physical and spiritual needs of families. Marriage is not easy but it is worth it and it is God's plan.

We live in a day when we naturally do what seems right according to our own convenience and understanding. We do not consider why the Author of all things has carefully given us instructions on how we should live. God is the designer and restorer and His ways are high above our ways. God does not change nor do His principles that guide and govern the universe and the affairs of men. Many today in Mexico as in most countries around the world no longer practice the institution of marriage.

God honors, blesses and enriches our lives and heals society when we live in harmony with His principles. It makes me very happy to see the lights come on in the hearts of young converts who want to please God and come to a Biblical understanding by which to live. The only hope for the family or a nation is to live according to the owner's manual, the Bible. Marriage is a public pledge, a promise, a legal covenant in the eyes of man and God.



We become one when a man and a woman anticipate each other's needs caring for one-another, helping each other become all that God designed them to be. Referring back to the creation story concerning the inauguration of marriage, Jesus said; "Have you not read that He who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one'? "What God has joined together, let not man put asunder."

Together we are strengthening families and changing lives

Lu & Carol

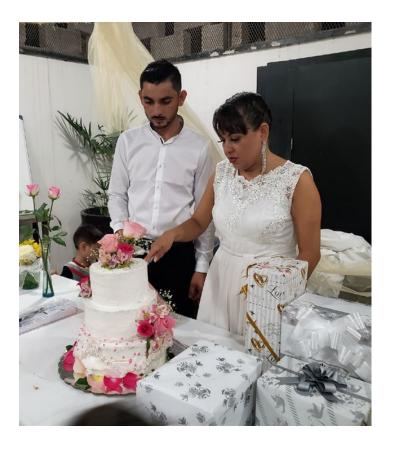
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