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Dear Friends,

In the past there have been times in my life when God has set before me a wonderful banquet--all of my favorite foods, all my hearts desire, more than I could have dreamed for or have hoped for. Doubts set in, I'm not good enough (which is true, but we're talking God's grace here), this can't be for me, it must be for somebody else. God can't love me that much. Doubt in and of itself isn't sin, however when it turns into lack of faith it is. I'm ashamed to say that sometimes I haven't even had enough faith to pick up the fork and start eating. God sees this and takes away the banquet. This has happened in the past but not this time.

A year ago last May, I was working in the pavilion at the team center. All of a sudden, I hear a voice saying, "Is Carlos around," (the team center's chef). I look up and there's this beautiful Mexican lady standing in front of me. Her name is Alejandra. It turns out she was delivering restaurant supplies. It also turns out that she is Carlos's sister-in-law. After inquiring about her, we all went to a Credence Clearwater Revival concert. We have been dating ever since. A few weeks ago I proposed to her and PRAISE GOD, she accepted. We will be married in November. We ask that you please pray that it all goes according to God's plans.

I don't think I'm the only missionary to feel this way, but for me the most difficult thing about being a missionary is having to ask people for support. Having been on the other side of this, I would rather write a check than ask for one. Married life has added responsibilities and expenses. Please pray earnestly that these needs may be met, and please ask God's guidance in how you might help. She has a ten year old daughter; I will be taking on the responsibilities of a provider to a family. Being a bachelor all my life this is a new role for me. Please pray for God's supernatural guidance and wisdom for me in my new role.

Satan does not like what we are doing down here. He will do anything in his power to make us ineffective. Please pray that Satan be bound and the ministry reflect the glory of God. Finally, please pray for all the Missions Ministries' staff that we can all be beacons of God's love to the people we serve, both in Mexico and the U.S.

In Jesus Name,
Bill Orange

