



**JOHANA AND PEDRO** It was the most joyful wedding for Rosa and I. Our daughter Johana gave me the privilege of being the minister of the wedding and also the father who gives away the bride. At the reception we danced the waltz between father and daughter with a song that spoke of another father and his joy and yet pain to give away his daughter at her wedding. The lyrics of the song spoke of this man who loved and held his daughter as a little girl and now was giving her away to a young man who would love her and cherish her. This song was heart-melting to both Rosa and I. As we danced the father-daughter waltz my mind flashed back to many beautiful memories of Johana.



Johana came to us at the age of four with her three other sisters (including Belen, who is now happily married to a wonderful young man, Sergio and living in Dallas, Texas. We also performed their wedding and had the privilege of walking her down the aisle). The four girls were abandoned by their father and had a mother with severed emotional difficulties, which rendered her incapable of raising her family. I will always remember Johana as a child being strong in body and in personality. I remembered her at the age of five, lifting and carrying a crate of mangoes. She was also a strong-

willed child. I had to be both strong and loving with her (What a challenge she was.) But one of many beautiful things about her was that she respected my authority as her father. She never talked back to

me but accepted my correction with humility. She was (and still is) fiercely loyal to us. I remember the day when a woman who lived near our home used the term "orphanage" in front of her. Johana quickly replied "I don't live in an orphanage I live in a home and this man (she said, pointing to me) is my father"

In short, the love of God has changed a four- year- old girl into a beautiful and responsible twenty-two year old woman. I know she will make a great wife and mother, and Pedro will be an excellent husband and father.

Thank you for your continual giving, prayers, and support. It is people like you who make it possible for us to continue raising the Johanas and Belens and others. **TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY**

Thank you and may the Lord bless you abundantly .

Ed and Rosa SalO

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