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FamilyLife
presents
the art of
marriage
In Spanish

A lot is happening out here in Northern California!
Bev and I just wrapped up our second annual **Spanish One-Day Marriage Event**.

We partnered with a church in the Bay Area to host a marriage event specifically for the Hispanic community and for couples whose first language is Spanish.

Eduardo and Diana Rivadeneira, from Ecuador, returned as our speakers for the second year in a row. Last year they led couples through a condensed *Weekend to Remember* experience, and this year they used FamilyLife's *Art of Marriage* content. They did a masterful job bringing the material to life with warmth, humor, and creativity. At one point, they even had the couples dancing in the aisles!

Our host church did an outstanding job serving our guests and creating a warm, welcoming environment. From registration to lunch on the patio, every detail communicated hospitality and care.

The most powerful moment came during the testimony time. **Three husbands shared that before attending the event, their marriages were in serious trouble and divorce seemed inevitable.** Through what they heard that day, they gained a new understanding of God's design for marriage and began seeing their wives through a different lens. **They left with renewed hope and a commitment to pursue restoration rather than separation.**

The ministry impact didn't stop when the event ended. The Spanish-speaking pastor of our host church has now joined our leadership team for future Spanish marriage events. He is all in and excited about helping us expand this ministry to reach more Hispanic couples. [pictures on back]

A Golden Milestone

Celebrating 50 years of ministry!

This November, Bev and I will be flying to Orlando to attend FamilyLife's 50th Anniversary Celebration. It will be a quick trip for just a few days, but we are excited for the opportunity to be part of this special milestone.

Our connection with FamilyLife goes back nearly four decades. We began volunteering with the ministry in 1987 and joined the staff in 1993. Over the years, we have been privileged to watch God use FamilyLife to strengthen marriages, equip parents, and impact families around the world.

The celebration on November 6 will be a wonderful time to reflect on God's faithfulness through the ministry's first 50 years. We are especially looking forward to reconnecting with colleagues and friends who have been part of this journey. We also hope to see FamilyLife founders Dennis and Barbara Rainey, along with the ministry's current leadership team.

As we travel, we are grateful for the many individuals and families who have partnered with us through the years. Thank you for your prayers and support as we celebrate what God has done and look ahead to the future of FamilyLife's ministry.



Dinner with the speakers, pastors, and us



Attendees during one of the sessions



Some "Rocky boxing" creativity



Enjoying lunch from a chef of a local Italian restaurant



One of the fun projects for couples was dancing



Kissing booth was in full operation