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Serving as Signposts

Our daughter, Rebekah, was married on May 27th. It was a beautiful celebration of her union with her new husband, Luke Balch, and the beginning of a new chapter for the Godzwa family. But it was also an opportunity to reflect on the role that we play in all of our relationships.

In my comments during the reception, after extolling the qualities of the happy couple, I asked the question, "How have they (Rebekah and Luke) arrived at this place of mutual appreciation and love, at this point of union and expectation for their future together?"

Answering that question, I continued, "As their parents, family, and friends, we'd like to take the credit, for our encouragement, our example, our investment, or our wise and constant counsel, and, yes, we've all played a part, contributed as they say our *granito de arena*. But I, for one, would say that, as a dad, my gaffs probably far outweigh my grace and my failings far outstrip my successes.

However, what I do believe we've done successfully in their lives is to serve

as signposts, pointing to a higher love, a more perfect example, a richer investment, and a wiser counsel, things each of them has found in the person of Jesus. I believe the reason that Luke and Rebekah have arrived here ready to give themselves one to another is because they first gave themselves to Him."

Granito de arena is a Spanish phrase that means grain of sand. And in essence, whether our relationships are personal or professional, that is the weight of our influence. Paul says it this way, "It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow."* Although we make our best effort, even living in foreign lands, our work is only important inasmuch as it serves as a signpost. As we draw near to the people we love and serve, the best we can do is point them, through that love and service, to the only One who can truly save.

The Bible refers to the role as "image bearer," an angled mirror, reflecting God's heart to his creation.** It is only as others see the light of that love, shining through us, yes, but originating from God, that they are able to experience their own transformation.

We're glad to say that Rebekah and Luke have experienced such a transformation, and we give God credit for the work He's done. We're also grateful for your support as we draw near to the people of Mexico, serving as signposts of God's saving love.

*1 Cor. 3:7 **NT Wright, "Being an Image Bearer", Biologos.com, 2013.



Luke and Rebekah were wed on May 27th. Their lives are a beautiful example of those who respond to the love of God.



Turning to training, on a bigger stage.

June is global worker training and renewal time, and Dave has been asked to join the Global Resource Training Team. This is an expansion of his role from regional trainer to working with all new AGWM candidates and associates.



Our MKs have graduated! Rebekah earned her master's from Missouri State, Joseph obtained his bachelor's from Evangel and Jonathan received his associate's from Ozarks Technical Community

We couldn't do this without you!

Without your support, we couldn't do what we do. Let us stand with you in prayer as well. Send us your request to disciplemexico.org/contact-us

