

interview with Julio Hernandez continued...

CYNTHIA: HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR WIFE AND HOW DOES SHE SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR DREAMS?

JULIO: I have known my wife since we were very young and she was my girlfriend since I was 18. We got married when we were 23 years old. She has always supported me in my studies. She was there for me when I was in theatrical performances at the university as well as in the church. Often times, she would perform with me.

CYNTHIA: WHERE DO YOU WORK NOW?

JULIO: I started out working for myself in public relations. Later, I was hired by a cable television station through its subsidiary called NTV showing at the state level. Two weeks ago, I was contacted by a national television news stations that broadcasts nationally as well as throughout Central America. They offered me a job with this company that has existed in Guatemala for 65 years. It is called the Media Consortium of Radio and Television Communication. I work as a reporter for channel TN23 Guatemala which is part of the consortium of communication media. It is currently the largest media company in Guatemala.

CYNTHIA: WHAT IS YOUR WORK?

JULIO: I am a national news reporter. I go out on the street to transmit via television the events and news most important to our country. I attend press conferences of the Guatemalan government and I also inform the public of the eventful happenings.

CYNTHIA: HOW DO YOU CONTINUE BEING A LIGHT FOR GOD?

JULIO: By way of microphone and cameras one can send messages to the public so that they cease their delinquency and instead grow in love among their fellow countrymen, as well as love towards foreigners. To be a light of God implies being an example to the next generation and to my work colleagues regarding how God lives within my heart. Inside the church I can use my talents for children, youth, and adult events, putting to practice what I have learned as an announcer and film editor or event organizer.

CYNTHIA: WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS?

JULIO: I want to succeed and be well known in the media and later become a respected journalist. I want to have my own business where I can use my knowledge and generate a good income to support my wife and my future child, which will be born in two months. I want to help my family, my parents and siblings, to get ahead, as I still have two little brothers. One day, I also want to teach other people who are interested in communications. I'd like to help in the

church to perform activities and events at a larger level. And one of my greatest dreams is to be able to travel the world.