

Exciting news!

The Marriage in Christ team has been working on translating our five-week seminar into Spanish. We began with translating and adapting the written versions of the seminar manual and weekly episodes to reach the Spanish-speaking population, and are now filming videos for *Matrimonio en Cristo*! It is our hope to release the Spanish version this fall.



Our actors are a married couple from St. Paul, Minnesota, Francisco Martinez and Maricruz Hernandez. Originally from the state of Morelos, Mexico, they moved to Minnesota for new employment opportunities and because Maricruz has extended family in St. Paul. They eventually met Jim & Beth Bulger and Matt & Mary Brickweg (both couples are MIC alumni). Beth introduced Maricruz to Fran Willard and Fran asked Francisco & Maricruz to present *Matrimonio en Cristo* in the weekly episodes and various videos, which of course includes revealing their marriage and the work of the Holy Spirit in their life.

Maricruz is from a very small town named Joaquin Caamaño, where most of the people in town are related. Francisco is from Axochiapan, which is the larger town in the area. They had friends in common, and although they had been introduced and they often rode the bus together, they never talked. They met again at Maricruz's cousin's quinceañera celebration, and the rest is history. They married on October 27, 2007. They have two school-aged sons.



“We feel very blessed to be helping with the seminar. It's funny how we thought we were doing great in our marriage; this seminar helped us to realize we do have room to be better, lots of room! It has been fun to work with everyone on the set and to know that the Holy Spirit is at work. We pray that couples will be blessed by the seminar and find new ways to love each other!”

Francisco & Maricruz