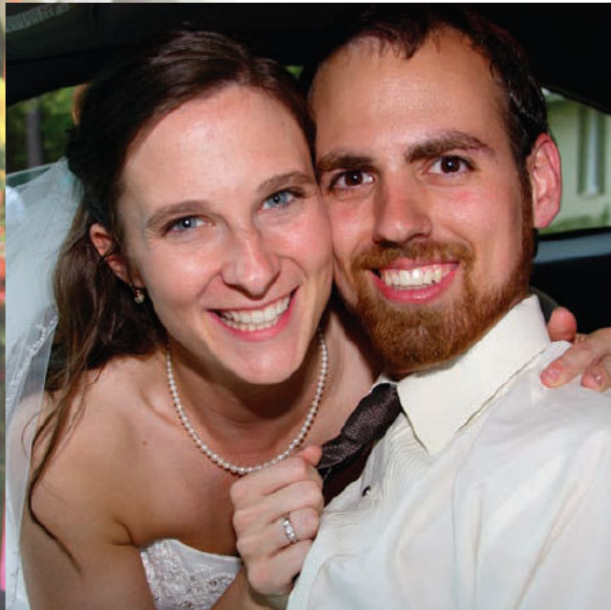


WEDDING STORY

*Alison Hardy & Joseph Cali*

MAY 28, 2007



Scriptures tell us in Ephesians to “serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does.” Alison Hardy of Tallassee, Ala., and Joseph Cali of Baton Rouge, La., never realized their collegiate mission work would be rewarded with true love.

The couple met in Myrtle Beach, S.C., on a staff of 16 college students working with Intracoastal Outreach, an organization sponsored by the North American Mission Board. Hardy, a graduate of Troy University, and Cali, a graduate of Louisiana State University, spent that fateful summer working at one of several multi-housing sites in the city. They would spend days watching their friendship grow and mornings watching the sun rise over the Atlantic Ocean. But it would be two years before the real reward was bestowed.

In July 2006, Hardy visited Cali while he interned with a church in the state of Washington. The couple, who had begun dating the previous year, took a drive down the coast of Oregon. And with a view over another ocean, Cali proposed to his best friend.

On May 28, 2007, the couple married in Tallassee, Ala., under the beauty of the southern pines with family and friends from 12 different states. In a very personal ceremony, the couple displayed their unity with water rather than the traditional unity candle. The two different colors, yellow and blue, formed a third color when joined together. Symbolically, once the two colors join they can never again be separated. The first two colors are necessary to form the new color symbolizing how each family participates in the growth of the individual and how each family will continue to contribute to the relationship.

The couple currently resides in Opelika, Ala., with their cat, Iago and dog, Chaucer. Alison is a photographer with FlipFlopFoto.com and Joseph is currently a master's student at Auburn University in the school of Engineering.



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