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How many siblings do you have?

I have 7 siblings and 3 children.

Do you have any pets?

I have a dog named Max.

What are your favorite pastimes or hobbies?

Listening to music, reading, and dancing.

Are you working? What type of work are you doing?

I'm working on everything related to beauty: cuts, dyes, facials, massages, manicures, and pedicures, etc. in my own beauty shop.

Studies

Academic program: Cosmetology technologist

School name: Superior Technological Institute of Integral Aesthetics (ITSEI)

Graduation: March 19, 2017

What work will you pursue with your program?

Opening my SPA and hairdressing salon

The Foundation

My homework for a literature class was to present a caricature, so I made a caricature of Mike. At the end of this class, we had a meeting. Teacher Ruben asked me to give the caricature to Mike, but I was embarrassed to give him his caricature because I had done it secretly so he wouldn't find out, but I had to do it or I would get a zero. So I did it!

I do not know what happened since that day; I think Mike liked his caricature. Our year finished, and he went back to the U.S. When he returned to Ecuador, I was no longer in the CMT, because I became pregnant. Mike contacted me through my brother who was still studying at CMT. From that moment we never separated again. He always visited my first daughter Marjorie and then my second daughter Alison, and always on Sundays we would go out with Mike and Margarita to Carolina Park, then to eat KFC and finally to read books at MR. BOOKS.

One of those days they asked me if I would go back to high school. I said yes, but I did not have the resources; they said they would help me; I did not believe it, but they did it. I went back to study, and I was thrilled and I promised to do my best to finish high school, and then I studied cosmetology in ITSEI. I had another son named David. Mike and Margarita always gave me their trust and support. I love them like my parents. GOD gave me Mike and Margarita, and my family prays that God gives them health and life. In my studies, with my family, both morally and financially, in practically all areas of my life.

There are many moments that I remember fondly. The first one was with my children when we went out to eat at KFC, and to read in Mister Books. It filled my life a lot to watch them as Mike and Margarita shared their love with my children. In my studies, when I returned to study after a long time they taught me to persist and not give up. I retook the subject of anatomy; instead of scolding me they encouraged me to continue, and when I graduated I had a beautiful bouquet among many other things, they are my blessing. For me, it is like a

home of blessing because when I least expected it and when I needed it most; they came into my life to help me, and I pray every day that God will protect our group and give them much wisdom.

Tell us about your experience regarding COVID

Well, we did not expect this situation, very sad because many people died, it left many without work, businesses and everything declined. The Bible tells us that this will happen, there will be sicknesses, plagues, floods, eruptions, etc. Just as this sickness came, so will be the unexpected coming of God- let us be prepared. It was a time for reflection, and to spend a little more time with the family.