



10 REASONS WHY 2018 WAS AWESOME

ED, GINA, RACHEL, AND NATHAN JAVOR

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WE GIVE THANKS FOR MANY BLESSINGS

We are grateful for life and health, for the bounty of nourishing and delicious food that is provided for us daily, and for each other. In the wake of devastating California fires, we are grateful for a home to shelter and protect us. In this season of Thanksgiving, we ponder: What can we do to help those who have lost so much? What can we do to assist and build up our own community? What are we doing to further the Gospel of Love and Peace?

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WE TRAVELED THE WORLD – AGAIN!

Destinations included Guatemala, New York City, Southern Africa, and Hungary. No injuries or lost luggage to report, but countless memories were created and will be treasured for a lifetime. Highlights: hiking Pacaya Volcano in Guatemala, parasailing over Hawaiian waters, swimming in Budapest's legendary Szechenyi Baths, and viewing Victoria Falls from a Zimbabwean helicopter. Glad we have this opportunity to create a family of world travelers.



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In April, we assembled in Pasco, Washington to honor two remarkable people celebrating 75 years of married life. Esteban and Olivia Grace Lopez-Porras once more stood and exchanged vows to remain faithful companions till the end of time.

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ED GOT TO MEET JOHN WILLIAMS!

In a once-in-a-lifetime experience, Ed spent a day in the Sony recording studios with renowned film composer John Williams, as a guest of Tom Hooten, the principle trumpet of the LA Philharmonic. The musicians were recording Williams' Trumpet Concerto. Ed also got to meet Arturo Sandoval (trumpet) and Doug Tornquist (tuba). PS. Earlier in the year we also met film composer Lalo Schifrin.



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We have brand new neighbors! Kind of.

In September, Gina's grandparents, Ken and Doris Cummings, moved from Sonora to Loma Linda. They have settled in at Brittany Place, the same neighborhood we lived in right after we got married. Welcome, G&G!



We swam with the dolphins! They have delightfully silky skin, by the way. In addition to petting them, we got to feed them and give them a smooch (not Nathan's favorite part), and then they gave us a little show.

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Whether it was attending a Hawaiian luau with Grandpa Leonard, splashing in the pool by Grandma and Grandpa's Banning home, or climbing Nana's backyard treehouse with Princess in tow, our kids had a ball with their grandparents this year. The grands also accompanied us on most of our travels this year: Grandpa Leonard to Hawaii, Grandpa George to Budapest, and Nana to Guatemala!



Two of our international trips this year allowed us to return to our family roots. In March, we journeyed to Guatemala with Gina's mom and grandparents. In addition to experiencing the cultural and culinary wonders of this gorgeous country, we also visited the church where Esteban and Olivia Grace were married. Then in October, we joined Ed's cousins in Hungary to share in the joy of their eldest son's bar mitzvah, in the synagogue where his great-grandfather (Ed's great-uncle) attended decades ago. The symbolism of this sacred act in a world that still struggles with diversity was not lost on us. We joined Ed's dad there and together explored this fabulous country.

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WE LOVE MESA GRANDE ACADEMY!

Our family now proudly boasts a 4th grader and a kindergartner. They are both thriving! Recent adventures include a field trip to Garden Works (Nathan) and dressing up Guatemalan for Ethnic Feast (Rachel).

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Speaking of MGA, Gina was recently a featured week of prayer speaker for grades K-6. The theme was Our Bodies: Lessons from the Master Creator. She talked about the heart, our skeletal system, the ear, the hand, and the eye. The grand finale was a cow eye dissection! She may never recover.



WE WISH YOU JOY AND PEACE IN 2019!