

# Wedding Story

## EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Fernando Pastore



[Wedding picture - one of our favorite pictures because it looks so realistic]

It is hard to believe but I fell in love with my wife at the first sight. We met in New York City 8 years ago. I worked as an admissions officer at that time and she happened to be my temporary assistant. We both were young, free and full of dreams. We went out together and had good times. There have been many obstacles that we had to overcome; some were caused by our ignorance and some just happened. Throughout all this time, we have built a very strong and solid relationship. So, after I have left Korea for E.G., it hasn't been really a big problem for us to handle. Although we don't have children yet, we have three little dogs (Dachshunds) which are keeping me up, too!



[Wedding Day Picture]



[I Really like the Korean Traditional Hanbok]

## DUBAI

Won Young Joo





[Wedding Day Picture]

My first overseas assignment began with vague interest in overseas construction, which grew into a strong passion and led me to another assignment in Dubai. At the age of 34, I was at a great place career-wise but yearning for someone to be with in personal life. Still, I never imagined that a casual meal with a friend of a friend from church would eventually bring the two of us together for life.

She was a passionate person, working as a flight attendant while pursuing her dream of studying to be a pilot. After our first meeting, we met as often as we could and our love



for each other bloomed. In less than a year after we first met, I began to think that she was a person who I wanted to spend the rest of my life with. I prepared a surprise proposal, and to my great relief, she said “yes.” My colleagues, who had always encouraged our love for each other, were also present, and they showered us, the newly engaged couple, with their blessings.

It has already been ten months since our wedding, and I, who had doubted my chance of becoming a married man, am still in a newly-wed bliss. Although we spend a lot of time apart because of our respective careers, we take joy in being together, in the small things.

I’m especially thankful to my company for giving me the opportunity to meet the love of my life in the distant and foreign land of Dubai. I want to share this joy with those around us, and channel this newfound energy into working even harder and showing my gratitude to Ssangyong.

## SINGAPORE

In Yong Hwang



[Wedding Day Picture]

I met my wife in 2009 in New Zealand while going to language school, and after dating for six years we were married in 2015. She is Japanese, and she never hesitated to put her complete trust in me to pick everything up and move first to Korea and now to Singapore.

With my international marriage and my preference for overseas assignments, I’ve spent more time in foreign locations than in Korea, and I am quite satisfied with the arrangement. I think one of the advantages of overseas assignments is the opportunity to travel and enjoy good food.

From the great sunny weather typical of Southeast Asia, beautiful scenery and Singapore’s top sights and exotic cuisine, what’s not to like?

While I was writing this article, I remembered a saying: “Love begins by looking after your family and the people closest to you.” Now I miss my wife, who’s away for a couple of months to give birth to our first child in Japan. **S**

