



Hi! *Hola!* We are Teddy and Diana Skeete. Thank you for taking the time to explore our Liberty Church Happy Nooners' family. It is our honor and pleasure to share some highlights of our lives with you.

We thank the Lord for all He has done and continues to do in our lives. We continually praise Him for His goodness and faithfulness.

### **Childhood events that shaped us**

#### ***Teddy***

I was born on the tropical paradise island of Barbados, a small sun drenched island in the Caribbean. I am the second of five children, I have one older brother, one younger brother and 2 younger sisters. With the exception of one year spent in England, I lived in Barbados until I was 14 years old. In 1972 my siblings and I joined my mother and stepfather and moved to Queens, New York. Needless to say, I went through a great deal of "culture shock". The weather was different, the environment was different and the school system was definitely different. I attended the local high school and later attended Baruch College for 2 years.

#### ***Diana***

I was also born in the Caribbean, on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico. When I was 3, my parents, my older brother and I moved to the Bronx, New York. I was surrounded by a loving extended family, all who lived nearby. I loved school and reading. My brother and I attended Catholic school and for the most part my family attended Catholic Church. I graduated from the Bronx HS of Science and then went on to attend Adelphi University. As a nursing major, I learned that if you faint at the sight of deep incisions, it's probably not a good idea to pursue a career in Nursing. Subsequently, I switched my major to English since I loved to read-not knowing or considering what I would do with a degree in English.

### **How we met, dated and married**

Teddy and I met in March of 1983 on a blind date. Two of our very close friends at the time were dating and thought that we would be perfect for each other (they were right!). We became instant friends, despite the fact that he called me Maria twice. We have been laughing

at each other's jokes and have been friends ever since that first date. After 2 ½ years of dating we were married in August 1985.

### **How we came to Jesus**

**Teddy** attended an Anglican Church in Barbados. After coming to live with his mother in New York, she would often speak to him of Jesus and he often attended services with her at a spirit-filled church. However, it wasn't until after we met that Teddy would build a deep relationship with Jesus and have Him as Lord and Saviour.

I, **Diana**, was raised Catholic and attended Catholic school growing up. I remember feeling an emptiness inside as I longed for a relationship with Jesus. It wasn't until I met Teddy that I began to see what unconditional love was like and that Jesus loved me enough to send Teddy to me and loved me more than Teddy did.

One Sunday morning in December 1984, during a network marketing business conference, an altar call was made during the church service. Not a word passed between the two of us, we both got out of our seats, went to the front and accepted Jesus into our hearts!!

### **About our family**

We moved to Georgia in 1991 and truly enjoy living here. We have 3 wonderful sons. Our family has been a part of Liberty Church for over 15 years and we have awesome friends here that we consider family and have seen our boys grow into young men!! Our sons were all baptized in children's church and the younger two are active in Liberty's Youth. They enjoy participating in the different Youth activities and eagerly look forward to Deacon Groups Bible Studies on Wednesdays as well as the Saturday Youth Services. Our oldest son lives in Savannah and visits periodically.

### **About our church family**

Teddy would drive Liberty Church every morning on his way to work. Eventually, he ventured into the office to ask about the church, its beliefs and affiliation. We attended the very next weekend and set roots here. We have seen the importance of having a strong church family in our hard times, our sad times and our happy times!! In the past 15 years at Liberty Churches, we have served as Deacons in Children's Church, Small Group Leaders, Nursery Staff and Elders. Diana was also Welcome Staff Administrator for one of the other Liberty Churches and served as Co-Overseer of the Welcome Ministry.

The Lord has placed in Liberty warm, loving people that are eager to share Jesus' offer of salvation and His love. Please let us know how we can best serve you! We look forward to getting to know you better.

Our prayer is that you would feel that love as we did when we first came, find a church home, at Liberty Churches or wherever the Lord will lead you as you make Jesus Lord of your life, know Him and make Him known! ☺