

Meet Mario & Ruth!

Mario dedicated five years to the Canadian Armed Forces, serving in the Army Division with responsibilities that included communication and patrol duties. Additionally, he devoted seven months to the United Nations, as a peacekeeper for five-years. Mario was honorably discharged in 1987. Thanks to Mario's dedicated service and the Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County (Habitat MCTX) Veterans Initiative, Habitat for Heroes, we are privileged to form a partnership with this family.

Mario, a Quebec native, and Ruth, a Texan raised in Pasadena, found each other in the most unexpected way – at a church in Quebec. Ruth, with dreams of missionary work in South Africa, was studying French, and their paths crossed serendipitously. Little did they know that this chance encounter would spark a romance that would withstand the test of time and distance.

After Ruth's mission in West Africa, Mario and Ruth knew they wanted to be together. She returned to Quebec, and in 1991, they exchanged wedding vows, marking the beginning of a love story that has spanned over 32 years. Blessed with two sons, Samuel and Joseph, their family has faced challenges and triumphs, with Joseph being a special needs child who brings immeasurable joy to their lives.

As missionaries, Mario and Ruth traversed various parts of the world, but the dream of a stable and healthy home always lingered. Ruth, a Conroe ISD teacher, and Mario, dedicated to working with adults with disabilities at Touch of Class, dreamt of a place to call their own. The upcoming wall raise for their new home symbolizes not just the construction of walls but the building of a dream home they've envisioned for years.

Currently residing in an older family home in Conroe, the couple is eager for a fresh start in the welcoming Cedar Creek neighborhood. Through Habitat MCTX, they found a community that resonates with their values. Bonding with neighbors and working alongside the Red Hat Crew, they've embraced earning sweat equity hours, gaining over 230 hours towards their dream home.

As the start of their new home approaches, Mario and Ruth are filled with pride and excitement. They've already dedicated countless hours and learned invaluable lessons as they work their way toward their new home. The wall raise is not just about the construction of walls; it's a celebration of love, resilience, and the realization of a dream cherished for many years.

Join us in honoring Mario and Ruth as they raise the walls of their new home, a testament to love that withstands time and trials.



- Mario & Ruth