

Sudip & Betsy-

We had a wonderful time celebrating your wedding, and we wish you all the best that the marriage commitment has to offer. We hope to see you again soon, whether that be in Phoenix or Houghton, or maybe some IKEA somewhere.

Merete and I spent Friday visiting the Superstition/Tonto National Forest area (why do they call it a "forest?"), and we've never seen so many cacti in our lives. We drove until the pavement ended, then it was time to head back. Before the wedding, we grabbed some IKEA meatballs (in your honor) and did a little shopping. To us, no stop at IKEA would be complete without buying their stuff.

Merete and I never made the full trek to the Grand Canyon. Instead, we went on some advice from Betsy's friend Casandra, and went to Cottonwood/Red Rocks/Sedona. Red Rocks State Park had some great hiking trails, but our feet didn't come equipped to Arizona to make it up their Eagle's Nest trail.

Saturday night, we fit in a trip to a local Mexican food place in Tempe, Aunt Chilida's. They had orange trees out front, but they didn't look ripe enough to pick. (I had asked Betsy briefly about picking wild fruit, and Sudip knows my fascination with picking roadside fruit).

We hope you have [had] an excellent time in the San Juan Islands. I know Pacific-Coast Washington is a beautiful place.

Much-more-importantly, I hope that your new bond is growing well. Marriage offers so much reward when it works the way it is designed to. Sudip, you know this is close to my heart. You also know that I have you to thank for helping me find Merete. But I know marriage takes work and careful study, and I know things don't always go the way we expect them to. Anytime you want to talk, Sudip, you are welcome and encouraged to call.

Merete and I love you, and again, we wish you all the joys and benefits that marriage has to offer.

Tyler Mace

P.S. As we told you personally, and as others told you at the wedding-getaway, one of your new responsibilities to your wife is to use a motorcycle helmet. We love you!