

## VACATION SURPRISE

by Cheryl Dawson-Voight

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** When Darlene receives a phone call from her husband, Steve, it is to say that he is taking her on a dream getaway. She automatically thinks they'll be going on a romantic second honeymoon to the sandy beaches of Acapulco. They'll be going to Acapulco alright, but it is for a missions trip to the Indian population in the mountains east of Acapulco. Talk about a vacation surprise. This sketch doesn't only explore a Missions theme, but is twofold in that it can be used along with a sermon on honesty or communication as well.

**TIME:** Over 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2

**TOPIC:** Marriage, Communication, Evangelism

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Isaiah 61:1, Mark 16:15

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Worship Service, Missions Service, Couple's Retreat

**CHARACTERS:**

STEVE - any age

DARLENE - Steve's wife of any age

**PROPS:** Two tables, two chairs, two telephones, pad of paper and pen, assorted papers

**COSTUMES:** Modern day clothing

**SOUND:** Two cordless microphones (will need the sound of a telephone ringing in the background)

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Home and office

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### Director's Tip:

In casting the part of Darlene, make sure you select someone who can pull off her brand of light humor. This sketch is not intended to downplay the importance of missions work. It is more about miscommunication between a husband and a wife.

*Scene is set with two chairs and two tables, back to back. On each table is a telephone. STEVE and DARLENE sit in the chairs with their backs to each other. Darlene's phone rings.*

**DARLENE:** *(Answering phone)* Hello.

**STEVE:** Hi, Sweetheart, it's me. I've got great news. Our vacations plans are finalized.

**DARLENE:** Oh Steve, that's great. Where are we going?

**STEVE:** Now, Darlene, I told you I wanted it to be a surprise. But I will tell you this much...we're flying to our destination and the plane lands in a tropical place.

**DARLENE:** Oh, Steve, honey, you're taking me to Acapulco, aren't you?

**STEVE:** Darlene, I don't want to spoil the surprise. I'll tell you more when I get home tonight. I'll be home in time for dinner

**DARLENE:** *(Pouting)* Oh, alright. But we'll have to go out for dinner because I have shopping to do for our trip. I love you! Bye.

**STEVE:** I love you too. Bye.

*They both hang up. STEVE picks up papers from his table and begins to read. DARLENE picks up a pad and begins to make a list of things to do. They are both excited about the coming trip. STEVE'S telephone rings.*

**STEVE:** Steve Frashier here.

*DARLENE picks up her telephone at the same time as STEVE. These two conversations will be done concurrently.*

**DARLENE:** Mom, it's me. You'll never guess what Steve has done.

**STEVE:** Oh, hello, Pastor Jim. How are you?

**DARLENE:** Mo-o-m! Of course it's something good!