



# Bill & \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Dena Rose

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**CROSS-CULTURAL MISSIONARIES  
TO SPAIN AND LATINOS**

Greetings from the Roses!

We are thankful that we were able to travel to Rome for Israel and Luisa's wedding at the beginning of September. It was such a blessing to see this young couple, dedicated to serving the Lord, begin their new life together! As we looked around at how many people traveled from Spain and from North America to be there, it was evident the impact that Israel has had on those around him. Those of you who have kept up with our prayer letters over the years will remember that we had an important part in discipling Israel throughout his teen years after he received Christ at our very first Operación 3:16 campaign in Cártama. We pray that God continues to guide and bless this couple as they work together as missionaries in Italy!



Bill & Dena with Israel & Luisa



Tournament flyer!

When we returned from Rome it was crunch time for the soccer tournament preparations. Bill spent three days witnessing at our county fair and took advantage of that time to hand out tournament flyers and invitations to our church service. Many seeds were planted **and Bill had the opportunity to lead one to Christ!** Although we have organized and run multiple soccer tournaments in Spain, this was our first tournament in the United States. The whole purpose for the tournament was to reach workers on local farms and to be able to share the gospel with them. We were prepared for extra teams to add at the last minute, but were surprised when some of the teams wound up dropping out instead. Must be one of the main differences

working with  
teens and

working with adults, as the adults have many more responsibilities than teenagers! However, we are confident that the Lord sent just the players he wanted to be there on that day, and we were able to have our tournament with



Gospel presentation

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three teams. We had teen and young adult volunteers as line judges and a Spanish-speaking, professional referee as the main arbitrator. Many of the players brought their whole families out for the day and we counted close to 70 in attendance. The gospel was presented and gifts were given to all of the kids. We also had a couple of representatives from the Gideons who were there to offer free New Testaments in English or Spanish to anyone who wanted them. One of the most positive things that we witnessed was our own church people visiting with the players and their families, and in some cases, even exchanging contact information. Dena was also excited to re-connect with a girl she had previously met with at the Pregnancy Helpline and meet more of her family. We hope to see them in the service soon. We also have decision cards to follow-up on, including **ten who would like to talk about the gospel message that was presented!** There are also many who would like more Bible study, English classes, and every single card filled out indicated that they would like more soccer tournaments. **Please pray for us and our church members as we are following up with these contacts.** We are excited about this avenue into the Spanish-speaking community of St Joseph County!



1<sup>st</sup> place team! Next to Bill, holding the trophy is Jairo, the team captain. If you remember, we met **Jairo** at Walmart back in May. He has been faithful in church and God has really been working in his life. He was instrumental in getting every one of these guys there to hear the Gospel!

In our Spanish congregation we are seeing the members have a real sense of camaraderie and community with each other. **Last month one of our long term families with a Catholic background followed the Lord in Scriptural baptism** which was a huge step for this mom, dad, and son! Sunday another of the more long-term members, Gilmar, and his wife brought a new family of three to the service. He later told us that if we could loan him a 12-passenger van, he could fill every seat! We're praying about what we can do to help him get more people to church. We have been encouraged to see some of the newer ones showing signs of leadership and are excited to see how God continues to work. In the meantime Bill continues with weekly English classes at the farm, Dena continues to volunteer for Spanish speaking clients at the Pregnancy Helpline, and after missing September because of scheduling conflicts, we resume monthly church services at the farm this month. Thank you so much for your prayers and support for our family and ministry.

**Serving Him together, Bill and Dena Rose**