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CROSS-CULTURAL MISSIONARIES TO SPAIN AND LATINOS

Hi everybody! Does anyone else notice that life seems to go faster and faster? Since we last wrote in August we had Ismael, Marta, and Leah arrive from Spain in September, and they have been staying with us for the most part. Ismael has been able to preach for our Spanish plant here twice since they arrived and Marta made gazpacho from our garden tomatoes for the church to try. Bill has visited several churches with them and they also presented their ministry in our home church. One weekend they were at one conference in Ohio and Bill at another conference in Ohio! After an 11-month delay we finally got our vehicle back, just in time for Bill to take a two-week trip to Texas with Ismael and Marta for some church visits there! We are praying for the finances to pay the outstanding \$2,500 repair bill. **Please pray** with us for the financial need, and for safety and fruitful ministry during this time. Ismael and Marta are in the US until December 7th.

We had our third wedding of the year as Josiah and Trinity exchanged their vows on October 7! It was a tremendous blessing that all of our kids were able to come together again; even Kelsey and Gonzalo made it in from Spain for a lightning-fast trip for the wedding. All the newlyweds are doing well, and we thank God for how He has worked and continues to work in their lives as they serve him, now as couples! The Word found in 3 John 1:4 is so true, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

The church in Spain has worked through the issues there and continues forward with some new leadership. There are many new people attending since the outreach efforts this summer, and we trust that God will continue the work that He has begun in them through the discipling of the church there in Cartama. We are thankful for those who have faithfully prayed through this difficult time, and also for the leadership of those who helped work through the problems. We continue to support the church financially through the support we receive, and pray that as the church continues to grow, they will become 100% financially independent by 2025 when we are ready to begin the process of planting a new work in Spain. **Please pray** with us that they will grow in every way- numerically, spiritually, in maturity, and in responsibility!

The work in Michigan has been slow to pick back up since the summer downswing but is coming along. One of our members recently brought friends to church- a family of 4 from Puerto Rico who has now attended three weeks in a row. We do have a new leader coming on-board, and we're excited to have his help when he returns from his honeymoon! We also appreciate the others who are helping us with the services: Alexis, who has a great interest in Spain and the Spanish language as well as Alex who leads Bible study twice a month. Upcoming events include a baby shower for Gilmar & Zuri who are expecting their first baby, a service out at the dairy farm, and our annual Christmas dinner. There are some heavy prayer needs in the church- the mothers of two members who are back in Mexico have been diagnosed with cancer, and one church member returned to Mexico to see her mother before she passed away and has so far been unable to return to her family here. **Please pray** with us for these families who are separated by distance during such difficult times.

This year Dena is teaching two Spanish classes two days a week at JohnPaul's school. This is new for her and she enjoys sharing from her life experience with the students as she teaches Spanish, always with the prayer that she can inspire a love for the language and people, and that some students might consider missions for their future. She isn't making much, but it is helping to pay JohnPaul's tuition for which we are thankful!

Serving Christ until He comes, Bill and Dena Rose

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