

ABOUT BILLY AND DECEMBER  
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Billy, December, and 18 month old Dedra Galloska moved to All the Kings Horses Children's Ranch around the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, but this has not been a "quick" move. The Galloska Family believes that all Christians should live every day missional and strive to do this in their daily lives. This journey began several years ago when Billy was serving as the Pastor for Crisis Intervention at Skyline Baptist Church. He was also teaching a Royal Ambassadors class ( a boys' class emphasizing Christian values in a boy's daily walk while experiencing the outdoors) when he read an article about a man that once prayed "God use me anywhere, just please don't send me to Africa". In much the same way Billy desired to be used of God, but always thought it would be here in America. Whether or not it was God's sense of humor in response to his own, Billy soon found himself traveling half way around the world to Malawi, Africa. It was there he truly fell in love with service to the Lord Jesus. Soon after his return to the States, Billy began to further his education at the Cochise Baptist Bible Institute, a Seminary Extension School in Tombstone.

Through a series of events over the next couple of years Billy was called as Co- Pastor and finally as Senior Pastor of Skyline Baptist Church. He continued to stay connected with churches he helped plant in Malawi, as well as trying to help his own congregation see their own personal call to living missional every day.

In November of 2009 Ana of All the Kings Horses Children's Ranch came to visit Skyline. Soon after this visit Ana sent an e-mail to Billy and December about meeting with them. Upon receiving this email, though never having been informed of all that the Children's Ranch is involved in, Billy immediately felt that Ana was going to ask them to be a part of this ministry. He told December of his feeling, but withheld any judgment on it. A few weeks later they met with Ana at the Ranch for the first time. For Billy peace was immediate. He felt they were called to come to the Ranch, but when he found that December was not at peace and did not agree, he told her that he would prayerfully wait. He felt that God had just not spoken to her yet and without unity in their family on this decision and calling they could not move forward.

Another visit to the Ranch came up last winter to let Ana know that they would love to be involved, but felt that at this time they did not feel united as a family to move on-site. It was, however, on their third visit to the Ranch that this all changed. While at the Ranch to give a tour to another family, and to see if there was somewhere they could help on the Ranch, something else happened. December felt called to move to the Ranch. She expressed it to Billy on their way home. While praising God for bringing unity to this calling, he quickly emailed Ana; but was too excited to wait for her response -- so he then phoned her to let her know. Several people throughout the community had been involved in confirming this call and they, too, are thankful the Galloska's have now moved unto the Ranch.

Billy continues to serve as Pastor of Skyline Baptist Church . We are sure God will continue to bless the Children's Ranch. We pray for continued growth and rest in the knowledge that all staff at The Ranch -- current and future -- will live have the privilege to live a missionary-calling here each and every day.