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in sending the gospel to the unreached in San Pedro de Macoris
Dominican Republic



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MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Greetings,

We are excited to share with you the opportunity that God has given our family to share the gospel in the Dominican Republic. As God wills, our desire to arrive in the Dominican Republic in the late summer of 2020. We will be ministering in San Pedro de Macoris and partnering with a mission team that is eager for us to come and serve the people of San Pedro alongside them. Some of the ministries that we will be serving in include evangelism, discipleship, church planting, seminary training, and outreach to those who have been tragically affected by the sex trade.

We are excited to be a part of bringing Christ's love to the people of the Dominican Republic, and we realize that we will be blessed abundantly in return. As God is calling our family to serve, we are relying on Him for strength and wisdom as we need to raise additional financial support. We know all good things come from Him, and if it is His will, He will provide for our needs. As we have now expressed our passion for the gospel to you and desire to serve the people of the Dominican Republic, we know that we are not able to do it on our own. And as you feel God directing your heart, we would be blessed if you would consider supporting us prayerfully and/or financially.

We need to raise the final 32% of our support. We are also seeking prayer partners to pray for our family, the ministries we will be involved in, safety as we travel, as well as the people of the Dominican Republic, and the ministry as a whole each day. If it is your heart to be a prayer partner with us, we will count it an honor; it takes all of us functioning as the body of Christ to complete the work God has called us to complete. If you feel God calling you to support us financially, please know that your gifts will be graciously received and will be used to serve those who are in need. You can find all the information necessary to partner financially on our website www.sykesfam.org or through our mission board, www.biomissions.org. Thank you for taking the time to consider prayerfully and/or financially supporting our family!

Grateful Slaves of the King,

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Gospel Lighthouse Baptist Church

Dear Friend,

Please allow me to recommend to you Jason Sykes and his family. He is a committed man of God focused on fulfilling God's desire for his life. I know this to be true because of personal vested interest in his family and life. Jason promised me before he married my daughter that God called him to missions. He assured me that he had every intention to see this fulfilled by the grace of God. That was 17 years ago, and he has stayed true to his word.

Jason is a graduate of Northland Baptist Bible College (the year 2000), fluent in Spanish, and serving through Baptist International Outreach in Jefferson City, TN. Their board is under the leadership of Dr. John Yingling.

Jason and his family spent one year in Costa Rica for language, then a four-year term as missionaries in Venezuela. The four years that they spent in Venezuela were not easy from a physical standpoint, but spiritually they were very productive. They were able to start a church and hand it over to a seasoned Bible teacher who was a member of the church.

Now unable to return to Venezuela with the current political unrest, he and his family have been invited to partner with the mission team DR Vision in the Dominican Republic led by Gary Hale. Recently Jason and Sarah went on a survey trip to the Dominican (October 2019) and God confirmed in their hearts this next step of ministry.

Jason's family includes his wife Sarah, who is also actively involved in ministry through discipleship, teaching, hospitality, and various other ministries, their sons Sam (14), Luke (13), Jude (10) and daughter Elizabeth (9). Jason's family is in order and will be a blessing to your church.

Please prayerfully consider if God would have you invite the Sykes to come and visit you and your church family. Please also pray if God would have you to partner with the Sykes as they take this next step of faith, taking the gospel to the Dominican Republic.

Sincerely,



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November 1, 2019

Dear Pastor,

It is a pleasure to greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ from the beautiful country of Dominican Republic, where my wife and I have served for more than 16 years as part of a ministry called the DR Vision.

When we started this ministry, we felt the Lord's leading to create a team in order to make a lasting, significant impact in our city, San Pedro de Macoris. By leveraging the spiritual gifts and strengths of each team member, the shared work can be stronger, deeper and broader. Not only is the work of the ministry challenging in itself, but living in a foreign culture presents a need for emotional, physical and spiritual support that can often best be realized and sustained in the context of a team.

For these reasons, I am excited to recommend to you Jason and Sarah Sykes and their children as the newest members of our team. I have known Jason for several years and observed his life and ministry from afar as his family took on the challenge of establishing a ministry in Venezuela. I was impressed by their faithfulness to the gospel and their desire to make disciples during very difficult and dangerous times. When it became apparent that the Sykes family would have to leave Venezuela I reached out to Jason. As the Lord would lead, we eventually had a couple of video conversations and then hosted them on survey trip in October 2019.

From the time they stepped out of the airport, they were comfortable in making connections with people and talking about the Lord. Their several years in Venezuela allowed them to connect quickly with the Dominicans and other Latinos in our city, including displaced Venezuelans. Throughout their survey trip, the kindred hearts and minds were obvious to not only us, but to others throughout the ministry. It felt as if they had already been team members for years. One can easily see what a great family and great missionaries they will be here.

I would like to encourage you to prayerfully consider partnering with the Sykes family. While they have a sweet, loving spirit that permeates their family life, they also have demonstrated a "stick-to" type faithfulness that is worthy of support. The learning curve for assimilating them into life and ministry in the Dominican Republic will be significantly reduced due to their fluency of Spanish, understanding of Latin culture, and several years of ministry experience in Venezuela. This is a family that will be a vital and integral part of the expanding work here and beyond and they will do well. We are excited about their addition to the team. I am confident your church family would be blessed to also get to know them and partner with them in their work – it is time and money well invested in the Sykes family that will yield much spiritual fruit.

Please don't hesitate to write if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of missions and your consideration of the Sykes family!

Living the vision,



Gary Hale
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About Us...



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WHO ARE WE?

We are the Sykes family. We are veteran missionaries on our way to the country of the Dominican Republic. Our prior missionary experience was in Venezuela, South America, where we served from 2015 - 2019. Unfortunately, due to the political tensions between the United States and Venezuela, we had to make the difficult decision to leave Venezuela in March of 2019. Thankfully, we have national believers who are continuing the disciple- making process!

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WHAT DO WE DO?

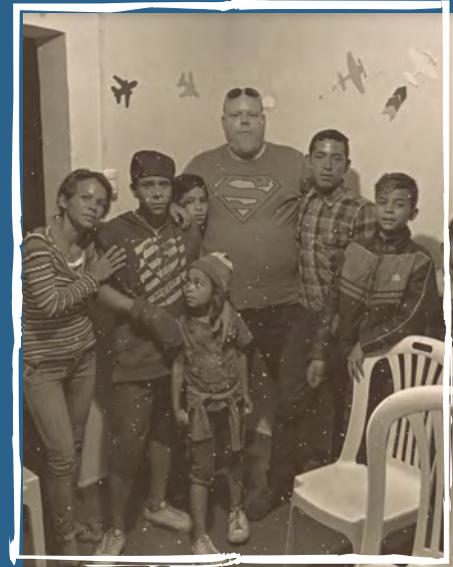
The process is simple. We share the gospel with everyone. We are always endeavoring to form gospel-centered relationships in everything we do. We also strive to show through our testimony how our relationship with God has changed our lives, how His grace changed our lives, and how much we need His daily sanctifying grace. When someone gives their life to Christ, we start them in a one-on-one process called discipleship, where we systematically build a doctrinal foundation. We also provide practical and biblical tools to help them form a biblical world view and know how to correctly deal with the trials of life. Eventually, this process culminates in the believer repeating the same process with a new convert.



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WHY TEAM MISSIONS?

Our time serving in Venezuela has shown us that if we are going to build a fruitful, long-term ministry, we need to have a robust local church for the foundation. Stable, mature leadership takes time. In team missions, the evangelism and discipleship process is multiplied and eventually becomes exponential. This increased spiritual investment gives depth and width to the local church plant and long-term stability to future ministries of the local church.



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WHY THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC?

I am a firm believer in God directing our steps. I also believe that He is often working behind the scenes, and we don't even recognize it. That is what happened to us. Before we left Venezuela in March of 2019, God had already begun ordering our steps to the Dominican Republic. During the four years that we were in Venezuela, a missionary by the name of Gary Hale had been following us via social media. When he saw our announcement regarding our imminent departure from Venezuela, he contacted us and asked us to consider the Dominican Republic prayerfully. My immediate emotional response was to decline the offer because I was sure that we were returning to Venezuela. The rest is history! God gave us a healing time for our emotions and began to ignite our hearts for the Dominican Republic. We are 100% confident in God's direction to serve in the Dominican Republic.



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WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?

Planting indigenous, self-sustaining churches is the primary goal. There is a growing church in San Pedro de Marcoris. From the church in San Pedro, our prayer is for individuals within the church to catch the vision for planting a another church. The home base hub provides stability and resources to take discipleship and outreach to a new level in the new church plant. We will be involved in personal evangelism, discipleship and church planting. I (Jason) will also be working in the formation of a seminary that has a future goal of training Latin American pastors from the surrounding countries and equipping them to reach their people. Sarah will be involved in personal evangelism and discipleship and helping establish the local church. She will also be involved in an intensive discipleship ministry targeted at reaching women who are victims of the sex trade industry. Our children love to minister alongside us. They were passionate about sharing the gospel while in Venezuela, and we are sure they will continue the same in the Dominican Republic.

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WHAT ARE THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS?

San Pedro is nicknamed "the city of the Holy Spirit." There is a strong Pentecostal and charismatic influence, along with 7th Day Adventists and cults such as Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormonism. All of these religions, coupled with traditional Catholicism, have left people confused and still spiritually lost. Many have been part of multiple religions and churches with this in common – either trying to "earn" salvation or trying to "maintain" salvation by their works. It's in this darkness that there is a great opportunity to shine the light of the gospel -the message of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ

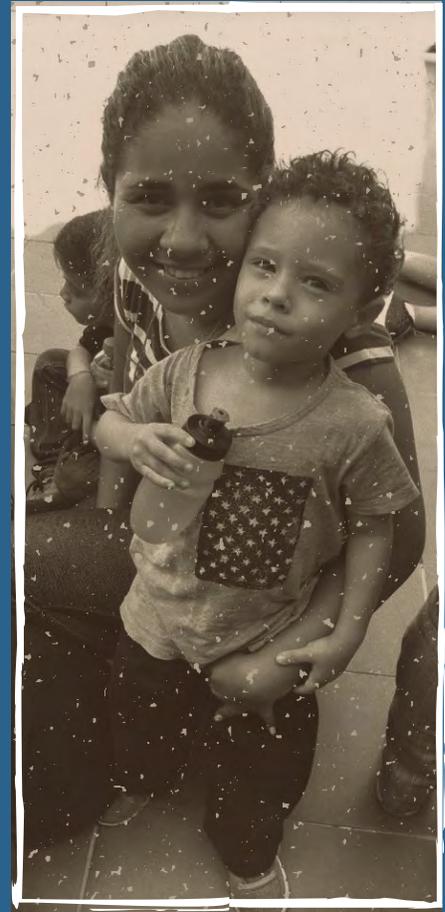
- Missionary Gary Hale



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WHAT DO WE HAVE TO OFFER?

It sounds like an interesting question, but the answer is super exciting for me! While we were in Venezuela, we were never able to invite people to come and visit and be a part of the ministry because things were too dangerous. We had family members who could not visit us because of the level of insecurity in the country. The situation in the Dominican Republic is very different, which is very exciting for us. Because of the tenure of our team (DRvision) in the Dominican Republic, we have established programs for short-term missions and even longer-term internships. Many of the team members who currently serve in the DR are a product of short-term trips. We are excited about these opportunities because they allow us to invest back in the local church. We can provide a mission experience for your church that could potentially be the catalyst in future missionaries surrendering to the foreign field.



We count it a privilege...

We count it a privilege to serve alongside our children. There is a delicate balance in raising children in ministry. We focus on biblical discipleship in the home with the hopes that our children do not serve out of obligation but because their heart's desire is worshiping God. Our children are vital to the ministry, and God uses them in significant ways to open doors of ministry in the community. Many times they were able to open a relationship with people that otherwise we may have never been able to have a connection. It has also been a treasure to see how God matures them in their faith as we serve together as a family!



Thank You!

FOR TAKING THE TIME

To review our ministry information packet. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you soon!