



## DOUG & PAULA HODGES

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Dear Friends,

Please forgive us the nostalgic moments looking back thirty years to the beginning of our ministry in missions. Thirty years ago we were in Mexico in language school preparing for the ministry in the Dominican Republic. Our son, Marc was 15 years old. Now he is pastoring a Baptist church in Alabama. Allison was 11 years old. Now she is a missionary in the Dominican Republic. Paula and I were just reaching the age of 39. WOW! How time flies!!

We have had the privilege to serve in the Dominican Republic for the last few months from October until January. What a special time to spend the holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years) with Gary and Allison Hale, the DR team, the church and our wonderful Dominican Christian family!

Our ministry during these days has been hosting and working with three church groups as they ministered alongside the Dominican team and church family. Two very special missions-hearted families visited the Dominican. What a blessing to share the DR ministry and see their burden increased. Paula traveled back to the United States to help Allison to share, promote and make plans for the Ladies/Mercy Ministry.

It was my honor to teach and guide the study of I John in the church in San Pedro. Gary Hale and I mentored two young seminary students who taught chapters two and four, while I taught chapters one, three, and five.

Pastor Felix Mota invited me to preach at the church in Ramon Santana as they celebrated their fourth anniversary. This church is a church planted out of the ministry of the church in San Pedro. We were able to visit the ministry of Gary Byrd

and Miguel Mercedes who have been sent out from San Pedro to La Vega and Higüey. It is exciting to see the gospel expanding in regions beyond.

One special highlight was the salvation of Domingo. I spent some significant time in Bible study with Domingo for about three weeks as the Holy Spirit worked in his heart through the study of the Gospel of John. He accepted Christ right before we left. One of the members of the church in San Pedro is meeting weekly with Domingo for discipleship while we are away.

Thank you for making these ministries possible through your partnership.

Discipling the Nations,

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