



The Bells

Team Church Planting in the Dominican Republic



Field

We are Brandon and Regina Bell, missionaries sent out by Heritage Hills Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, NC and serving with Baptist World Mission. We are part of a church planting team along with four other couples from our sending church. Our team desires to plant independent Baptist churches in the Dominican Republic. Our team is currently planting a church in the city of Puerto Plata, located in one of 12 provinces in the DR that has for many years been without a Bible teaching independent Baptist church.



Team

Team missions is a concept that may be seen exemplified in the ministry of the Apostle Paul in the book of Acts. Following this example, we along with five other couples from our sending church, plan to be involved in planting independent Baptist churches in the Dominican Republic.

The Dominican Republic has a population of about 10 million people. 95% of the population consider themselves to be Roman Catholic.

Ministry Strategy

While ultimately depending on the Lord to give the increase (1 Cor. 3:6), our team's ministry strategy is four fold:

- **Evangelize**— First, we must reach Dominican's with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are seeking to do this through children's Bible classes and evangelistic Bible studies. We also hold church services on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- **Disciple**— As individuals accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, we work to disciple them in the context of the local church. In addition to the weekly services, we also are involved with one on one bible studies with the believers in our church.
- **Train Leaders**— We plan to be involved in training Dominican pastors, missionaries, and church workers who will continue the work (2 Tim. 2:2).
- **Multiply**— After one church is planted and national leadership established in the church, the members of our team hope to move on to plant additional churches.



Our church planting team at our church in Puerto Plata, DR.



Sunday service at Iglesia Bautista Vista al Mar (Oceanview Baptist Church)