



The Byrd's

in the Dominican Republic

October 2025

Hello Friends,

Today we are writing to you from Mountain Home, Arkansas. Our daughter Darby gave birth to our 10th grandchild (all boys) 2 weeks ago, Beckham Wayne Kelley. So we have spent time visiting with them and our other children and their families, along with visiting our parents. With 7 kids it's not easy to see them all. Gary has been traveling back to the DR each month for a couple of weeks while Tami has helped Darby through her first child birth experience. Our youngest daughter Haley, just celebrated her 19th birthday as she starts her sophomore year of college. And our daughter Heidi's wedding is Oct. 3rd, so we will be heading to New Jersey next week to welcome Ethan, her husband to be, to our family.

We have been writing to you all recently about sustainability and leadership transition for our church. Sunday, will mark Gary's 10 year anniversary as the pastor of Abundant Life Baptist Church in La Vega. But Gary's calling was never to be the permanent pastor of the church, but rather to train up a team of leaders who would follow Christ, and allow the church to have godly Dominican leadership. It has been thrilling to see the church grow both spiritually and numerically this year. Our Pastoral interns (Luis, Walter, and Benel) have done an outstanding job! More and more of our church are serving in some area of the ministry. Our children and family ministries have never been stronger. God is doing what only He can do, build a church that glorifies Him. Please continue to pray for unity and faithfulness to God's Will in the coming months.



We have more exciting news. Remember we are trying to raise \$8000 to purchase solar panels for the church which would eliminate any electric bills for the future of the church. We have received \$3500!! Praise the Lord! God is on the move!! What a ride it is!! Thank you for your faithful prayers and sacrifices for God's work in the hearts of the Dominican and Haitian people in La Vega. We feel honored to partner with you all, and we hope you feel the same!

Living the Dream,

Gary, Tami, & Haley



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with Juan about Christ's love for him, and God's desire to save to Him, he beamed with joy and delight. All glory be to Jesus, He saved Juan's soul Sunday afternoon. He and Maria were baptized Wednesday night at our midweek family growth night. He returns to New York on Friday, so we are looking for a good church in his area. Your prayers for Juan and Angel would be greatly appreciated.



Juan's Baptism



Maria's Baptism

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