

# STEVE & JULIA GRIFFIN

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## We're Back!

As you may have already guessed by the headline, our Visa was approved, and we were able to return for another year of service! At this point, our Visa will be granted on a year to year basis. Please continue to pray for the other process that we are going thought to try to gain our more permanent residency.

We hit the ground running when we got back! We landed in Punta Cana, unloaded our things at the house, and headed directly to teen camp. I (Steve) got sick after the first night, and ended up missing the next two days. Julia was able to be part of the activities and the Lord blessed the time. (See below to see more details)

## What's Next?

We have a week off to get things unpacked and sorted out, then school cranks up! Teachers report on August 12th and the kids start showing up a week later. We look forward to both the challenges and the blessings

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“The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become.”

— Henry Martyn

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The teens having a great time at camp

## Teen Camp 2015

- Theme - "Renewing Your Mind"
- Fun Activities
- Powerful Preaching
- Decisions Made
- Lives Changed
- Friendships Forged
- The Lord Blessed

of the new school year. This school year we will be well over 400 students. The school's biggest needs as it grows are teachers and space. Pray the Lord continues to provide both of these things so that we can continue reaching families in San Pedro.

## Summer 2015 Recap

The Lord blessed this summer as we traveled to several of our supporting churches. We traveled almost 8,000 miles in the 6 weeks we were in the States, and had a wonderful time visiting many of you. One of the biggest blessings of the trip was to be part of installation service of our new pastor, Dr. Greg Mutcsh. Dr. Mutcsh was the Vice President of the college I attended, and has been a member of our sending church for the past three years. When our sending pastor stepped down last fall to pursue mission work, there were a lot of questions about the future, but it has been a blessing that we were already familiar with our new pastor. We greatly enjoyed being part of his big day as he was installed as our new pastor.

One of the neat things that happened on that Sunday was that two of my mentors were present at the installation service. I was called to full-time Christian service under the ministry of Pastor Jim Schettler during college, and I was called to missions under the ministry of Pastor Jim Crockett during my in Hendersonville, TN. I thank the Lord for these men,



and their Godly influence and leadership in my life. I can truly say that I do not know where I would be now if God had not placed these two men in my life. My prayer is that some day, there will be young men that can say the same thing about me. My goal is to train and disciple young men to follow the Lord's leading in their lives no matter where that might lead them. Every Timothy needs a Paul and every Paul needs a Timothy.

## Prayer Requests

- The hearts of the Dominican people to be softened to the Gospel
- Our Residency
- Our Various Ministries
- IBEM's Peru Missions Trip
- Brownie Night
- Team DR Vision

## DR Fun Facts

- 10 Million People
- 800,000 children play organized baseball
- Discovered on Columbus' first trip in 1492
- Only Country with a Bible on it's flag
- 95% Catholic
- Home to the highest peak in the Caribbean -Pico Duarte 10,160 ft