



Michael & Anita

The view from *This Little Row in the Lord's Vineyard*

The Dohn Family ~ SAMS Missionaries in Health Ministries

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We're coming home ...

After a time of discernment and prayer, we have decided to end our missionary service in 2014. Both professional and personal considerations entered into the process and the decision.

After nearly 14 years here, we have arrived at a natural break point. The community health promoter development project ended a year ago after a formal "exit strategy." The health promoter groups have not received any direct support for two years, and are still going strong. They network with Dominican public health, other NGO's, local community organizations, and each other to plan and execute new health promotion interventions in their neighborhoods.

The essential personnel in the HIV/AIDS treatment unit are now solidly supported by the Dominican public health department. Anita's caring for patients in that unit is appreciated, but not essential at this point.

Other community health programs have accomplished their goals and are winding down.

Missionary transition from the field to "home" generally requires about six months, though of course the mental and cultural adjustment can take much longer. They say that transitioning back home is more difficult than the adjustment when arriving on the mission field. Well ... guess we are about to find out.

We will continue to need prayer and salary support through the first months of 2014.

Keep praying, Anita & Michael

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