

## SMITH



## Brian & Lynette Smith

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

### LANGUAGES

Haitian Creole  
Spanish

### MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Economic  
Development,  
Evangelism,  
Health and  
Wellness

### CHILDREN

Ricky  
Calen

### BIRTHDAYS

Brian 4/19  
Lynette 5/28  
Ricky/Adult  
Calen 9/11



### LOCATION

Dominican Republic



### ABOUT



BRIAN and LYNETTE serve among Haitians and Dominicans in partnership with Mission Maranatha Inc. to build sustainable ministries on the island of Hispaniola. Living in the Dominican Republic, and drawing from their experiences in Haiti, they are working to build strong relationships with church

and community leaders as they encourage existing ministries and seek creative ways to accomplish God's vision alongside communities. Brian is using his developed skills in business management to teach budgeting and step-by-step goal achievement. Lynette utilizes her skills as a doula to accompany and listen to the stories of the community members. Both incorporate the principles of Asset Based Community Development to empower people to be holistically well in mind, body and spirit and reach out to others in ways that speak love, preserve dignity and create unity as the body of Christ.



SCAN ME

**EMAIL:** [blsmith@internationalministries.org](mailto:blsmith@internationalministries.org)



A mission trip to a batey, envisioned and organized by one of the La Romana churches.

## “ MINISTRY STORY

As we try to describe God's work through us in the area of capacity building, each community, ministry, pastor, leader and person is unique, which means no one answer explains it. In developing relationships, sometimes prayer and encouragement are all that is needed; other times, we develop a Sustainable Community Impact Initiative (SCII). These initiatives are the hands-on and tangible work of our ministry, but it's really not ours. Rather, we are privileged to witness growth and to participate in the actions taking place. These initiatives are thought up, led by, and energized by the community leader and their members. SCII's are for the benefit of the community and occur by generating thought-provoking questions that can create shifts toward new ways of meeting needs. These initiatives inspire, empower and are life-giving to those directly involved and those around them.

We are not the sowers or the harvesters; we don't plant the seeds and we don't reap the fruits from their labors. This is the job of the local leaders who are best

equipped to speak to the hearts of their people in both spoken language and in the things of God that are only understood by the soul. Yet, we walk alongside in support, as a stake gives guidance and added strength to a plant being lifted, sprinkling fertilizers of encouragement to energize their visions of how God can move in their current circumstances and in going forward.

---

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the interdependence and collaboration of our churches and associations.

Pray for the movement toward sustainable ministries.

Pray for the holistic (spirit, body, mind) wellness needs of communities to be met in empowering ways.

---

### SCRIPTURE

*“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)