

# MISSION DOMINICA

## *Presenting Your Nazarene Missionaries:* **Dan & Brenda Hopkins**

After 30 years as pastors in California, Oregon and Missouri, Dan & Brenda Hopkins accepted the call of God and began missionary work on the island of Dominica on April 15, 2006.

The Hopkins have been married for 33 years and have 4 children, Jamie (31), Erin (29), Kristen (27) and Daniel Jr. (25). They also have 7 grandchildren. Dan was ordained an elder in 1981 and Brenda was ordained a deacon in 2005.

The Hopkins' work involves the following:

### **Church Planting**

Having already planted 6 churches, 3 in the U.S. and 3 in Mexico, Dan has a passion for beginning new works. He has a vision for 13 new churches in 10 years. This would bring the total churches to 20 in Dominica. A new work has already begun in Jimmit, with 3 others in the planning stages.

### **Pastoral Development**

A key role for Dan & Brenda is the development of pastors. This is done through the Decentralized Theological Training program in Dominica and through various seminars. The goal is to raise the standard of professionalism in the ministry resulting in more effective pastors and stronger churches.

### **Work & Witness**

Work and Witness is a key element of the strategy of church development. With it's weak economy and rampant poverty, the churches need outside help for facilities. In addition, Dan has acquired property for the Church of the Nazarene that is being developed into a campground/retreat center that will serve the entire English-speaking Caribbean.

### **Pastoring in Carib Territory**

At this point in time, Dan is pastoring the Bataca Church of the Nazarene, in Carib Territory. This dynamic church is doing an effective job at reaching the indigenous Carib people of Dominica.

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**Pray that God will bless the efforts of the Hopkins in Dominica!**