

# Hales Family Update



Happy new year, everyone! It's a brand-new year and we want to give you a very important update on our ministry as God leads us in a brand-new direction in 2022.

Most of you have been following, supporting and praying for our ministry since before we left for language school in 2013. You've been faithful to come alongside us as we ministered in the Dominican Republic for 5 years and you have continued with us as God brought us to Austin, TX to plant a brand-new church 2 ½ years ago. Even over the last year as I have failed miserably to send out any updates you have stayed faithful in your encouragement, prayers and support. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Now, God is leading us to another area of ministry.

In Nov. we were offered a job as support house parents at Soaring Wings ([soaringwingsar.org](http://soaringwingsar.org)) just outside of Conway, Arkansas. After praying and feeling God's leadership we accepted the position. We made it to Conway with our belongings just in time for Christmas and started to settle into our new home on the SW campus. Our job as house parents started January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our family is helping care for and minister to kids and families in crisis. Think of a top-quality boys and girls home that is Christ centered, free to operate the way God leads and is focused on restoring broken families through rehabilitation, counseling and long-term hard work.

Soaring Wings has technically hired Rebecca for this position which allows me to look for ministry opportunities in nearby churches as they come about. Just after the first of the year I was actually offered an interim pastoral position at such a church. We are still praying about this and seeking God's guidance, but are sure that God will direct us in His will in this.

I want to make it clear that we are no longer considered missionaries or church planters and therefore are no longer receiving financial support through the BMA. We are still and will continue to be devoted members of the BMA just no longer financially supported missionaries of the BMA. Our partners in ministry, Chris and Sarah Mindi, are still hard at work planting the church in Austin and are still in need of all the support they can get. If you are interested in supporting them as they reach out to the Hindu families in the Austin area you can give through the BMA of Texas website [bmatexasmissions.org/give](http://bmatexasmissions.org/give) and designate it for "Anchor Austin". We would love to see the ministry there continue to receive your support if at all possible. Also, know that I have a goal to contact as many of our supporters as possible by phone over the next few weeks to make sure you are aware of these changes and to help answer any questions I can. You can also reach out to me through my email [halesjesse@gmail.com](mailto:halesjesse@gmail.com) at any time.

Thank you again for all the many years of faithfully walking alongside us in ministry! Jesse Hales