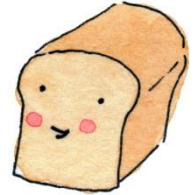


LOAF Ministries Update - Fall 2019



It's that time of year to say Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! This year has been a full and crazy one for us at LOAF. It's been awhile since our last update, but we'll do our best to get back to our quarterly update schedule. If you're ever wondering what's happening with our ministry, you can always visit our Facebook page (whether you have a Facebook account or not) to find our most recent news!

We at LOAF Ministries want to say a huge thank-you for helping us grow our ministry over the last year. We were able to



add a sixth momma to our program in May. Her name is Joane, and her little boy is Downsley. You all have enabled us to rent our childcare center and furnish it through donations and

purchases made on our Amazon baby registry. We've also been able to minister to several families in special ways due to your prayers and financial support! In the last year, LOAF Ministries has offered a business loan to a struggling family, helped Miriame's little brother have the surgery he needed on his clavicle, assist in sending three students outside of our program to school, and currently we are helping a little baby boy receive surgeries so that he can see again! It's been a crazy year, but God has continued to amaze us with His ability to meet the needs of those He brings to us. We're so blessed by those of you who enable us to be the hands and feet of Christ here in Haiti, sometimes outside of our

primary mission. Thank you for your support and prayer!

Time goes by much too fast! All of our ministry's first babies are two years old. Alaina, Alanna, Dave, Mariah, and Fransuze have all turned two in the last few months. It's amazing to watch them all grow and learn!

In anticipation of having ten babies to watch during the 2019-2020 school year, we decided to transition our childcare program into a dedicated facility. This has been a huge prayer and desire of ours through the years, but we were finally ready to transition! Our childcare center isn't up and running yet, because it's not needed at the moment. Since nearly every school in the area has shut down indefinitely, our moms won't need regular childcare until school starts again. Even so, we've been getting the place in shape in the hope that school starts again in January. We've also hired a young lady named Estellie to help Tita care for the children. God has been faithful to provide for our needs in His timing.

Though our new office is only operating on a limited basis, we're gearing up to offer housing there for some of our mommas. While we still want our mommas to have strong family ties and stay with their families whenever



possible, some of their situations don't allow for this. We've been preparing ourselves and our ministry to provide a safe place for them to stay with their children and a healthy atmosphere in which these mommas and

babies can all grow and develop together. Joane was the first to move in, as her living situation was particularly troublesome. Though we haven't been able to finish furnishing the place due to the instability, we felt it was imperative to get her into a safe environment as soon as possible. For now, she's sleeping on a cot, but she's secure, and she comes over every day for lunch and dinner. A few more mommas will join her once the country is more stable and we can confidently meet their needs.

John and Jhony, the twin boys in the family we've been walking beside as their mother builds a business, have been staying at the Clark household for nearly two months at time of writing. They were sick and malnourished, and as we were struggling

with a way to help their mother care for them, Jhony developed thick



cataracts covering both of his eyes. In the push to find him medical care and save his eyesight, they have moved in with us for the time as we help them grow stronger. Pray for resilience and healing as Jhony faces these surgeries at only fourteen months old.

We had a great cycling fundraiser with Ends of the Earth Cycling! Over a wonderful week of fellowship, sharing our mission, and building relationships, these cyclists raised just over \$10,000 for LOAF to use for youth projects in Haiti! We look forward to putting these funds to strategic use in order to expand our reach and

services to young mothers in Les Cayes. Our ministry's financial needs have continually been met through the amazing people the Lord brings our way!

Speaking of finances, we've picked up a few new sponsors in recent months, for a current total of 38 families and 7 churches who support us on a monthly or annual basis. These numbers are wonderful, and we're beyond thankful! As the Lord grows our ministry, we are continually praying for these numbers to increase as well. Our goal for the new year is to



have 50 family sponsors and 10 supporting churches. When the country settles down, we will be spending around \$480/month to fully support four mommas living in our childcare facility. That means that three sponsors giving \$40/month would be enough to sponsor food, clothing, toiletries, etc. for one young mother and her child. If you love what we do, please make a time to share with your friend, family member, pastor, or missions board about our ministry! The best way for us to cultivate new sponsors is with a friend in common. Your introduction could make a huge difference for teen moms in Haiti!

Everything has been crazy and dangerous and shut down, but God provides! At time of writing, Haitian students have missed nearly ten straight weeks of school. We're in waiting mode until things settle down in Haiti, but we're still having our weekly meetings where we study the book of Matthew with our moms and send them



home with food for the week. We're watching and waiting and praying for the right moment to roll right into school and childcare and further expansion of our program. Please continue to pray for LOAF

Ministries, for our missionaries and staff,

and for our moms and babies as the political power struggle continues to loom over our daily lives.

Be sure to keep up with us! Follow us on Facebook for the most recent news about our ministry. Feel free to peruse our website for more information, and don't hesitate to contact us with any thoughts or questions! Please note that we have a **NEW MAILING ADDRESS.**

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