

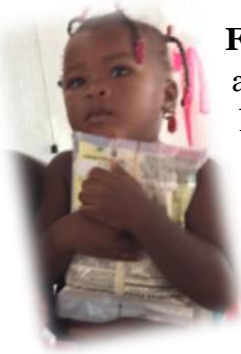


THE LEAST OF THESE MINISTRIES

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October 2018 Newsletter

FEEDING THE BABIES



FOR MANY YEARS, we have provided nutritious food to families to support their health and well-being. For adults, children, and even older toddlers, the choice of food to serve has always been easy: rice & beans! Rice and beans are available locally, economical, popular, and support a healthy diet when eaten with other locally-available proteins, fruits, and vegetables.

But what about the younger children—those who are weaning from either breastmilk or formula onto solid foods? While rice can fill that role, it's not the best option, on its own.

As a partner with Feed My Starving Children (fmsc.org), we have access to a special product they provide, called *Manna Pack-Potato*. This product is made from dehydrated potatoes, soy flour, sweet potato flavoring, and added vitamins and minerals. It is designed to meet the nutritional needs of children who are weaning from breastmilk or formula to solid foods, and may either be used independently or alongside other foods appropriate for weaning children.



Pastor Dorcas



This spring, our staff worked with Pastor Dorcas in Batey Ocho to implement a program to provide this food to families with children in this target group. As of June, we are providing Manna Pack-Potato to 20 families in that batey. Pastor Dorcas works with the mothers to teach them how to prepare and use the food. She will continue to work with our staff to keep them aware of new children needing the food and children who outgrow the need for it.

Ricardo is working with Pastor Ramón to implement a similar program in Los Robles this fall. We hope to have the program implemented in all 13 bateys by the end of 2019. Like the Manna Pack-Rice

product, Manna Pack-Potato is provided to us free of charge by Feed My Starving Children. We incur the expense of shipping the product to Barahona. **Your donations directly help to pay those shipping costs, which makes this important program possible!**



Summertime Servants!

In July, we were blessed to host two mission teams! The first team—Ron, Jenny, and Dakota Lytle from Morgantown, WV—constructed an office in our warehouse and led a Bible School in Batey Los Robles. Dakota stayed for the second week, joined by a group of 15 from Westminster (MD) United Methodist Church and two young ladies from Hagerstown, MD.

The second team worked in Batey Altagracia. The team installed concrete floors in five homes and put a new concrete sub-floor in the church. Church members were planning to install a new ceramic tile floor after the team left. The team also led Bible School on three of the days, participated in the daily food distribution in other bateys, and spent a lot of time loving the kids in Altagracia!

It was a pretty rainy week, which impacted the work progress and made for some muddy treks through the batey. On a positive note, the clouds and rain kept the temperatures lower than typical July days!

About half of the team members were youth, which is always an encouraging thing to see! These young people (and their adult teammates) served well, stayed positive despite less than perfect conditions, and shared Jesus throughout it all.



One of the homes that received a new floor.



For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."
—Galatians 5:14

Steve Hull, Founder of The Least of These Ministries, always finds time for the kids!



Prepping the Church Floor



Getting Ready for Bible School!



Project Update: Warehouse

Earlier this year, we announced a project to make some changes to our warehouse in Barahona. We're excited to report that the first phase of the project—construction of an office on the ground floor—is nearly complete. The Lytle Family, longtime friends of the ministry, traveled to Barahona in July to help with this project. During their visit, they worked with several local men and finished most of the construction. Following their visit, Ricardo has worked with local tradesmen and helpers to finish the project. We're so grateful for the way our supporters help to make things possible! Now to find him some furniture....

Our Board is still fine-tuning the plans for the second level addition to the warehouse. We are looking at ways to use the overall space most efficiently. It is our hope to be able to begin construction on the second floor with the upcoming January mission team! It's not too late to sign up. See the back page for details!



Tributes

Gifts given in Memory of:

Melissa Clark *by* Eleazar Wheelock Society

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50th Wedding Anniversary

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January Mission Team

- Do you want to learn more about the work we're doing in the Dominican Republic?
- Would you like to meet the people we serve, and share your faith with them?
- Is it time to take that step of faith to experience an unfamiliar culture?
- Are you ready to travel somewhere warm in January?

If you answered 'yes' to any or all of the questions above, it sounds like you are ready to explore the possibility of joining one of our mission teams!

There's still room available on our upcoming team, January 12-19, 2019. Visit our website or contact us for details.



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