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Greetings loveBig supporters!

God continues to work through loveBig and 2023 was quite a year! We are excited to share with you all the exciting things going on in this ministry and for you to know how much your generous donations have impacted our Haitian brothers and sisters. When we say impact, we mean changing lives. You are a part of being used by God to change lives, both physically and spiritually. Scripture is very clear about helping others, "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16, and we don't know about you, but for us at loveBig, it's humbling and exciting to be a part and we are so glad you have joined us on this mission!

Speaking of humbling... we have had the extreme honor to bring over two of our special Haitian friends, Miradiou and Dieufanel, to the United States! It has been quite the experience and adventure! Tiffany and I have had many adventures in our lives, and this might top them all. We met these two young men in 2015 on our first trip to Haiti. We formed special friendships with them and loveBig helped send them to school, English classes and often provided them rice and beans. loveBig was able to sponsor them to come to the US through a new government program. They are here legally for two years with work visas. Through this process, we were stepping out on faith, and it all sounded so good. We would be remiss to say that we didn't have a few moments of ... are we crazy? We're bringing two grown men, ages 28 and 30 years old to live in our home!! Are we sure about this? How well do we really know these men? But Tiffany and I sort of roll this way and our sweet husbands and families supported us and now love our guys as much as we do! All this to say, having Miradeau and Dieufanel in our homes and now a part of our families has been the most wonderful experience yet. Not everything has been easy, and we have all been stretched, inconvenienced and pushed out of our comfort zones but how they have blessed our lives far outweighs all of this. And isn't this what loving your neighbor looks like? You at loveBig have helped make this happen.

We call them "our boys". Our boys work for Brian Lay laying block and brick. We are so grateful Brian took a chance on our boys, given their limited experience and language barrier. He has been patient, kind, caring and an answer to our prayers! They send money home monthly to their families and watching how much joy they have in giving is priceless! They came from nothing, brought nothing and have nothing. However, their top priority is giving back to their families. Every time I think I'm teaching them something, I'm reminded how much they have to offer.

Legally, they are here for two years. We are asked all the time, what happens after two years? Honestly, we do not know. Their desire and our desire is for them to stay here in the US. We are in the process of finding an immigration lawyer to see what their options are. If you or someone you know has any connections with an immigration lawyer, or any information on this topic, please let us know!



FEEDING PROGRAM and SCHOOLS in HAITI

As many of you may have read on our Facebook post, Haiti is in complete turmoil. In July 2021 the Haitian President was assassinated. Since that time the gangs have started taking control of different zones in Haiti. Thankfully the loveBig school is in a safe zone in Mina, Haiti. Many families have had to flee to Mina and because of that, the loveBig school now has over 300 children in their program. Our program director, Pastor Jean Fega Supreme, his family and members of his congregation fled from their homes on Oct. 10, 2023, and are now living in the Mina community. loveBig has also been sending additional money each month to help with these individuals and families that have been displaced. The needs in Haiti are great and continue to grow daily. The proceeds from the loveBig Closet have been instrumental in helping meet these additional needs.

Our 2nd school, Institution Mixte Bread of Life school, was also greatly impacted by the gangs and the pastor and families in this school had to flee as well. They have relocated to Clercine, Haiti and are continuing to operate the school and feeding program with 82 students.



UPDATE on loveBig Closet:

The store is booming, praise the Lord! We would have never imagined such a warm and welcoming reception from the community and our supporters! Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers, those who donate items, and those who shop! You are changing lives in Haiti and meeting needs of your community. We were able to take on an additional school and feeding center with the money from the store. loveBig also strives to help here locally by giving to the following organizations: Natalie's sisters, Haven Care Center, Anderson County Schools, Light Center, Mercer County Schools, Fayette County Schools, Humane Society, Kentucky Refugee Ministry, Woodford County Heritage Hall, Isaiah House and Taylor Manor. We also worked with other individuals to assist with the needs of the homeless, recovering individuals, children in foster care, and victims of house fires. We also donated to the shoe box ministry and special needs classrooms. We have been so blessed that we have outgrown our space! Please join us in prayer as we seek a new location to raise more money and meet the needs of more people. If you have a lead, let us know!

To God Be All the Glory!!

Blessings

Angela and Tiffany

"Now may the God of peace who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood— may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you,^[a] through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen." Hebrews 13:20-21