



CELEBRATING WITH **YOU** THE ENORMOUS IMPACT GOD HAS DONE!

GOD IS FAITHFUL! He is multiplying and mobilizing His people - the Church. We are witnessing LoveServes trained churches minister to individuals in their communities through unprecedented and heartbreaking circumstances. We are witnessing churches focused on the two greatest commandments: love God and love your neighbor (Matthew 22: 37-39). We are witnessing church members ministering in their community as disciple makers and equippers (Ephesians. 4:12-13). We are witnessing churches transforming their communities and receiving a harvest of new believers. God is multiplying His kingdom's impact! Praise God who took what the enemy intended for harm and instead worked through the pandemic and the local churches to accomplish **His purpose...the saving of many lives (Genesis 50:20).**

Here's the fruit of our co-laboring with God

- + **10,464** adult salvations this past year!
- + **2,855** Total churches have gone through training in Dominican Republic (D.R) and Guatemala.
- + Regional coaches trained and worked with **170 new churches** in the Dominican Republic and **14 new churches in Guatemala.**
- + **756** new community ministries were launched, including virtual Vacation Bible School for over **5,000** children.
- + **6,653** families received relief food and sanitizing supplies during the COVID pandemic. (*see story)
- + **We launched two FOUR12 Pastor Peer Groups** in Sarasota & Manatee Counties in Florida.
- + **EVERY PENNY YOU GAVE** went directly to the ministry of coaching/mentoring Pastors!

PRAYER FOCUS

- ➊ **For Pastors in the D.R.,** Guatemala, United States (U.S.) and throughout the world to be strong and courageous.
- ➋ **For our staff,** strength, wisdom, unity, balance, and focus.
- ➌ **For a Gideon army of like-minded people,** churches and organizations to join this important work and for expansion into other nations. (Judges 7:7)
- ➍ **For expansion of our Coaching staff in 5 nations,** for a Guatemalan coach who can strengthen the 1 to 1 coaching and mentoring process in Guatemala.

God answered our prayers and is bearing fruit through LoveServes in the U.S.

During a global pandemic, we launched 2 vibrant groups! In April we launched a Four12 group for Hispanic-speaking pastors and a second group launched in August for English-speaking pastors. **The COVID pandemic created new challenges for pastors to keep their people connected with each other and to serve those suffering in their communities.** But our hope is in the Lord, so we launched into our coaching process with great anticipation to help these pastors equip their people to be on mission where they live, work and play. In a nation filled with turmoil and discouragement, **we are excited to walk with each of these U.S. churches to be beacons of peace, hope and the light of Christ as they love and serve their communities.**

Financial Report 2020: 100% of your generous gift goes directly to cover the costs of ministry without any overhead deductions. LoveServes **total giving in the last 12 months was \$1,026,243.00 THANK YOU!**



God has moved in big ways in the midst of big uncertainty!

Like many countries during the global pandemic, the D.R. issued a mandate to close non-essential businesses, cease international travel, and implemented an island wide curfew and shelter at home order. But many people in the D.R. are day laborers who stop at the corner market on their way home for their daily food. Day labor jobs were not essential businesses. Suddenly they had no money to buy food for their family that day. And many days ahead. Families at risk of starvation became a crisis for many communities across the island.

But God moved; He began working immediately through His people - the Church. Hundreds of local churches in the D.R. that have been through LoveServes' training, responded to this new crisis in their communities. They began bringing emergency food supplies, sanitizing supplies and the hope of the Gospel message to at-risk families. They were living out the two greatest commandments: love God and love your neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39).

The challenge was that many of the church members live below poverty level themselves, making it impossible to sustain this level of community relief. But God already knew that. He saw their faithfulness and prepared a blessing.

Due to international travel closures, LoveServes cancelled all summer mission trips. Instead, mission teams were asked to pray about helping the local D.R. churches to continue their efforts in the community through relief funds. We asked them to walk beside the local D.R. churches in a different way by donating their deposits and project funds to be used for emergency food supplies, sanitizing supplies and helping to spread the Gospel message.

A woman from NC instantly gave \$200 for Relief to the hungry, then one team responded almost immediately and sent their FULL AMOUNT - deposits, the total trip cost for each member of their team AND the project funds! And as promptly as they gave generously, God multiplied generously!

The island-wide curfew and local travel restrictions challenged LoveServes' ability to get critical supplies to the churches to distribute in their communities. So we contacted Bravo Supermarkets (a leading grocery supplier on the island) to purchase bulk food supplies for the pastors to pick up at the Bravo stores near their communities. **While coordinating \$10,000 in emergency supplies purchased through the generosity of a LoveServes mission team, God prompted Bravo Supermarkets to donate \$48,000 worth of food** to be distributed through LoveServes' network of churches across the island. As mission team members and churches continued to give generously to this relief effort, God continued to multiply. **By the end of June, God multiplied the relief support to \$86,090.88! Hundreds of D.R. churches were able to bring food relief to 6,653 families in need** during the most critical weeks of the quarantine. Each family that received food was prayed over and we saw God's kingdom multiplied as many people accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior! God used funds originally intended to bring mission teams to impact 5 communities and He multiplied it to reach thousands of people across the whole island...and into eternity!

YOU ARE A PART OF THIS STORY! Because of **YOUR generous support of LoveServes, 2,855 pastors** have had a LoveServes coach walk beside them to equip their church members to love God, love their neighbor and serve the least of these (Ephesians 4:12). Because of your generous support, churches in the D.R. lived out their LoveServes training and were noticeably present in their communities offering relief and the hope of the Gospel while the world shook with fear and uncertainty from the pandemic. **God worked through YOU** so He could work through these churches to impact their communities in love.

THANK YOU for your faithful support, encouragement and prayers! You are generous! Thank you for joining us to experience **God at work in mighty ways!**

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