



Outside the Bowl piloted a new position this year in Haiti. Courtney and Jimmy Sanon joined OTB to focus on outreach efforts for new feeding and ministry partners which proved more difficult than expected in 2019 (meet Jimmy and Courtney in this [video](#)). They are continuing to keep the relationships strong between feeding partners and the Port-au-Prince Super Kitchen especially during a year of unrest and uncertainty.

LIFE CHANGE STARTS WITH A MEAL



Makenson's heart is to teach the Bible and create a space for children to have fun and de-stress from the hardships in their lives. In Haiti, there aren't many open spaces for kids to run free and play. On Saturday mornings, 120 children gather behind the gates of a school facility to do just that. Makenson runs ESES, one of the hundreds of ministry partners that OTB works with around the world. This past week Jimmy visited the program and shares, "There wasn't a dull or sad moment! The entire day was filled with dancing, jewelry making, creating music, playing games, and of course, eating a hot meal."

Makenson shares, "We have many children who come on Saturday who never used to talk. They wouldn't look at you and kept their eyes on the ground. There was a lot of shame and sadness in their eyes. But after a while that starts to change. Now many of them are speaking in front of crowds or performing in their churches. There is less fear, less stress,

and less shame."

The kids show up because of the Outside the Bowl meals. Makenson said, "If there was no food, the kids simply wouldn't come. All of this life change is happening because we first feed their belly and then can minister to their hearts."

Outside the Bowl meals are truly nourishing the hungry. Their physical needs are being cared for and with that, they're finding emotional freedom from the hardships of life.

2019: UNCERTAINTY IN HAITI



Mackeson shared that many of the children that attend ESES on Saturday mornings try to sneak some of their lunch back home to siblings and family members. Food is becoming hard to come by these days. It is hard to imagine living in a country where meeting your family's daily needs is a struggle.

Courtney provided some perspective for us:

"The political unrest in Haiti has reached an all-time high. For months out of this year, life has simply had to halt. Children can't attend school. Parents can't go to work. And so many businesses have had to close down. Unemployment and shortages of resources have been getting worse."

"Outside the Bowl's kitchen has managed to stay open most days, even when protesting overtakes the street outside the facility. Even though many of our ministry partners have been affected by the unrest, they still need meals to feed those they are serving and their staff. Having our kitchen stay open has been so important. Because of the unrest, our partners wouldn't be able to find another solution. Because of the unrest, hunger has become an even greater issue in Haiti. With that, the potential for the impact of our kitchen has also grown."

"It can be really difficult operating this kind of ministry as the cost of food changes from day to day. The stability of the country also changes each day. But the importance of our purpose here remains, and in my opinion, the need for the OTB Super Kitchen and its service has only become more real and more apparent."

Outside the Bowl has continued to financially support the Haiti Super Kitchen to ensure that the doors remain open, our kitchen staff continue to have jobs, and that children who attend programs like ESES are able to eat a hot, healthy meal.

KITCHEN BUILDERS KEEP KITCHENS OPEN



One reason Outside the Bowl has been able to support the Haiti Super Kitchen during this year of uncertainty is because of our monthly donors. Those who consistently give to OTB are lovingly called KITCHEN BUILDERS. We wanted you to hear from one of our KB families, the Hamerniks:

"Outside the Bowl captured our hearts more than 10 years ago. We had recently adopted our son and were discussing finding a charity that helped in the simplest of ways; feed kids spiritually and physically. For the first time on our trip to bring our son home we saw children not having their most basic needs met. We

knew we needed to find a place to consistently support with whatever we could give. A video about Outside the Bowl was shared the following week at church and we knew it was where we were being called to help. Over the years we have been blessed to meet with Jae and Debra and we count it an honor to be a small part of their vision. We are thankful for Outside the Bowl and what they do for families all over the world."

As the year wraps up, we are making plans for 2020. Monthly donors help us say yes to new projects and commit to sustaining kitchens. If you would like to consistently support OTB so we can build more kitchens, to equip more ministries, to feed more children, sign up as a KITCHEN BUILDER today. More details [here](#)!

Thank you for partnering with Outside the Bowl to feed the hungry ... body and soul!

With JOY,

The OTB International Family

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Outside the Bowl Golf Tournament: March 13, 2020

Outside the Bowl Gala: October 2, 2020

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