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# MINISTRY UPDATE

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OUR FAMILY OF THREE

*Ellie's first week*  
July 2019

## Dear friends and family,

A little more than a month has gone by in 2020, and the work is piling up.

It's amazing what a year can bring! Going into 2019, we were newly pregnant and expecting our first child. It was unexpected in many ways, especially coming out of the excitement of our new ministry officially birthed in 2018. But God is sovereign, knew Ellie was coming, and knew that we needed a season of forced rest and preparation. Overall, 2019 was quiet, and we simply continued to attend trainings and prepare for the future. Ellie's arrival on the Fourth of July brought much joy but also many challenges as we struggled with allergies, eating issues and weight gain. So we were relieved when the rest of the year was as quiet as the beginning for the ministry and we were able to acclimate to life as a family of three.

As we prayed our way into 2020, we asked God to reveal where He is working around us and to guide our steps. We felt a surge in the new year, getting referrals faster than we ever have before. The issues we are facing this year are much more complicated than those we've faced in the past. We've also seen a focus shift toward single mothers and their children — we had the realization that every woman we've worked with had been either a single mother themselves or come from previous generation(s) of single mothers. Our eyes were opened to how overlooked and unsupported these ladies are and how much work they put in to keep their daily lives afloat for their families. When a crisis comes up, it can quickly capsizes their delicate situations, and without support, they begin to drown.

We want to stop the drowning. Not only for the women we are working with but the children represented in these relationships. They deserve so much more. We want to help them break the cycle so both the women and their children are able to live in true freedom. We want them to discover the Father who loves them and realize and believe that He loves them more than an earthly father ever could.

As we moved into February, it quickly became evident that we are no longer able to do this work on our own, physically or financially.



Up until now, we've relied on our personal incomes to provide for our own household needs as well as those of the girls that we lived life with. But over the past two years, God started moving us away from that. He gently but firmly stepped us away from corporate jobs so we could remain on call 24/7. We transitioned to running home-based businesses, still insisting we could provide enough while being in full-time ministry. But God knows best. So after much prayer, humbling our hearts, and pointed conversations by family and friends, we are ready to admit that we need help. We had already moved into the mission work full time but now we need to raise support to help continue to do the work we know that God has called us to.

Because we still believe there will be a physical 431 House in the future, the donations that we've received up to this point will remain earmarked for that. Going forward, we'll be raising \$90,000 a year to provide ongoing support for our family, the ministry overall and continued savings toward the building.

As always, we ask for your prayers during this next stage. **Will you pray with us for the following items specifically?**

- For 54 individuals/families to commit to monthly donations of \$100
- For 42 individuals/families to commit to monthly donations of \$50
- For God's perfect timing for a building
- For 3 additional board members to accomplish the work with us
- For a ministry-use vehicle that we can offer as needed
- For 7 additional host families for either single ladies or mothers/children

If you wouldn't mind, please take a moment to fill out the attached postcard with what your support may look like during 2020. We are so grateful for each and every one of you and thank God for your support. We can't wait to see what He does this year!

In Him,

Justin, Rachel and Ellie Peck  
431 Ministries, Inc.

