

Assumption Church in Numero Deux HMI Partnership

Church Timeline

March 2015: Initial Conversation with Fr. Joe on mission trip (**Fr. Dave Pivonka Palm Sunday Week**) when observing the condition of the “old” church & subsequent follow up conversation with Deacon Lloyd

May 2015: Our next trip is when Laura & I were on a walk alone and came upon the **Holy Spirit Group (Fanmi Bondye Goup)** praying at the site of the “new” church foundation. We asked them to pray with us for the possibility of one day having a new church.

April 2016: Nearly a year after our initial discussion with Fr. Joe we began formalizing a **Church Partnership Plan** between HMI & Church of Notre Dame de Assumption. The key elements were that Fr. Joe would need to become Pastor and directly supervise with Tete and Engineer Paul. That we needed a complete timeline and estimate of the costs. Funding for the church could not only come from HMI. It will be a partnership with the community. Some financial support would need to come from the community, help from volunteers and funding sources from Fr. Joe’s contacts outside of HMI. We

wanted the church community to have a sense of pride in helping to build the new church.

October 4, 2016: Hurricane Matthew destroys the “old” church and leaves many in the community without shelter and food. HMI raised \$109,345 for hurricane relief support for the community. We used the majority of the funding for immediate humanitarian aid and repair of roofs and homes. The balance remaining of \$29,000 became the initial seed money for the new church construction.

September 2017: Fr. Joe becomes Pastor and the planning and fundraising for the church began. Over the next several months the plans for the church were reviewed and changes were made.

February 2018: Three Year Church Partnership was agreed upon with HMI. The church would be constructed in three phases with an estimated cost of \$454,000 US. HMI supporters would contribute \$360,000 and transfer \$10,000 per month for construction over three years beginning in May 2018. The balance of the funding of \$94,000 would come from the community and other donors that Fr. Joe could recruit.

May 20, 2018: Pentecost Sunday

Official Announcement of Support to the Community with Deacon Lloyd, Ms. Faie, Bishop Decoste & Priests of the diocese.

February 2018 – April 2021: Fundraising efforts by HMI and Fr. Joe. Construction of the church in 3 phases. \$360,000 contributed by HMI Donors and balance contributed by the community and donors which Fr. Joe obtained.

April 24, 2021: Original Scheduled Date for Church Dedication

January 22, 2022: Church Dedication