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*"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded."* *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



We have so much to be thankful for this year. The wonderful tool that Almighty God has inspired and continues to develop that we call HMI has persisted through the grace of God to provide help for the poor and needy this year in a powerful way. I know you will enjoy our annual report. Please read and rejoice to see how God has used all of us to help those brothers and sisters who have been placed in circumstances beyond their control and without us, would have no one to help them.

Haiti Mission, Inc.

2013-2014 Annual Report

A Message from the Director

Dear Friends of the Poor,

It has been another busy year for HMI. More wells have been drilled, homes built, children educated, fed and cared for and families given hope. We now have 36 wells drilled and are hoping to drill at least six more in 2015. Bec's bakery is fulfilling its mission to feed the school children and construction of homes is booming in a way we could never have dreamed.

None of this would have been possible without your sacrificial love and generosity. Faie and I, along with the Board of Directors of HMI, would like to thank you for all you have done to help us continue to help those in need in Haiti. Behind every number is a child, a family and a community that has hope because of your support.

In the epistle of James, we read, "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does" (James 1:22-25)

Haiti Mission has often been the only hope many of these families have had – the only family and friends bringing fresh water and care. We continue to be committed to bringing water to within 500 feet of every child and family in this region of Haiti as evidenced by the continued commitment to drilling and maintaining wells. Our passionate response to the sound of a hungry and thirsty child is why we are here. We will continue to work untiringly until these children and their families have the basic needs they deserve.

Our mission has done so much, but we can only see clearly how much more needs to be done. As we bring our fourteenth year to a close, I am more confident than ever that God's grace and blessings will continue to flow through us into the lives of more people who have been oftentimes forgotten by the world. With your help we will answer the call of the poor and the needy. With Christ at our side and the power of God in our hearts, we will persist in this labor of love. We will continue to be doers of the Word and not just hearers.

Peace and God's choicest blessings be on you and your families,
Deacon Lloyd and Faie Duplantis



Feeding the Children,

Developing the Economy, Sheltering the Needy

Bec's Bakery continues to fulfil its mission of delivering a meal everyday to each of the children in the schools which we support. We began with only one hot meal per month. Although it sounds almost ridiculous to say that was the HMI feeding program, we came to realize that once a month was better than none at all. Now into its fourth year of operation, Bec's bakery has greatly reduced the cost of feeding each child. This bakery also supplies jobs and economic development to the community, further stimulating the growth of the area which means help for the families.

Education

From the humble beginning of one school with about 200 children, the St. Bridget Haiti Mission School System now affords a basic education to 330 children in buildings constructed by Haiti Mission in partnership with friends, foundations and Rotary groups. Twenty teachers are being paid monthly. Auxiliary aides and cooks are also receiving stipends which will help their children and families. Because of this basic elementary education, secondary and some vocational training which is now being made available through your generosity, these children and adults have hope and promise of a much brighter tomorrow. The school buildings are being used in the morning for elementary grades – preschool to sixth and in the afternoons for secondary grades - seventh to ninth – and in the evenings for various forms of vocational and life-skills training. The great news this year was that the Haitian government initiated an achievement testing to gauge the effectiveness of the national and private schools in Haiti. Our sixth graders scored in the 90 percentile group and the secondary kids scored 100%! Quite remarkable and a powerful indicator of the level of dedication of our teachers, administrators and the parents of the children to education.



What a blessing to have been able to build thirteen houses just like this one this past fiscal year - thirteen families, out of the mud and into a decent place to live and love. We are very thankful during this special time of year for all you have done to make this possible.

We have built thirty-five houses in the area as this annual report brings our fiscal year to a close. This is a substantial number of families that now have lovely, durable and dignified homes and no longer have to live in mud and squalor. The four room houses with porches now afford safe shelter for them and for friends and family. Our unique Kobonal-Haiti Mission home design and matching fund concept has allowed us to be able to construct an 800 square foot home for a donation of \$3750 which has skyrocketed our construction hopes past any projections for which we had hoped. We are estimating that we will build twenty houses this construction year – an incredible feat that would never have been possible without your help and the current construction protocol.

As you may or may not recall, the costs of building homes had continued to escalate after the earthquake. In order to attempt to reduce the cost of construction so that more people could be moved out of these deplorable living conditions, a team from HMI began researching other options. We were introduced to Fr. Glenn Meaux's Kobonal Model home in March 2013. Fr. Glenn had been working in the Central Plateau area of Haiti about a mile outside of the city of Hinche for twenty-three years at the time and had been building this type of house for thirteen of those years. He had built over 200 at the time of our visit.

Fr. Meaux's model was unique in so far as each house was exactly the same. They had cement slabs but used a "floating slab" design which had more rebar but did not require very much excavation or special masonry work. This structural pattern utilizes only a six inch (6") footing around the perimeter and an average of four (4) inches throughout the foundation. HMI requested and Fr. Meaux was gracious enough to send his crew to Numero Deux for two weeks to train the HMI team and actually build three of the Kobonal model homes. The process went very well with the HMI team building the third house by themselves after working on the first two with the Kobonal team. The end result was that the cost of the houses dropped from \$12,500 to \$7,500. We are now off and running with a design, a plan and untold number of people who are hoping and praying that we can continue to help them move from desperate and despicable poverty to being poor with the promise of a better life.



Healthcare Initiatives

From the very beginning of our mission efforts in Haiti, we have tried to follow some basic W.H.O. guidelines which recommend making parasite eradication medication and vitamins available to all the populace in developing nations. Again this past year we have promoted and implemented Albendazole and multivitamin distribution several times a year. Haiti Mission pays a nurse to look over the health needs of the school children and the families of the several villages where we work. She has continued to coordinate the distribution process. Haiti Mission has been responsible for distributing thousands of Albendazole and multivitamin tablets. The impact on the children and adults has been remarkable. It has allowed them to thrive and develop by the removal of parasites from their system and has also increased the general wellbeing enhanced by multivitamin supplements.

With the advent of the latest health challenge in Haiti - cholera - the most important health care issue of potable water and sanitation becomes even more in the forefront. Our drill truck has continued to stay busy this year drilling several more wells, facing relentless and never ending challenges in our quest to bring potable water to everyone in the region. We are thankful to Almighty God to have allowed us the vision and foresight to do everything necessary to bring this new rig to Haiti. The process had begun long before the earthquake and the cholera outbreak. Little did we know how vital our water well drilling rig would be. We are going to systematically continue drilling wells in one community after the other in order to provide water that can protect people from disease and pestilence. Thanks to all who have continued to support and encourage this very difficult but vital work.

Animal Husbandry – Hope for the future



For the past four years, HMI has been working with several men from the Jeremie region to develop an experimental farm where they could earn a living, produce vegetables, poultry and other livestock products and serve as a model to encourage and help others in the community become more proficient in agronomy skills. Their efforts have born much fruit. We now have three poultry houses that are producing almost 200 eggs daily as well as producing a considerable number of broiler chickens. We began with 100 laying hens which immediately began laying an average of 90 eggs a day. This year we were able to acquire funding for a submersible pump to install in a 300 ft deep well on the property. The well now assures a constant source of water for the chickens, other animals, irrigation of the vegetable crops and the families of the community for the drought prone area. Even with transportation and feed costs being very high and difficult to arrange and acquire, things are looking good. The animal husbandry project is rapidly becoming self-sustaining.

The men there are very excited about what they have been able to achieve. The villagers are very appreciative to find fresh produce and eggs readily available as well as to find a source of other forms of livestock and especially water in times of drought. Thanks again to all of you who have continued to support our animal husbandry projects. Animals are vital to the economy and survival of Haiti. Our persistence and continued commitment to this area of our mission work is making a big difference.



Water Development

Bringing water to within 500 feet of every person in the region is still a major and primary focus of Haiti Mission, Inc. No development in any area is possible without sufficient, clean water. Our unique and highly effective Cable Tool drilling program has now completed thirty-six wells. This rig is run exclusively by an American trained Haitian team. This process has resulted in efficiently drilling wells in this rocky Haitian environment down to 500 feet, bringing life-giving water to remote areas which could before only dream of having water. Even though the challenges never cease and the wear and tear on the men and equipment is relentless, HMI and the drill team continue to find more successes than failures. Your participation in our annual golf tournament/silent auction fundraisers and continued support throughout the year gives us the financing we need to continue to drill and maintain wells in the area. God bless you for helping us focus on this vital project. God bless our Haitian Drill team and may

FAIE'S FACTS

I thought meditating on the following President Abraham Lincoln's following address would be appropriate as we send our gratitude to God for His many blessings during this Thanksgiving season. *"Remember to be grateful for the countless daily **Blessings** we receive and correctly direct our Thanksgiving to our God. Wouldn't foreigners like to be turned loose—even without the turkey—just for one day, in abundant America."*

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Yes Deacon Lloyd, I am very grateful for all that God has done for me in my life. Here is my special Thanksgiving offering for those in need in Haiti.

_____ \$3,750 would sponsor a new home and get a family “out the mud and into safe and secure housing”. (Our new design has dramatically reduced the cost of building houses and has been an incredible blessing, allowing us to raise enough funds to build one house a month.)

_____ \$1000 would help us drill a well for a needy community.

If you would like to sponsor an animal for a family, here are the suggested donations:

_____ A donkey \$250, a Haitian Creole pig \$150, a goat \$100, a pair of laying hens \$25

Other Needs:

_____ \$100 a month would sponsor a teacher in the community schools. (Payable monthly/ quarterly or yearly - requires a one year commitment please.)

_____ I would like to help purchase essential medicines for the dispensary. (Parasite medicine and vitamins are distributed to all the families visited.)

_____ I would like to help feed the children at school (\$20 per month per child)

_____ \$12 annual dues for membership in the woman-to-woman club of Haiti that helps poor women receive medical treatment they need who otherwise would go untreated.

Yes, Here is my immediate donation to use where most needed:

\$1000 _____ \$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ Other _____

This monetary gift is made in memory of _____
please send an acknowledgement card to: _____

FROM: _____

_____ Please send me _____ packets of Rebecca’s prayer cloth and devotional material.

_____ Send me envelopes to be a monthly "helping hand":

_____ I will be a prayer partner and pray for the Haiti Mission.

_____ Please put me on your email/info list. email: _____

_____ I am interested in going on a mission trip.

Call me @: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

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*“He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will repay him for his good deeds.” Pvb 19:17*

THANKS FOR HELPING!