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



The Canadian Connection

(Picture of the Mission team March 2014)



This year we had the largest group ever to participate in a one week mission trip - 15 of which were two families from Canada who decided to take their families on a different type of vacation. Rather than Disney World, the Cronins and the Runstedlers came to Haiti. I think I can speak for both families and say that they are more than happy with their decision. They were a blessing to work with and I know they felt blessed.

A number of parents over the years have decided to take their children to Haiti to hopefully teach them how blessed they are and how to share their blessings. The young people are always touched in many ways. Most especially, the kids always enjoy themselves in a way they never expected. This year the two families from Canada brought a total of eleven children and teenagers from as

young as eight to nineteen. I must admit, Faie and I were a little apprehensive about what we would do with such a group and how the dynamics would work out. God had a plan and His plan was a good one.

We had a short week. Because of some flight scheduling issues, there were some overnight stays coming and going that caused us to have to shorten the work days of the trip by one day. Faie and I had made the preliminary preparations so that we could jump right in and get things ready for the two large family distributions of 160 each and still get in some of the other things that we always find important to do such as visit well sites and visit the families of homes we have built in order to pray and dedicate the homes. Visiting the schools, participating in feeding the children, visiting the Missionaries of Charity orphanage and especially putting on a "Party at the Prison" are always things that we want the first time and even "old timer" missionaries to experience. Then one can't ever forget the fun things like playing soccer with the neighborhood kids, hiking up the mountain and swimming in the Caribbean to create unforgettable memories.

After returning, I received this little note from Amy Cronin which I think will touch the hearts of all the moms and dads out there who dream of doing something for their kids that will touch their lives and help them to see what we yearn for them to see.

"Last night I was sitting with the kids, just reminiscing over the trip and heard some beautiful things from the kids that I would like to share with you. Emmy announced that she loved the trip so much because she felt like God was walking beside her in Haiti...Wow! I don't ever remember thinking anything like that when I was eight years old. Liam talked again about the Holy Spirit and His appearance in the form of a dove...a blessing that will help that young man as he grows his faith. He also felt that he had experienced miracles in Haiti. During prayers, Kyle thanked God for being born in Canada, a country with freedom, with two parents that loved him and cared for him, for the opportunity to travel to Haiti and asked for God's blessings on kids like him, born into different situations. So many times I feel blessed for the people that God has placed in our lives, because without them, Mike and I wouldn't be able to possibly do for our children what others have.....I have to admit that I have a hard time thinking about anything else since returning home." The Runstedler family had similar experiences and emotions.

Every trip to Haiti is special. One never knows what kind of surprises or rather "graces" God will have in store for you as you journey to lend a helping hand to the poor and forgotten. In the 14 years that Faie and I have been going to Haiti, God has never disappointed us. This year was no exception. What was exceptional this year was the amount of improvement in things overall. We have seen with each new well, with each new house and with each child who gets healthier because we are able to feed them that things were improving, but this year was startling. Everyone seemed happier, healthier and generally much more hopeful.

While travelling, I received a notice that we had reached the final \$1000 of the \$15,000 goal to access the entire \$15,000 matching fund grant so that the school children will be fed every day for at least another year. The Canadians also did an incredible job of fund raising to help with our family distribution, collecting enough \$\$\$ to enable HMI to distribute provisions, a little cash and hope to about 500 families during the course of both mission trips this Spring. There were many other special moments, too numerous to mention. Thanks for your prayers and support. God worked in a powerful and mighty way because of everything you are doing.

Haiti Mission Golf Tournament/Silent Auction

May 9th

Silent Auction items are up on the web!! Again this year there are some really great items and you can begin bidding now!! www.haitimissioninc.com

A note from Dr. David and Laura Fakier

As the Fakiers prepare to lead their 14 member team on the April 15th to 21st Mission trip, they sent out a little information regarding Haiti Mission and their involvement. He and Laura continually encourage those interested to join in the very fulfilling work of helping the poor in and around Jeremie, Haiti.

“Haiti Mission Inc. has been involved in the area around Jeremie, Haiti for just over 13 years. Laura and I will be making our 11th trip to Haiti since 2009 next month with a group of 14. The mission is active with many different projects that you can check out on the website, www.haitimissioninc.com. We have water well drilling equipment and have drilled over 30 wells. We have built and fund two schools with approximately 400 students. In memory of our daughter Rebecca Claire Fakier, we have built a bakery/restaurant which allows us to feed all the school children one hot meal a day.

We are currently building a home each month with funds which we raise primarily from our annual silent auction which is held in conjunction with our golf tournament on the Friday before Mother's Day. We hope to raise a minimum of \$50,000 this year which, when combined with matching donations of \$3750 per house, will enable HMI to continue funding homes throughout next year.”

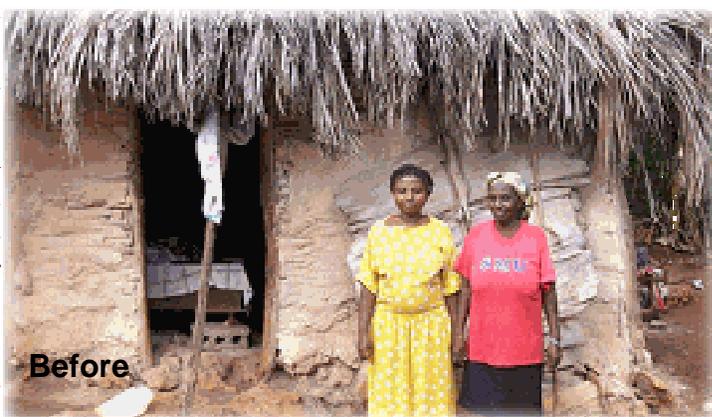
Haiti Mission is so grateful to the Fakiers for their passion for mission and their willingness to lead groups to Haiti who want to “come and see” what mission work is like - to see how God has answered “the cry of the poor” (Psalm 34:7) and “has granted success to the work of our hands” (Psalm 90:17)

Through the intercession and inspiration of their dear daughter, Rebecca Claire “Bec” Fakier, mighty and truly miraculous things have happened in the life of HMI and in the life of the people we serve in Haiti. Rebecca Claire’s story is included on the website under the "Our Inspirations" tab. If you have never read the story, please take the time to do so. I can assure you that you will be deeply moved. There is also information regarding Bec's Bakery on site. Bec’s bakery is dedicated to the HMI “feeding the kids program” HMI funds for the children attending the schools.

We wish the Fakier team the very best as they prepare for their trip and assure them of our love and encouraging, prayerful support. Bon Voyage!!

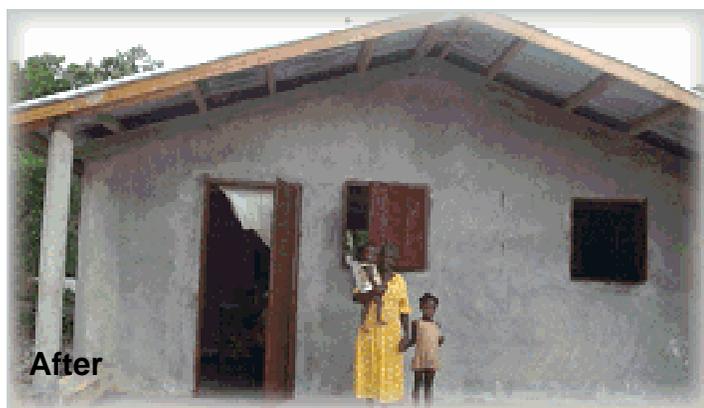
Monthly Miracle

Our Miracle “by the grace of God” for this month is the construction and completion of a home for Mrs. Estanie St. Vil. Mrs Estanie St. Vil lives near the community of Debarasse. Debarasse is a very remote, mountainous region of Haiti about five miles from Numero Deux where some of the poorest people in Haiti live. In order to attend church requires a five mile walk each way and to go to Jeremie is another five miles. Mrs. “Stanie” is a widow with 4 children. She lives with her daughter and her grandchildren. She is a member of the prayer group Fanmy Bondye (Family of God) and a faithful worshipper each week.



Before HMI built the lovely home you see, when it rained, she could not stay in her house since the water got easily in through the thatched roof. It was with great joy that the March 2014 mission team was able to visit Mrs. Stanie and dedicate her new house. Thanks to the hard work and the generosity of HMI supporters Mrs.

Stanie and her family can live free from fear of rain and bad weather. Mrs Stanie sends her prayers and heartfelt thanks. (Of special note – this is the first house HMI has built in this community. The distance and treacherous terrain make it much harder to accomplish much of the practical and financial constraints that are required for building houses in this community. Because of the extreme need and circumstances, the HMI Numero Deux team decided to commit themselves to this project.)



“FAIE’S FACTS”

LENTEN RETREAT IN HAITI

What a treat it was to celebrate one week of Lent in Haiti! The word Lent means to “lengthen” as in the days of Springtime, when the days actually become longer, especially with daylight savings time which occurred during our trip. It’s also a time of lengthening our prayers, almsgiving, fasting, and doing good works. Beginning our work days and each meal with a heart-felt prayer; singing, worshiping, praising & praying with our Haitian friends four nights in different churches was one of the best retreats we had ever made. Sharing alms with families, prisoners & the Missionary of Charities orphanage was putting the Gospel message into practice in a powerful way. Seeing the young missionaries joining in the good works of distributing supplies to needy families, dedicating homes, playing soccer with the compound kids, checking on the wells & poultry farm all helped to shape our Lent. Although we didn’t fast from food in the traditional way because of TE-TE’s daily cooking us three delicious nutritional meals, we did fast from hot showers, television, cell phones & other luxuries. May the Spirit of God be with us as we all continue our Lenten resolutions.

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This newsletter is dedicated to raising funds to help the families that we visit on our mission trips in a particular way. Whatever you do will be wonderful!

Yes Deacon Lloyd, I want the families that the Fakier April Mission team will visit to know that God loves them and that we love them. Good Luck and God Bless!

- _____ \$3750 would sponsor a new home and get a family “out of the mud and into safe secure housing.
- _____ \$1000 would help us drill a well in a community without fresh water.
- _____ Buying an animal would help our animal husbandry projects: (A donkey \$200, a Haitian Creole pig \$100, a goat \$75, a pair of laying hens \$20).
- _____ \$75 month would sponsor a teacher in the community schools. (Payable monthly/quarterly or yearly – requires a one year commitment)
- _____ \$35 would buy food and supplies for a family
- _____ Here is help to feed the children at school by buying supplies to use at Bec’s Bakery
- _____ I would like to help purchase essential medicines for the dispensary. (Parasite medicine and vitamins are distributed to all the families, prisoners & school children visited.)
- _____ \$12 annual membership in the “Woman-to-Woman club of Haiti that helps poor women get the 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: _____

- _____ 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!!



Upcoming Events
Haiti Trip and Fundraiser
April 15th to 21st - Holy Week 2014
May 9th – Annual fundraiser – Golf Tournament and Silent Auction