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



Bidding Gone Wild!!

The fifth annual HMI "Gala at the Golf Course" is in the history books. As you will read in the report written by Laura and David Fakier, it was another incredibly blessed event. Read the report and bask in the sheer magnificence of such a blessing that will allow HMI to bless others.

"Thank you, Thank you and God Bless you for your generosity! The final check has been received and because of many generous donors we were able to surpass our goal of \$50,000. Our grand total for this year's Silent Auction is an amazing \$75,370.

*For the first time, we had multiple bidders on several major items, including our trips to Grand Cayman, Crested Butte, Mississippi Deer Hunting trip and dinner with Chef Kati Doria. Through the generosity of Beth and Marty Deitchman, Shawn Sistrunk, The Duplantis Family and Kati Doria, all of which offered to double their above donations, that allowed us to offer two trips of each and two dinners which raised twice as much money. We also have been blessed by many who have sent in checks for more than the bid amount for their items and we have received several large direct donations. **Our theme for the Fifth Annual Silent Auction was changed to "Bidders & DONORS Gone Wild"!***

What does this mean for Haiti Mission Inc. and the poor families we serve near Jeremie?

We have \$75,370. in restricted donations that can only be used as matching money to build homes. We currently have \$37,500. in donations for homes from previous donors, so we already have enough money for our next 10 homes. If we are able to raise another \$37,500 in the next twelve months, all the matching money from the silent auction can be utilized and we can build another 10 homes, for a total of 20 for the year!!! Amazing!

We are hopeful that more donors will come forward in the near future to donate a home in honor or memory of the family member and/or we will continue to receive many small donations which will add up to \$3750. Each time we do, we can then draw the matching \$3750 from the Silent Auction money to build a home which cost a total of \$7500.

We are going to begin in June by building two homes and we hope to continue to build three homes every two months. The next twelve months will be an exciting time for HMI and all our supporters as we continue to share our gifts with not only the poor families, whose lives will be changed by a new home, but also the 10 - 15 members of our construction team who will be making additional income.

Thank you once again for all you are doing to make this possible. May God bless you and your families!"

David & Laura Fakier

Beautiful wasn't it!?!?

As you read from the Fakier report, the funds from the Silent Auction are 100% dedicated to house construction. The remaining funds that are raised via the golf team entry fees, sponsorships and tee box sign ads are used to drill and repair water wells and address other needs that HMI takes care of through the general fund. Through the persistent and untiring work of Charles and Gretchen Caillouet and the tournament chairman, Don Robinson, the total on that side was **\$32,000!!** This gives a grand total of **\$107,370**. That deserves a WOW and an "Attaboy" to everyone who helped in anyway.

What We Hope to do!!

JUNE #30 Withly's Home **#31** Saintaine's Home

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE for Remainder of Construction year

JULY #32 AUGUST #33 & #34 SEPTEMBER #35 OCTOBER #36 & 37

NOVEMBER #38 DECEMBER #39 #40

THIS IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE BASED ON THE HOPES THAT OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WE GET MORE DONATIONS...IF WE BRING IN ANOTHER \$37,500, WE WILL HAVE ENOUGH TO CONTINUE AT THREE HOMES EVERY TWO MONTHS FOR THE YEAR. WE WILL SEE WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED!

So that's the story - a beautiful story filled with hope and promise! Father Joe has a long list of people already approved to get a house. They are all waiting anxiously and praying for HMI and their donors. This issue of the HMI newsletter will be dedicated to raising the additional funds to accomplish our goal of building three houses every two months for the construction season taking us up to next year's fund raiser. I know together we can do it. These funds will allow Fr. Joe to plan; the construction team will know that their families will have income coming in; and the parents and their children can know that one day soon they will be out of the mud and into a fine-looking, strong, dry and safe house.

God bless you one and all for whatever role you played in this magnificent expression of love and determination to help the poor in and around Jeremie, Haiti.

Patron Saint of HMI



No one can read these newsletters and follow the work of HMI without recognizing the power and glory of God working through all this. It is clear that something or “someone” special is watching over us and interceding for us. All of us who have seen with our own eyes and experienced in our lives incredible, mystical and miraculous occurrences through the intercession of this precious child, know in our hearts that we have a special saint watching over HMI, its benefactors and the work it does. Included in this newsletter is a special gift, a special memento that we want to give to you that we know will bless you and your loved ones. It is a prayer cloth that was brought to the grave of Rebecca Claire Fakier, blessed by Bishop Shelton Fabre and prayed over at a special series of Masses for healing at St. Bridget. There is an explanation of prayer cloths based upon Acts 19:12 included along with a prayer to Rebecca and a miraculous medal to wear or carry on your person. HMI encourages your use of these blessed items as part of your devotional lives and to share them with friends, loved ones, especially those who are struggling in any way with life’s burdens. Let Rebecca help you carry them. Jesus says in Matthew 11:28, “Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.” Through the intercession of Rebecca, many burdens have been lifted from the lives of the weary and heavy burdened. We know she will help you

Donate via Website

Don’t forget that donating can be fast and easy via our new iDonate button located throughout the www.haitimissioninc.com website. All credit cards can be used with an immediate receipt and acknowledgement from HMI. With our new system we can take cars, boats, motorcycles, RVs, mobile phones, laptops, tablets, digital cameras, jewelry, art, stock, real estate and precious metal. The donate button will queue you through the entire process. You can also set up regular monthly donations via the site. We know you and your friends will appreciate the ease of helping those in need through this wonderful new and easy donation tool.

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Building Houses – Changing Lives

One Month at a Time!



Marko’s family moved into their new home in May 2014. All of this made possible because of your generous support of our construction program and participation in the HMI silent auction.

Upcoming trips

It’s not too early to plan on joining one of our mission trips this Fall or next Spring.

Here are the dates to consider. If God is tugging at your heart about experiencing mission, call 985-855-3127 or email Deacon Lloyd at lloydrem@lloydsremedies.com for more information. (1) **Sunday December 14th** – Depart 6 PM New Orleans – Return Saturday **December 20th** evening (St. Thomas Aquinas Nicholls University) (2) **Holy Week 2015** – Depart 6 PM March 29th New Orleans – Return on Monday April 6th (3) **Sunday April 5th, 2015** – Depart 6 PM New Orleans – Return Monday April 13th evening.



“FAIE’S FACTS”

Ring the Bell --- Together

Since June is the month for most weddings, the following story is appropriate.

After a wedding ceremony in an old historic “Little Brown Church” in Nashua, Iowa, the minister asks the bride to ring the church bell. Although she pulls the rope with all her might, the heavy bell will not yield and turn. The minister then asks the groom to lend her a hand and together they ring the bell and the countryside hears the news of another wedding. Then the minister says, “As you now go out into life together, never forget that as long as you pull together, you can **ring the bell**. With God’s hand on the rope of the Haiti Mission, we, too, can “Ring the Bell”.

- One of the reasons our "Gala at the Golf Course" is so special is we have some wonderful volunteer cooks/chefs! Pictured here are Don Robinson, Lloyd Duplantis and Tammy and Billy Gaston who have been with us from the beginning grilling up their "Shrimp Kabobs". God willing they will be with us next year at Ellendale Country club on April 27th.