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



Bleeding, Bearings and Blessings

Everyone knows about an Achilles heel but Haiti Mission has a director with an Achilles Prostate! Hope this isn't too offensive to anyone but as much as I would like to believe I was superman, the good Lord periodically reminds me I am not with that particular aspect of my anatomy. It is intriguing that this problem seems to always crop up around our Silent Auction/Golf tournament fundraiser. This year, the flare up occurred a couple of weeks before the event. As usual, it shut me down and made me be quiet. It gave me time to reflect.

Coincidentally or "Godincidentally", last month I spoke about the price of getting involved with mission. There is always a price and in my experience, the greater the potential blessing, the greater the price. In our humanity there is an "Achilles something" somewhere. In my body there is this Achilles prostate. About the same time as this health issue of mine flared up, we were having all sorts of problems with the HMI drilling rig. A little \$25 bearing that would not be any problem in the US had been causing havoc in our rig for six months. In the heart of our HMI drill rig was this "Achilles bearing". And following Murphy's Law of "everything that can go wrong will go wrong" also seemed to be the norm. What I have come to realize and most everyone who gets involved with mission work, especially in Haiti, is that this is "normal". A normal part of trying to accomplish anything in life and a normal part of the spiritual fight which is part of mission work.

While all these challenges were confronting us, God was showing us the way and sending the person who would be part of the solution. The company that built the rig said we needed to get a rig mechanic down there to trouble shoot the problem. Well, rig mechanics for the special type rig we have are just not that easy to find and certainly not that easy to get to Haiti. To digress a little, during the course of the HMI well drilling odyssey, I met a wonderful advisor and well drilling consultant by the name of Howard "Porky" Cutter. He was the one who ultimately advised me to get the type rig built that we currently own and operate. That advice turned out to be exactly right for the area in which we drill and has served us well for many years. I knew he had a son whose name was – are you ready for this – Chris "Piglet" Cutter!! I had never met Piglet but I was aware that he and his dad worked together. So I called Porky and asked where was Piglet. It turned out that Piglet was getting ready to go spend a week in no place other than Haiti! Another Godincident! I asked if he could come try to help us while he was there and he said he could and he would. The details are much too lengthy but the long and short of it is that Piglet was immediately able to identify the "Achilles Bearing" which we ordered and sent to him. While waiting, he supervised the construction of a small work over rig which we vitally needed to service and repair our wells. As soon as the part arrived he also was able to install it with the help of our drill crew and get our rig up and running again. At the time of this writing, all our wells were repaired and working except for two that he was sure they could fix in the upcoming week. Most importantly is that the end result of prayer and perseverance has brought us to a point where we now have our drill truck fixed and a pump hoist (work over rig) constructed (the picture in this month's newsletter). The pump hoist will allow us to service wells at anytime necessary, especially if our drill truck is down or busy. We can now move forward - and sometimes, yes, we will still move backwards -with our commitment to bring water to within 500 ft of everyone in the area. But I think the real message is the mysterious statement of St. Paul paraphrased in an evening prayer of the Liturgy of the hours, "In this life we fill up in our own flesh what is still lacking in the sufferings of Christ; accept this as our sacrifice of praise, and we shall even now taste the joy of the new Jerusalem."

We will continue to accept all the inconveniences, sufferings, misfortunes and hardships and offer them as a sacrifice of praise to somehow help all of our brothers and sisters suffering in so many places in the world, but especially in the region where we are called to work in our dear Numero Deux, Haiti.



Our work over rig will enable us to repair wells much quicker and in a more efficient way. What a blessing for our team and for our well drilling program!

FAIE'S FACTS

Jesus showed us how to forgive our enemies when He asked His father to forgive the ones crucifying Him since they did not know what they were doing. St. Stephen, the first martyr, asked God to forgive those who were stoning him. St. Sabastian, another martyr in the fourth century, blessed those throwing arrows into his body, as he was tied to a tree, with the sign of the cross. It seems so difficult to act upon Jesus' forgiveness principle. But Gandhi said in paraphrase what would happen if we don't forgive. If you practice an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, all you end up with is a universe of toothless, blind people.

The Blessing of Rain

Of course, this newsletter would never be complete without the discussion of rain and our golf tournament. I haven't found a record yet regarding how many rainouts in a row that golf tournaments experience, but I do know if HMI doesn't hold the record we are close. Once again we received a torrential rain beyond anyone's belief the day of our tournament. And once again it caused us all to reflect about the message. First off, it is hard to be disappointed in raising the funds that are described in the report below. What a blessing that we have so many faithful supporters. Ellendale Country Club is a beautiful facility where we were safe and were able to enjoy the company of many friends and supporters who were there to be with us on our special day. We actually were able to get in six or seven holes of golf before the skies came crashing down and the day turned into night. We were especially blessed to be able to have the Mass said by Fr. Joe and Fr. Ding. What



a joy to pray and celebrate Mass together. Every day on every mission trip we have Mass and we continue that tradition at our silent auction/ golf tournament every year. Fr. Joe's message was one of hope. "In spite of challenges and disappointments, God is with us. God will direct us. God will give us strength!" And so He does. So many people have hope because of our mission. So many people know that tomorrow will be better because of our mission. The message seems clear that HMI is about water and hope and the heavens seem to bring us rain when we are thinking sunshine and the Mass brings us hope. It was a wonderful day in spite of the weather. All the golfers received coupons to play golf at Ellendale whenever they can schedule it and everyone who attended was treated to some great food, great fellowship and great fun. That's a hard-to-beat combination. Lots of families are praying that one day HMI will show up with the great news that this month you will receive a new home and be out of this mud and mess. God Bless you all for your continued prayer and support and for "hanging" with us.

6th Annual Haiti Mission Golf Tournament & Silent Auction April 27, 2015 Report and Summary

Thank you! Thank you and God bless you for your generosity! As most of you already know we had another weather event for our 6th Annual Golf Tournament & Silent Auction. We were able to get this one started, but after seven holes the AM golf groups had to return to the clubhouse for an approaching severe thunderstorm. At first this seemed to be a blessing...with over 100 Auction Items we had approximately 50 – 60 golfers trapped in the Ellendale Clubhouse. Just as the bidding started to heat up...the weather really arrived with wind gusts of over 50 mph and then, the electricity went out!! After torrential rain fall for more than an hour, we were forced to cancel the tournament and the electricity came back on several hours later. God has a terrific sense of humor! We had plenty of food and drinks and the word went out that the Silent Auction was still taking place. We ended up with at least minimum bids on almost all 107 items (Laura and I begged a bit). As in the past, many winning bidders also added to their donation. One extremely generous donor added \$5000 to his total!! After all the checks were collected, the auction items took in approximately \$47,000.

We cannot begin to thank enough all who have helped in so many ways with the Silent Auction and Golf Tournament. For the past six years, many generous people have donated items and their time, teams have continued to sign up and the bidders have continued to amaze us with their generosity! Thank you again! But that is not the end of the story...really! Prior to the tournament & silent auction we had received nearly \$6,000 in donations. After the auction, God's plan began to unfold...**We received anonymous donations in the amount of \$11,000, \$11,000, \$4,000 and \$2,500.** It became obvious to Deacon Lloyd and Haiti Mission supporters that we needed to reach our goal of \$90,000. The final \$9,000 will be added from donations earned from the golf tournament. **Just remember...You Cannot Out Give God! The final total of \$90,700 will be restricted towards matching funds to continue to build two homes per month through May 2016!** We already have donations in place to build homes through the end of 2015 and we are confident that donors will continue to support the building project and the matching money will not go unused. It continues to be a blessing to be able to represent Haiti Mission and all of you, the supporters of HMI. We are looking forward to sharing the great news with the community that another 24 families will have the chance to move from misery to poverty over the next year because of your support! In addition, the joy will be extended to 35 families of the men who earn income each month from the construction project.

In the month of May, we completed our 50th home, of which 33 have been built with our new design since July 2013. Amazing!! Thank you once again for all you are doing to make this possible. May God bless you and your families. And always remember, God created us out of generosity to live generous lives.

David & Laura Fakier

Upcoming Events

May 23rd to 30th – Mission Trip with the Fakiers

June 5th to 19th – Two week Mission trip with Deacon, Mrs. Faie and Renewal Ministries.

"Please keep all our missionaries in your thoughts and in your prayers!"

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This newsletter is dedicated to raising funds to help the families whom we have come to know and love in the villages around Jeremie, Haiti. May God bless you and your loved ones for your commitment to the poor by giving in whatever way the Holy Spirit directs you.

- _____ \$3750 would sponsor a new home and get a family “out of the mud and into safe secure housing.” (We are counting on our new home design to keep the cost of constructing the homes in this price range)
- _____ \$1000 would help us drill a well in a community without fresh water.
- _____ \$100 would sponsor a teacher in the community schools. (Payable monthly/quarterly or yearly – we would appreciate a one year commitment)
- _____ \$35 would buy food and supplies for a family (please call or E-mail for Dirty Card Helping Families)
- _____ I would like help 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.

Here is my immediate donation to use where most needed:
(Every dollar donated will be matched dollar for dollar!!)

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

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

_____ 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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THANKS FOR HELPING!

No donation is too small. No gift unappreciated!

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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*