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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 much to be thankful for!**

We have been corresponding with Father Joe on a regular basis and he confirmed that by the end of the year the construction team should have all roofs damaged by the hurricane repaired. The team is also constructing homes #85 and #86 this month and have asked to build homes #87 and #88 in December. Isn't that remarkable and nothing short of miraculous! What an incredible job Fr. Joe and his team have done to get people back into their homes.

We asked Father Joe if he thought it would be possible to build three houses per month from January – April 2017, so that we could make the **"100th House Celebration"** mission trips at the end of April and May. He responded that **"Challenges are part of our daily life in Haiti. With the help of God and our good will, let's make the attempt"**. We are humbled by the perseverance of our friends in Haiti and their example is a wonderful witness to all of us. So here we go...

Next year will be the **8th Annual HMI Silent Auction**. By the grace of God and thanks to many generous donors, we have raised a total of **\$329,345** over the past seven years. We are again dedicating all the silent auction money to our Home Building Project. Since July 2013, we have been able to build 71 houses.

The houses cost \$7500 and we dedicate the silent auction money as a matching donation to build a house. So for every \$3750 donated to HMI for houses, we take \$3750 from Silent Auction proceeds to complete the funding. **In order to reach our goal of building two houses per month we need a total of \$180,000 of which \$90,000 is needed from the Silent Auction.**

Last year was our first attempt at raising money through sponsorships prior to the auction. Thanks to many generous sponsors we raised a total of **\$115,520**. We have been blessed to personally witness the impact that these houses are having on the families of recipients, approximately 35 members of the construction team and the overall community. We hope to continue at the rate of two houses per month following the construction of house #100.

We hope to raise a minimum of \$45,000 through sponsorships and the balance through the sale of silent auction items. **The good news is that we have already raised \$15,000 through the Title Sponsor!** Thanks to all of you who have helped us in the past. Your generous support has helped many poor families whom we serve. We invite you to visit the HMI website and read about some of the house recipients and view the before and after pictures. ([www.haitimissioninc.com](http://www.haitimissioninc.com)). The need for houses is endless for the desperately poor families we serve. Our goal is to lift one family at a time from misery to poverty, but we cannot do it without your help! Please consider helping if you can and take the time to send the information to others who may be able to help. We would like to have commitments no later than February of 2017 so that we can include the names of our sponsors on information pertaining to the event which is scheduled for April 24, 2017. We have mission trips planned at the end of December and again in April and May of 2017. We hope to continue to bring good news to our families in Haiti and share with them your support. **Psalm 72: 12-13** seems appropriate for our Hurricane Matthew response and our silent auction appeal. ***For He rescues the poor when they cry out, the oppressed who have no one to help. He shows pity to the needy and the poor and saves the lives of the poor.***



Hurricane Matthew – October 2016 – The day that horror hit. Pictured is one of the HMI houses after the landfall of the category 4 Hurricane. The bad news is that 30 of the 84 houses we had built at the time had their roofs completely destroyed with the remainder having various amounts of tin ripped off. The good news is that there was very little damage done to the structures themselves. Because of the sturdy construction of our houses, all of the water wells in the area and the use of our schools as shelters, there was no loss of life and no cholera, even though there was massive destruction by this storm which was the strongest in recorded history to hit the area. The other great news is that we raised in one month more than 80k we estimated to repair all the houses.

## Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is more than something we do or feel but it is an offering that honors and glorifies God. It is a theme of many of the Psalms and a powerful means of charging us with spiritual refreshment. Biblical language speaks to God in praise and nurtures us with divine peace and comfort. Perhaps that's why thanksgiving is a command in the Psalms - "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever"(Psalm 107:1) as well as in the Prophetic Books - "In that day you will say, 'Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted'(Isaiah 12:4). In his wisdom, God knows our need to focus on his unconditional love for us and the positive results of a grateful heart. During this time when we are focused on rebuilding what we had spent years building, Thanksgiving and Christmas are very special.. There are many reasons to give thanks to God!(The following are a few reasons and a few scripture passages that I hope you enjoy and appreciate as we have.)

Faie and I, our Board of Directors and our dedicated group of volunteers give thanks for all of you who are on this HMI journey with us. We are so humbled and appreciative that you have responded to the "cry of the poor" via the HMI model and concept so let us always be thankful: for God's greatness, for God's mercy - "Let them thank the Lord for his mercy" (Psalm 107: 8). for God's protection - "In God I trust, I do not fear. What can man do to me? (Psalm 56:12). for salvation - "I thank you, for you answered me; you have been my savior" (Psalm 118:21). for daily provisions - "...supplying the needs of the holy ones" (2 Corinthians 9:12). for God's grace - "...for the grace of God bestowed on you" (1 Corinthians 1:4). for healing - "...he had been healed, returned glorifying God" ( Luke 17:16). for victory over sin - The sting of death is sin,...But thanks be to God who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).for all people - "...thanksgiving..for everyone" (1 Timothy 2:1). for everything - "...giving thanks always for everything"(Ephesians 5:20). And last but not least, "Thanks be to God!



### **Praise the Lord!**

This is what almost all of our houses look like again because of the hard work and determination of the HMI construction team. What a Christmas gift! With your help HMI will be able to bring hope and help to many more families.

### Upcoming Events and Important dates in the life of HMI

- December 28<sup>th</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017** – Christmas mission trip (full)
- April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017** – HMI Golf tournament/Silent Auction at Ellendale Country Club
- April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 100<sup>th</sup> house Mission trip (first week) (full)
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>** – 100<sup>th</sup> house Mission trip (second week) (space available)
- May 26<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Memorial Day Trip – (space available)

N.B. Our one week mission trips fill up quickly. If you are interested in travelling to Haiti on one of our mission trips, please contact us so we can advise you of availability and get you scheduled. God Bless you for your mission heart! (N.B.) Passports must have at least six months left before expiration in order to enter Haiti.



### FAIE'S FACTS

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Let kindness come with every gift, good desires with every greeting, and help us to be joyful with clean hearts.

May Christmas morning make us happy to be your children and Christmas evening bring us to sleep with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven for Jesus' sake. Amen





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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 that have sustained a direct hit from Hurricane Matthew. May God bless you and your loved ones for your commitment to the poor by giving in whatever way the Holy Spirit directs you this Christmas season.

**Here is my immediate donation to use where most needed:**

**\$1000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_**

**Other Needs:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100/month would sponsor a teacher in the community schools.  
(Payable monthly/ quarterly or yearly - requires a one year commitment.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help purchase essential medicines for the dispensary.  
(Parasite medicine and vitamins are distributed to all the families visited.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 would provide a gift basket of commodities for a family.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help feed the children at school
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$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.

**Please consider a sponsorship for one of our Haiti houses**

**Silent Auction Co-Sponsors \$7500. (Limit two)**

- Listing on all event banners/posters and press releases
- Food & drinks on day of event for sponsors and guests
- Listing on Haiti Mission website
- Dedication of **two homes**

**Silent Auction Gold Sponsors \$3750. (Limit 15)**

- Listing on all event banners/posters
- Listing on Haiti Mission website
- Food & drinks on day of event for sponsors and guests
- Dedication of **one home**

**Silent Auction Builder Sponsors \$1000. (Unlimited)**

- Food & drinks on day of event for sponsors and guests

**This monetary gift is made in memory of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 please send an acknowledgement card**

**to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ **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***

***“No One has ever become poor by giving”***

The hand written words of Anne Frank (1929-1945)

