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



Sunday, October 9th, 2016

This is the date that some lucky person will take home this beautiful Polaris Ranger ETX. Someone will also walk away with cash prizes of \$1000 and \$500.

100 by April 2017

The title of this article is the mantra for HMI as we approach Fall 2016 and anticipate God's goodness and grace for 2017. We have been able to help so many families in Haiti get out of the mud, mess and misery because of your goodness and generosity. Although having completed 100 houses by our Annual April trip next year seemed within reach because of the outpouring of support for our family house building, it still requires quite a bit of funding to make it a reality – actually about \$42,000 worth of reality. As we described in the past newsletter, the gift of the Polaris Ranger and the raffle idea seemed to be God's Will as the way to reach our goal. At the time this newsletter was printed we had about \$18,000 worth of tickets either purchased or taken to sell. What a blessing!! Still short of our hopes to get to the \$42,000 mark but a great number never the less. With a little more than a month to go before the drawing, let's all pray that God will be glorified by our plan. Pray along with the Haitian families who are praying that one day they will be the recipient of a new, safe, and secure house in which to live and raise their families. All we ask is that you do what you can to help us reach our raffle/housing goal in any way you can and we know God will do the rest!

So, come one, come all to the HMI quarterly gathering at the St. Bridget Community Life Center on Sunday, October 9th, 2016 at 6 PM to celebrate and enjoy a jambalaya and white bean supper, some great fellowship and have a chance to win our Polaris Ranger ETX as well as our cash prizes. See you then!! (We please ask you to RSVP to Faie @ 985-688-5002)

Upcoming Events and Important dates in the life of HMI

October 9th – HMI quarterly gathering Supper Raffle St. Bridget Schriever, La.

December 28th – January 4th, 2017 – Christmas mission trip (full)

April 24th, 2017 – HMI Golf tournament/Silent Auction at Ellendale Country Club

April 27th – May 3rd – 100th house Mission trip (first week) (full)

May 3rd – May 10th – 100th house Mission trip (second week) (space available)

N.B. Our one week mission trips fill up quick. 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!

Let us pray!!

Let us pray in a special way for all the victims of natural disasters here and throughout the world. Let us pray for victims of violence in all its forms. Let us also pray for protection during this hurricane season. May Our Lady of Prompt Succor, patroness of Louisiana protect, guide, direct and encourage us. May her dear son, Our Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on us and bless us!

FAIE'S FACTS

Four-year-old Mike had a small bag of extra large marbles that he thought were beautiful. He immediately wanted to take them to play with the neighbor boy, also four, who promptly took half of them for himself and wouldn't return them. When Mike later returned home, he told his father about it.

"Why did you let him get away with it?," his dad asked. Mike stood there for a while and then said, "Well, I was going to try to get them back, but I was thinking that I liked Jimmy better than I liked the four big marbles he took and so I didn't want to fight him. And so I kept my bad words in my mouth and we kept right on playing and had a good time. (Anonymous)

I thought this was a great example of what Pope Francis meant with one of his prayer intentions for the month of August which was that sports be used as a means to bring about world peace. The HMI soccer balls sure seem to be an answer to his prayer!!

What will matter!

As we continue this unique and fascinating adventure that HMI has been and we see the power of development that has transformed lives by building houses, drilling water wells, feeding children and the other humanitarian initiatives in which we are involved, and also as we help our friends here in Louisiana who have been so incredibly devastated by flooding, I thought reflecting on the poem by Michael Josephson would be inspiring and encouraging.

“Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days.

All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear.

So too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to-do lists will expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from or what side of the tracks you lived on at the end.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.

Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?

*What will matter is not what you bought but what you built,
not what you got but what you gave.*

What will matter is not your success but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned but what you taught.

*What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched,
empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.*

What will matter is not your competence but your character.

*What will matter is not how many people you knew,
but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.*

What will matter is not your memories but the memories of those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.

It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters”

Doesn't this embrace HMI and our mindset! God willing we will continue to build, to give and to invite others to be part of What Really Matters. I think concluding this reflection with the Serenity prayer would be appropriate, “ God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference..” May God continue to bless the work of HMI as we always try to focus on what really matters.



Here is one of the three families that received a new house in August because of your prayerful support of the work of HMI. (Haiti – House #80) The Rosy Toto Family – The following is their story. With a successful raffle and Fall fundraising campaign, many more families in Haiti will have a happy ending to their pitiful story.

Rosy Toto was a very good and generous parishioner of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Numero Deux as well as a member of the prayer group Zanmy BONDYE. She passed away in 2010 after experiencing a terrible stroke. She left behind 5 children. Recently, two of her sons died. The two young women pictured are two of her daughters, Kathia (28 y/o) and Erica (24 y/o). One of the children is Kathia's daughter and the other child is a friend of Kathia's daughter. As you can see by the pictured dwelling, the situation of this family was terrible. HMI via Fr. Joe several times helped to pay for the medicines and hospitalizations for the sons before they passed. Fr. Joe also had to pay for one of the funerals. HMI is happy to bring hope and joy to the surviving members of this family by building a new home for them in August 2016.

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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 especially through our summer raffle home building initiative. 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.” (Our new home design is keeping the cost of constructing the homes at \$7500 with the \$3750 matching money for each home provided by funds raised from the annual silent auction)

_____ Send me _____ books of raffle tickets (tickets are 5 to the book - \$20/ticket) to sell to my friends and family.

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: _____

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)