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



Hello Friends

Amazing! We closed the sponsorship portion of the Silent Auction on Sunday and we have been overwhelmed with the generosity of our donors. A group of my old Kappa Alpha Brothers decided to honor the memory of two of our brothers who passed away in 2015. We have received a total of **\$72,750** in donations and pledges from our Sponsors for the 2017 Silent Auction. Thanks to all who have participated thus far to make the event a success.

Silent Auction Title Sponsor: Bec's 8th Annual HMI Silent Auction - In memory of Rebecca Claire Fakier

Silent Auction Co-Sponsors - Dr. Kara Beth Marcantel & Dr. David Allie & Beth & Marty Deitchman

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Silent Auction Builder Sponsors - Bridget & Bryan Day, Anonymous, Benton Business Solutions, Colette & Chris Lapeyre

We have been inspired by the overwhelming support and have adjusted our goal from **\$90,000 to \$97,500**. The extra \$7,500 would allow us to have the match in place to build an extra two homes, (26 total) over the course of the next year and bring additional families out of their deplorable living conditions. The damage from Hurricane Matthew has left many more families in need of a home.

Our 35 man work crew can hopefully look forward to another busy year ahead. We still hope to complete home #100 the last week of April and begin celebrating in Haiti on our mission trip three days after the golf tournament and silent auction.

We are already off to a great start with auction items. **Many people have offered to support us again this year. We hope to send out our first list of items no later than the second week of March. We also will have a new and exciting auction bid platform which will allow for on line and phone bidding and will notify you when you have been out bid.** We hope this platform makes the auction more convenient for our bidders and also makes it easier for people wanting to participate that cannot make the event.

What do we need now? We need your prayers and an open heart to the possibility of donating or obtaining additional items for the auction. If you own a vacation home or condo and would like to donate a week or long weekend for the auction that would be fantastic. We would like to obtain spa and hotel packages, beauty products, designer hand bags, sunglasses, jewelry, art work, memorabilia, fishing or hunting trips, Chef meals, cookouts and gift certificates to restaurants and clothing stores.

We welcome any item with a minimum value of \$25.00. We want to thank you in advance for your consideration and support. We need many generous donors to make the auction a success. These homes immediately impact two and often three generations, as well as, construction workers, their families and the community businesses that supply our needs. Please visit the HMI website at www.haitimissioninc.com to see before and after pictures with stories.

Please contact **David Fakier (985-804-3112)** or **Laura Fakier (985-860-4311)** if you have any questions or would like to donate an item. Thanks again for your support and participation. **Please Forward to Your Contacts.** David & Laura Fakier, HMI Silent Auction.

Upcoming Events and Important dates in the life of HMI

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

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

May 1st – May 10th – 100th house Mission trip (second week) (space available)

May 26th to June 3rd – Memorial Day Trip – (space available)

Summer Youth Trip - High School and or College Age

June 5th-12th - June 14th-21st - June 23rd-30th Space Available

*** 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. They fill up quickly. God Bless you for your mission heart! Passports must have at least six months left before expiration date in order to enter Haiti.

FAIE'S FACTS

A definition of success on a practical level is coming together, staying together and continuing to work together to accomplish a goal or project. From a spiritual perspective, Faith is what gets you started, Hope is what keeps you going and Love is what brings you to the end.

HMI is a work in progress whose success depends on faith, hope, love and a lot of generous people working together.



In the middle is Jacob with two other drillers who came to Haiti to help him drill some wells.



Jacob with some of the Haitian kids that he has helped so much by drilling water wells but most especially by his loving, caring heart.

Director of Drilling

We reached another milestone in the HMI adventure this past year when we drilled our 50th water well in Haiti. Can you believe it?! Fifty water wells, most of them in places that never had water before and where people – mostly young girls – in many cases were having to walk miles to get some water or bathe or wash clothes. All of this has been truly incredible when one comes to realize that it has been done simply because of determination and desire to help. It wasn't done with the help of any country or government agency but by persevering with a realization that if we didn't do it no one else would. Because of that drive and commitment, there has been no cholera in the area either after the 2010 earthquake or Hurricane Matthew. Children now can go to school and play after school instead of having to fetch water. The health of the communities where we have drilled wells has been vastly improved. The families are happy and hopeful as they live now with water, schools for their children and slowly but surely, decent housing.

What we have realized is that for some time now the need for a trained professional with drilling experience has been sorely needed. So many situations have arisen that, although our Haitian team has had some basic training and a good deal of experience, they still often run into situations that are beyond their level of training. As we drill more and more wells, our commitment to maintain those wells is also challenged.

So let me introduce to you Jacob Crabtree. Jacob is no stranger to HMI and our work. In fact, Jacob was the very first driller to work with HMI in Haiti back in 2005 when we brought in the very first HMI rig. He was able to identify some defective equipment that allowed us to ultimately bring in the type equipment we currently use. Jacob owns and operates Crabtree Drilling, a water well drilling company in Springfield, Ohio. Ever since that first well he drilled for us, he fell in love with Haiti and the Haitian people. Jacob and his wife Chelsey began working with another group in another area of Jeremie and except for occasional communications between us, we never connected again until this past year. The rig that he had been using had some major breakdowns and he contacted me about using our rig for a project. He was able to get the well drilled using our equipment and our men. From that experience and because the previous rig that he had been using was beyond repair, we discussed the possibility of him taking charge of our rig as well as supervising our drill team and the maintenance of our wells that we have drilled. He accepted the proposal. Going forward, he will use his experience to upgrade our maintenance schedule and equipment as well as be able to handle projects that our Haitian team has up to this point been unable to address.

We are really excited about what Jacob will be able to do for the Jeremie region now that he is directing our well drilling component. We are confident that Jacob will be able to drill more efficiently and effectively, producing more potable water with less overhead. As you can see, we have great hopes for this new phase of our water well drilling and quest for "Running Water for Haiti!" Welcome Jacob!



Construction back on schedule! Pictured is Edner and Micheline Michel. Mr. Edner Michel and Mrs. Micheline Louis are parents of our chief construction supervisor, Jean Frenel. They have five children and one adopted child. They are subsistence farmers who eke out a living by selling their products in the Jeremie market. They have been praying hard and waiting patiently for the day that God would bless them with a new home.

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This month's newsletter is dedicated to continuing to raise the \$15,000 necessary to access the \$15,000 in matching funds to make sure all of our school children get a nice hot meal every day that they attend school. (We are a little over 1/3 of the way so far, \$5,800. Thanks.

Yes Deacon Lloyd, I want to make sure the kids at school get one meal every day.

_____ Here is my sacrificial gift to help keep feeding the children at school. (Every dollar donated is matched dollar for dollar – thanks for helping us reach our goal of \$15,000)

Here is my immediate donation to use where most needed:

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

_____ Please consider a \$1000 Silent Auction Builder Sponsorship

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)