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



8th Annual Haiti Mission Golf Tournament & Silent Auction April 24, 2017

Hello Friends: We have received a total of **\$77,750** 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 Haiti Mission Silent Auction
In Memory of Rebecca Claire Fakier

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Since our last email we have been gathering items for the Silent Auction and entering the information into our web based list of items. Thanks to all our generous donors we now have **70 items** posted that are available for you to start viewing. You will find many popular items that we have had available in the past, including several travel destinations, fishing and dove hunting trips, dinner events, new sports memorabilia, autographed books and exceptional new unique prints and artwork.

Please use the hyperlink on our website to view items and register to **bid beginning April 10**. Unfortunately the pictures are not as large as we would have liked and if you need to see a larger picture prior to bidding we can send a larger version to anyone interested.

Opening bids currently range from \$3000 to \$25, with 34 items beginning at \$25. We are well on our way to reach our goal of \$97,500, but we need more help over the next several weeks.

We need your help obtaining additional items and also spreading the word for us by passing on the information to others you know.

We have plenty artwork and prints. We could really use health, spa and beauty packages, chef meals, gift certificates to restaurants or clothing stores, more jewelry and additional recreation or travel destinations.

As always we are happy to receive any items with a minimum value of \$25 that can be added to the auction. With your help we hope to have nearly **100 items available by April 24**.

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.**

Our next update will take place two weeks prior to the event when **bidding begins on April 10, 2017**.

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) (full)

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

Summer Youth Trip - High School and or College Age

June 15th-22nd - June 22nd-29th (full)

** 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! Passports must have at least six months left before expiration in order to enter Haiti.

On the Road to 100 houses by May 2017!

Can you believe it!! Our Haiti Mission family has done what very few governments, organizations or churches have done – By May 2nd (God Willing!) we will have built 100 houses. That is 100 families, hundreds of extended families and only God knows how many men, women and children have been taken out of misery and given a new, safe and secure home to live in. Below is pictured Edna Bazard who received the miracle in March. Over and over, two and sometimes three times a month, the miracle happens because of our perseverance and prayerful persistence. God hears the prayer of the poor and continues to touch us all in some way so that this continues to come together. This is what Christianity is all about. This is what Lent calls us to do. This has been the best Lent ever for some very desperate folks in Haiti; so that means its been the best Lent ever for you!! Thanks again for hanging in with us!



Edna Bazard has had five children but only one living with her now since her physically challenged body and desperately dire situation has forced her to place them with other friends and families. The Christmas 2016 HMI team visited her while assessing the damage caused by Hurricane Matthew. Seeing these circumstances and learning her story caused them to begin doing what they could to get her into a new home as soon as practical. Thank God for all who helped in any way to help this woman and her family.

And then there were Two!

Transportation and vehicles are always a problem in Haiti. What they call roads there we would identify as a ravine, a cow path, a rock slide, etc. Needless to say vehicles are literally destroyed in a very short period of time and tires get a quarter or less of the usage there as they do here because of the treacherous conditions. In 2010, HMI, in conjunction with Cycle World in Houma, was able to purchase and ship a diesel powered Kawasaki Mule to Haiti. To say that this has been a blessing would be a gross understatement. The “Mule” is designed to operate in those types of situations much better than most any other type of 4 wheel drive vehicle. For seven years now HMI has been sending repair parts as needed. The parts are only as good as the mechanic who uses them. However, we have been especially blessed to have Rudy Soignet, a factory trained technician with Cycle World for 41 years go down to Haiti at least once a year to do routine and high tech maintenance and train our Haitian team to do routine maintenance. Because of Rudy, this piece of equipment has been running virtually every day for seven years transporting people and supplies all over our service area in and around Jeremie. Now that we have more teams going down to visit and help out and now that we are also drilling much more, the pressure on our Mule is intense. So to speak, we are almost at the proverbial point where one more straw will break its back. As we pondered how to most efficiently solve the problem, it dawned on us that another Mule just like the one we had would be the most cost effective and practical solution! We have spare parts down there already. The Haitians already know how to do most of the maintenance on the unit. Let’s just buy another good quality used one, have Rudy restore it and send it down. That’s what you are looking at in the picture with Rudy and his worthy and capable assistant Darryl Schonacher welcoming the new arrival to our “fleet” of Mules. We have great hopes for this Mule. It is fixing to be put through the paces as any good mule should be. It will be a blessing. Thanks Rudy and Darryl because without you, nothing like this can happen. Go to work Mule!!

Golf Time!!

We began this edition of the newsletter with an update about our Silent Auction. We’re closing it with info about the Golf Tournament. It is impossible to say too much about either one. They are our primary sources of income to accomplish all that we are able to do. Enclosed is a flyer about the event at Ellendale Country Club in Houma, Louisiana. You don’t have to play golf to come out. Everyone is invited. We want everyone to have a chance to bid on all the beautiful items we have this year and if you know a golfer, encourage them to come out and play. Contact info is on the enclosed pamphlet. Come out and pass a good time! *** A special treat this year. We will have a pig roast on the course. You don’t want to miss it!



FAIE’S FACTS

The word try gets a lot of things done. The right angle to approach a difficult problem is the “Try-angle.” The difference between try and triumph is a little “umph!” A smile is a curve that sets things straight. Try It. Always try to put off what you shouldn’t do at all.

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This newsletter is dedicated to raising funds to help build more houses and drill more wells through our Silent Auction and Golf Tournament. Whatever you do will be wonderful!!

Yes Deacon Lloyd, I want to help the annual Silent Auction/Golf tournament be better than ever this year so that more of the forgotten poor will come to know that God loves them and we love them. Good Luck and God Bless!

_____ I'd like to sponsor a team in the golf tournament. \$600
(please use the form enclosed in this mailing, print down a form from the website or call Don at 985-209-3228)

_____ I'd like to sponsor a \$100 tee box ad in the name of _____

_____ I can't make the tournament

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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*"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)