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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 Totals

Hello All: Thank you and God bless you for your generosity! As most of you already know for the second straight year we had great weather for our 8th Annual Golf Tournament & Silent Auction.

We had plenty of food, drinks and many teams enjoying their rounds on the beautiful Ellendale course. We received bids on over 100 items. As in the past, many winning bidders also added to their donation and additional donations were made without bidding on items. **We also had a generous last minute vacation item which raised \$12,000.** After all the checks were collected, the auction items took in approximately **\$40,000.** We cannot begin to thank all who have helped with the SA enough. Many generous people have donated items for the past eight years and the bidders have continued to amaze us with their generosity! Thank you again!

Because of the generous support of our Sponsors prior to the event, donating nearly \$79,000, our combined total reached **\$118,345** which is 20 % more than our adjusted goal of \$97,500 and our highest total to date. **Our final total of \$118,345 will be restricted towards matching funds to continue to build the next 31 homes. We will be able to build several extra homes over the next 12 months in addition to our regular two homes per month through May 2018!**

Since the Silent Auction began dedicating money in 2013 to be utilized towards building homes we have raised **\$447,690** in matching money. **You Cannot Out Give God!** We have donations in place to utilize the matching funds to build homes through the end of September 2017. **We are confident that donors will continue to support the building project and the matching money will not go unused which should allow us to build 26 – 30 homes over the next 12 months.** Laura and I just returned with our group of 14 from our **"100 House"** trip. (Pictured) Deacon Lloyd and Ms. Faie joined us at the beginning of the week in Haiti with a second group. **Together our groups dedicated home #100 on May 2** and had an amazing celebration led by the Bishop and Fr. Jomanas. We honored our 35 member construction team and celebrated with many of the families who have received homes. HMI is truly making a difference in their lives and it was a joyous occasion. Laura and I return back to Haiti on May 27 – June 3, 2017 with a group of 13. It will be a blessing to once again represent Haiti Mission and all of you, the supporters of HMI. We look forward to sharing the great news with the community that another 26 - 30 families will have the chance to move from misery to poverty over the next year because of your support! Please visit the HMI website and look for more exciting updates. The golf tournament itself raised approximately \$20,000 that we use for our well drilling and maintenance. Thank you once again for all you are doing to make this possible. God is working in a powerful and mighty way through your love and generosity.

God bless you and your family. Pax, David & Laura Fakier



Family Distribution

The "dirty cards helping families" has been an incredibly powerful program. The simple idea of giving \$20 of cash and \$15 of provisions to a family has helped to encourage the families involved in such a practical way. This year HMI will help almost 800 families. Here is Deacon Lloyd and the team greeting the families and praying with them prior to the beginning of the distribution.

DIRTY CARDS HELPING FAMILIES

Many of you have participated in our **DIRTY CARDS HELPING FAMILIES** over the past years. As I know you recall, one of our major tasks on each of the mission trips and the way we bless the community is to distribute supplies to needy families. These gifts make a huge difference in the individual lives of these folks. These bags of provisions and \$20 cash have been changing everything about how life in the villages used to be and how it is now. There is economy, agriculture and animals all over now. It seems as though these little \$35 gift packages multiply 100 fold. I really believe they do. Enclosed is one of the invitation cards that each family receives. These cards are cherished by each family who receives them. This \$35 represents hope and help in a way that is hard to describe to those of us who spend that much on an average meal for two or one tank of gas. As always, my promise to you is that the 2017 Haiti Mission teams will personally present your gift to a family. I will also assure you that you will have a family praying for you asking God to bless you abundantly for your kindness. You will also get a “dirty card” back as a sign and symbol of their love and appreciation. That dirty card will represent joy and confidence that was in the heart of a Haitian family as they carried it throughout the day waiting for the prayer gathering and gift distribution that would make a profound difference in their lives. Why don't you use these cards as a form of Evangelization also? Tell your friends about our Dirty Card Helping Families program. Invite them to put \$35 to good use. This has been one of our more popular programs, bringing immediate help to families hard pressed to survive. Each mission trip gives these \$35 gifts to at least 160 families, all of whom benefit tremendously from this seemingly insignificant present. This year, because of Hurricane Matthew, the situation in Haiti is much more serious and these \$35 packages are saving lives and giving hope. We will try to include another 150 to 200 families on our list which will bring our current number of families who will receive some provisions and financial help to almost 800. Thanks again for helping us help others.

Message from Jacob

In March of this year HMI teamed up with an old friend of HMI, Jacob Crabtree, and assigned him the task of Director of Drilling Operations for HMI. (Jacob has been drilling water wells all his life and currently owns and operates Crabtree drilling in Springfield, Ohio.) Jacob immediately went to work checking the equipment (which was in really good shape because of the hard work and good training our Haitian crew had previously received), developing a strategic plan to efficiently, economically and effectively drill more fresh water wells and most importantly, raise the funds to accomplish the mission. Below is one of the latest messages that I received from Jacob. I thought I would share it with you so that you could come to know Jacob better and understand what type of heart he has for bringing water to those who destiny placed in situations where there isn't any readily available.

“Another well has been completed and the pump installed!! The people are so excited they said that they couldn't believe all these years they have had to walk so far for water and the whole time water was right under their feet. Interesting way to think about it but so true in all of these places!

We are going to set up on another well next week. In another area that is equally in need as far as distance walked for water. We will continue this pace as long as financially possible. If you have others willing to purchase casing and pumps let us know. We are working on funding as well. We are working on getting numbers as low as possible but I think we can get actual cost to complete per 150/200' well and pump around \$3500. So we do have a few private wells that individuals want done that we may have to do next, as our funding for public wells is getting low. Hopefully, we can generate a little money through the private wells. Let me know your thoughts. Thank you again for your rig, trust to partner with us, and continued prayers. In Christ Love, Jacob”

Isn't that beautiful! Doesn't it give you hope and enthusiasm that God has sent us the right man at the right time to partner with HMI to bring water to within 500 ft of everyone in the Jeremie area of Haiti! Another interesting fact that I'm sure you've noticed is that everything God wants us to do costs about the same. Because of Jacob's capabilities and know how, the price of a well is about the same as to build an HMI house in Haiti! Now that our fundraiser is complete and we have been blessed in such a wonderful way by all of your gifts, we are on our way to build 26 to 30 homes this construction year. If any of you are so moved to help drill a well in Haiti in honor of a loved one or simply to help communities that are without water receive a fresh water well, Jacob and HMI would be deeply grateful for your willingness to help. Thanks again for all your prayerful sacrifices that - by the grace of God - have enabled us to accomplish so much!

Upcoming Events and Important dates in the life of HMI

May 26th to June 3rd – Memorial Day Trip

June 15th to June 29th - **Summer Youth Trips** - High School and or College Age

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! (N.B.) Passports must have at least six months left before expiration in order to enter Haiti.

July 16th - HMI Shrimp Boil - Get Together - Peltier Park 5 P.M.

FAIE'S FACTS

Our work in Haiti helps us to carry out the mission of Christians as found in an excerpt from *A Century of Social Teaching* by NCCB (National Conference of Catholic Bishops):

“Our faith calls us to work for justice; to serve those in need; to pursue peace; and to defend the life, dignity, and rights of all our sisters and brothers. This is the call of Jesus, the challenge of the prophets, and the living tradition of our Church. Our efforts to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, (give water to the thirsty), and serve the poor and vulnerable must be accompanied by concrete efforts to address the causes of human suffering and injustice.” Each newsletter addresses how we put the above into action.

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This newsletter is dedicated to raising funds to help the families that we visit on our mission trips in a particular way. Whatever you do will be wonderful!!

Yes Deacon Lloyd, I want the families whom the mission teams visit know that God loves them and we love them. Good Luck and God Bless!

_____ Enclosed is my gift for _____ *“Dirty Card helping Families”*
(# of cards)

(\$35 per card will make life so much better for a Haitian Family that is praying for you and your loved ones)

Here is my immediate donation to use where most needed:

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

_____ Here is my check for \$3500. I would like to sponsor a fresh water well in Haiti. (You will receive a report on the well you sponsored which will include information about the community blessed by your gift and a picture of the well.)

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)