



HAITI MISSION, INC.
 P. O. Box 694 Thibodaux, LA. 70302
 Phone: 985-855-3127
 www.haitimissioninc.com

JULY 2017

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



ANOTHER FIRST

When you receive this newsletter, our Summer Youth trip will be in full swing. Joseph Schonacher who has been to Haiti at least six times now has put together a great group of High School and college age young people to round out our mission season with all the joy and enthusiasm that only youth can bring. As well as some "newbies" in the group, there are several young people who have been once or twice, to Haiti. (Therese and Patrick Schonacher have been several times along with their mom who is the only "young at heart" on this trip.) All trips are special and unique, but this trip is the first one made up of only high school and college age young people going to do a Vacation Bible School and share the faith, hope and love in God as only young people can. I wanted to show you a picture of how a trip looks as it begins. The picture of part of our mission team was taken at 3 AM on the morning they left. Look at it well because you'll probably never see smiles on the faces of young people such as these at 3 AM ever again!! Pictured also are our famous travelling duffle bags. These bags are filled with joy and various items that make Haitian children squeal with glee!! Soccer balls, Frisbees, playing cards, peanuts, slim jims, little girls dresses, men's caps, tee shirts, harmonicas, sewing supplies, motorcycle and Kawasaki Mule parts, and on and on are included. This team had 14 members so we packed 14 duffles maxed out to as close to 50 pounds in each as possible. Once they arrive in Port au Prince, the duffles are put on a transport vehicle that takes them overland the 100 mile journey to their final destination in our mission compound in Numero Deux (ND) Haiti. The team members transfer from the international airport to a smaller in-country airport to board a 5 seater plane to make the 45 minute flight to ND. Quick figuring tells one that we needed three flights to get everyone there. That's what happened with everyone and everything arriving on schedule safe and sound. This is the system HMI has developed over the years, the model of which has served us well. Keep our young people in your prayers. They left with great expectations and goals. I know they won't be disappointed and neither will we!



Pictured are some of the 2017 Youth mission group at 3 AM with some of the duffle bags ready to be loaded up.



"Before Matthew"



"After Matthew"

Pictured is the pavilion/school building at the Ravine Sable school campus along with the picture of its total destruction after the hurricane. This is a stark reminder that although things are better and the HMI teams have made a tremendous impact, things are still very hard and it will take a long time to get the fragile pieces back together. Thanks for your continued support. Our home construction is back on track at two per month. With this mission group, we have sent six teams down since the Hurricane to bring hope and help. Although each member of each team raises the funds for their travel and R&B, there still are many extra things that are not completely covered for each trip. So that more young people could have a summer mission experience, HMI offered scholarships. As you have read in the previous newsletter, we sent another Kawasaki Mule down to help Fr. Joe and his team better serve the community and help with the recovery effort as well as keep all our water wells flowing. All of this is because of your incredible generosity and faithfulness. Please continue to help out as best you can. Your blessings allow us to bless so many!

What Happens?

Exactly what does happen on a mission trip? Lots are packed into a one week period. First and foremost, all our missionaries are schooled in the need for prayer. It is only God's grace and strength that helps us accomplish all that we do on these trips. With that in mind, the day begins with Mass (or pauses for Mass sometimes during the day). The team leader sets the tone of the day with instructions the night before or at breakfast as to what will happen that day, always prefacing everything that the Holy Spirit will probably intervene and change things. This awareness that God is always with you on these journeys brings a special joy that is very difficult to express. Somehow though our primary duties of preparing for distributing of supplies to families, visiting and dedicating homes recently built, participating in feeding the children at school and stopping in at the Missionary of Charity's home for infants and children always happen at some point during the week. And don't forget about fun! There's a beautiful beach close by, delightful mountain trails with water sources and the ever delightful end of the day wrap up sessions over a cold Prestige (Haitian brand) beer. (Only on adult trips)



Here's Dr. David Fakier presenting some of our famous "ultradurable" soccer balls to the principle (Jackie) and some of the kids at the St. Bridgitte School in the village of Ravine Sable during the Memorial Weekend trip this year. There is nothing that we do in Haiti that brings more joy than distributing soccer balls or tennis balls for the kids. These almost indestructible soccer balls have been a real blessing since they don't need an air pump and last for years as opposed to traditional balls that pop within a short period of time because of the terrain in Haiti. Visit our website to learn more about these marvelous soccer balls.

Feeding the Children – Because of your generosity, HMI has been able to feed the nearly 300 children at our two schools a hot meal every day. One of the joys of a mission trip is to visit the kitchen to witness our wonderful cooks prepare the meal and then to participate in serving the children. Here you see the children all sitting waiting for everyone of their classmates to be served before anyone begins to eat. It is a powerful statement of how the Haitians feel about food and how they patiently wait, even as children, for everyone to receive something to eat.



TESTIMONY

Kristen Wheeler is a professional photographer who accompanied us on our May trip. The following is a small part of her testimony. In subsequent newsletters we will highlight some of her work and her comments. "Lloyd and Faie started this amazing organization 17 years ago and have been doing work in Jeremie, Haiti ever since. With the help of many other people they help feed schoolchildren, feed prisoners, provide shoes, soccer balls, and necessities to families, build homes, shelters, and businesses, drill water wells so there is clean drinking water, hire all local men and women to do the work, and share their hearts with the people of Haiti." To view a beautiful gallery of our trip through Kristen's eyes, go to <http://www.khpdarkroom.com/AroundtheWorld/Haiti> password to view site is "Casablanca" (make sure to use a capital C)

Upcoming Events and Important dates in the life of HMI

July 16th – HMI Shrimp boil get-together – Peltier Park – Thibodaux
\$15/person RSVP to Faie by July 15th – 855-3127 or bravofaie@lloydsremedies.com.

FAIE'S FACTS

Vacation time --- a time to rest, relax, discover new places or re-visit old favorite ones. An old Jewish proverb says that at any rate the change in latitude helps my attitude. Maxine says, "I need a vacation but the only tropical thing I can afford is an air freshner". The journalist Earl Wilson says that a vacation is what you take when you can no longer take what you've been taking. Elbert Hubbard, another author, says that a vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it. Jesus took his vacations by praying alone in either the desert or mountains with His Father. **Happy vacationing!**

Haiti Mission, Inc.
POB 694
Thibodaux, LA. 70302
985-855-3127
www.haitimissioninc.com

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. 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)

_____ **\$1000** would help us drill a well in a community without fresh water.

_____ **\$100** would sponsor a teacher in the community schools. (Payable monthly/quarterly or yearly – we would appreciate a one year commitment)

_____ **\$35** would buy food and supplies for a family

_____ **Help** to feed the children at school by buying supplies to use at Bec’s Bakery

_____ **Help** purchase essential medicines for the dispensary. (Parasite medicine and vitamins are distributed to all the families, prisoners & school children visited.)

_____ **\$12 annual membership** in the “Woman-to-Woman club of Haiti that helps poor women get the medical treatment they need who otherwise would go untreated.

Yes, 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: _____

Haiti Mission Inc. is a 509(a)(1) tax exempt public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax ID#14-1861365

Haiti Mission - Caring with Generosity and Joy

THANKS FOR HELPING!

No donation is too small. No gift unappreciated!

Haiti Mission, Inc. does not discriminate because of race, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin or financial status.

*“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)