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



2018 Haiti Mission Inc. Silent Auction

Sponsorship Opportunities

Next year will be the **9th Annual HMI Silent Auction**. By the grace of God and thanks to many generous donors, we have raised a total of **\$505,255** over the past eight years. Since 2013 we have dedicated all the silent auction money to our Home Building Project. We are on schedule to build **home #125** by April of 2018.

The homes cost \$7500 and we dedicate the silent auction money as a matching donation to build a home. So for every \$3750 donated to HMI for homes, we take \$3750 from Silent Auction proceeds to complete the funding. **In order to reach our goal of building 25 homes per year we need a total of \$187,500 of which \$93,750 is needed from the Silent Auction.**

Last year was our second attempt at raising money through sponsorships prior to the auction. Thanks to many generous sponsors we raised a total of **\$118,345**.

We have been blessed to personally witness the impact these homes are having on the families of recipients, approximately 35 members of the construction team and the overall community.

We hope to raise a minimum of \$55,000 through sponsorships and the balance through the sale of silent auction items. **The good news is that we have already raised \$63,000 through the Title Sponsor and Co-Sponsors!**

Thanks to all of you who have helped us in the past. Your generous support has helped many poor families we serve. I would invite you to visit the HMI website and read about some of the home recipients and view the before and after pictures. (www.haitimissioninc.com). **Our team is currently finishing construction on homes #118-119.** The need for homes is endless for the desperately poor families we serve. Our goal is to lift one family at a time from misery to poverty, but we cannot do it without your help!

Please consider helping if you can and take the time to send the information to others who may be able to help. We would like to have commitments no later than the middle of February of 2018 so that we can include the names of our sponsors on information pertaining to the event which is scheduled for April 23, 2018 at Ellendale Country Club. **Sponsor donations will not be due until April 2018.** God Bless and Pax, David & Laura Fakier.

Psalm 112:9 *Lavishly they give to the poor; their prosperity shall endure forever; their horn shall be exalted in honor.* (Visit our website for a complete list of Sponsors, updates and current information regarding the life of HMI)

A New Year – A New Life!

Meet the families for January 2018 that are being blessed by your continued prayerful support of the work of HMI!



Meet the Lamys! Pictured is the current "home" of Meneland (not in this photo) and Clelie Lamy. He and this wife Clelie are in their eighties. She had a stroke a number of years ago however; she still takes care of her goats and chickens. He continues to do a little farming to survive (along with his wife and some of their grand children living with them). They have nine children and five grand children. This photo of where they are living can tell you more than any words can describe about their terrible situation, especially when it rains. Thank you so much to everyone who is helping to improve their living condition.

Here are the Bazards!! Jean Raymond and his wife Violette live by the bridge in the community of Ravine Sable. Jean Raymond is one of the courageous faithful who walks about four miles every Sunday to church. He is a farmer and works at the cement block quarry where blocks are made for the HMI houses. His wife is a typical Haitian homemaker who works hard taking care of the house and children. (In Haiti, a woman along with all the typical household tasks also helps her husband with the farming or gardening.) Jean Raymond and his family have been praying and waiting for so long for their turn to be a recipient of a home from HMI. In January 2018, it is now their turn to experience how good God is! May God continue to bless and prosper HMI and their donors so that these miracles can continue to happen in the lives of so many hopeful souls!



Feeding the Children – A Challenge and a Blessing

As most of you remember, in the past few years we have had an anonymous donor offer to match any funds we received to feed the children up to \$15,000 a year and would continue for up to \$75,000 or five years. Although that five year commitment has expired with this school year, another donor has come forward and given us the matching funds for one more year. Even though Bec's bakery is keeping the cost of feeding the children down, we still need \$3000 a month to be sure that all of our school kids get at least one meal daily. Our January issue of the HMI monthly newsletter has traditionally been dedicated to raising those funds. Every year, many of you have been willing to pitch in a little something extra to help us reach our yearly goal. I know you enjoy receiving as much as we enjoy sending periodic pictures of the kids eating at school and seeing how healthy they all look. As always, I'll keep everyone updated on the progress with future newsletters. And don't forget that we still count on your regular kindness to keep our everyday functions of the mission going also. Do what you can. Your faithfulness and financial support are vital to the work we are doing. I sleep better knowing that 300 or so kids in Haiti will get a good meal today and every day they come to school – and I know you will too! Thanks again for helping out.

Rudy and Mules

One of the great blessings that has helped us to be effective and efficient in the work we do is the equipment that we have been able to acquire over the years. Everything we have been able to gather from crescent wrenches to the drilling rig have all been precious and helpful to accomplishing our mission. With that in mind, not enough can be said about the value of the two Kawasaki Mules that we have been able to purchase and get down to Haiti over the years. One of them has been there for seven years and –knock on wood – after 10,000 hours and many, many difficult and treacherous miles, it is still transporting people and supplies around the near and far communities wherein we work. None of that longevity comes by accident because these ATVs are very technical and require very technical and highly skilled mechanical knowledge to keep them running as well as routine and not so routine maintenance. That's where Rudy comes in. Rudy Soignet is a factory trained Kawasaki mechanic with over forty years experience. When HMI bought the first Mule from our local dealership, I met Rudy and Rudy asked the most fascinating question – “Can I go to Haiti?” The rest is history. Rudy travels to Haiti about twice a year to check on and do the maintenance on his “babies”. Over the years he has trained two Haitian men to do much of this although there still crops up little problems that require his knowledge and skill level to properly address. Thank you Rudy! May God continue to bless you and your “Mules” so we can keep pulling the oftentimes heavy load that is put before us to carry!

Here's a picture of one of the “guts” of the wonderful and precious Kawasaki Mules. Often Rudy has to diagnose the problem via photographs taken in Haiti and sent to us. Put this together with the language barrier and the lack of knowledge of technical terms by our Haitian mechanics, Rudy often works “miracles” by figuring it all out!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Monday, April 23rd, 2018 – That's the date of this year's 9th Annual Golf Tournament and Silent Auction at lovely Ellendale Country Club. It's never too early to start thinking of things that would make good Silent Auction items. Paintings, arts and crafts, hunting or fishing trips, vacation camps or beach houses, etc. can all be turned into funds that can take people out of misery, giving them hope for the future with a new house and easily accessible potable water.

Upcoming Events and Important dates in the life of HMI

April 9th – 15th, 2018 – Fakier Spring trip (full)

April 23rd – HMI Golf tournament/Silent Auction at Ellendale Country Club

May 15th – May 22nd – Duplantis Spring trip (full)

June 2 – June 9th – Fakier Summer trip (full)

June 26th – July 2nd – Youth Summer trip

FAIE'S FACTS

Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them.

(Anne Landers)

I hope you will recognize all of the opportunities that will come your way during this year; maybe they will contain God's gifts of health, peace, security, & wealth – our wishes for you during 2018.

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This edition of our newsletter is dedicated to raising 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. (I know you will sleep better knowing that 330 or so kids in Haiti got to eat today.)

Yes Deacon Lloyd, I want to make sure the kids at school get a 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 sponsorship for one of our Haiti houses or for our Silent Auction.

Silent Auction Co-Sponsors \$7500. (Limit two)

Listing on all event banners/posters and press releases
Food & drinks on day of event for sponsors and guests
Listing on Haiti Mission website
Dedication of **two homes**

Silent Auction Gold Sponsors \$3750. (Limit 15)

Listing on all event banners/posters
Listing on Haiti Mission website
Food & drinks on day of event for sponsors and guests
Dedication of **one home**

Silent Auction Builder Sponsors \$1000. (Unlimited)

Food & drinks on day of event for sponsors and guests

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: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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THANKS FOR HELPING!

No donation is too small. No gift unappreciated!

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**What you spend years building,
someone or something could destroy overnight. Build anyway!** (Mother Teresa)