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



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is more than something we do or feel but it is an offering that honors and glorifies God. It is a theme of many of the Psalms and a powerful means of charging us with spiritual refreshment. Biblical language speaks to God in praise and nurtures us with divine peace and comfort. Perhaps that's why thanksgiving is a command in the Psalms - "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1) as well as in the Prophetic Books - "In that day you will say, Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted" (Isaiah 12:4). In his wisdom, God knows our need to focus on his unconditional love for us and the positive results of a grateful heart. During this time when we are focused on rebuilding what we had spent years building, thanksgiving is very special. There are many reasons to give thanks to God! (The following are a few reasons and a few scripture passages that I hope you enjoy and appreciate as we have.)



Faie and I give thanks for all of you who are on this HMI journey with us. We are so humbled and appreciative that you have responded to the "cry of the poor" via the HMI model and concept so let us always be thankful:

for God's greatness, for God's mercy - "Let them thank the Lord for his mercy" (Psalm 107: 8)

for God's protection - "In God I trust, I do not fear. What can man do to me? (Psalm 56:12)

for salvation - "I thank you, for you answered me; you have been my savior" (Psalm 118:21)

for daily provisions - "...supplying the needs of the holy ones" (2 Corinthians 9:12)

for God's grace - "...for the grace of God bestowed on you" (1 Corinthians 1:4)

for healing - "...he had been healed, returned glorifying God" (Luke 17:16)

for victory over sin - The sting of death is sin,...But thanks be to God who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57)

for all people - "...thanksgiving for everyone" (1 Timothy 2:1)

for everything - "...giving thanks always for everything" (Ephesians 5:20).

And last but not least, "Thanks be to God!"



Immigration at its best!

There is intense discussion surrounding U.S. immigration policy with the shortcomings of the current regulations easily recognized. It is very difficult to understand and much more difficult to know the truth regarding the situation. The mission of HMI has never been directly involved in immigration. Our focus has been to aid development so that there is less need for immigration. The majority of people where we work love their country and would like to stay there if possible. Still there are very limited education and advancement opportunities in Haiti so we have assisted where and when it is possible and practical to help those with an aptitude and capability to get higher education. There begins the journey of Emerson Rodrigue. Emerson is the oldest son of Enor Rodrigue. Enor served as Deacon Lloyd's translator when Deacon first went to Haiti in 2000. They continued communicating and when Emerson was born, Enor asked if Deacon Lloyd would consider being his Godfather..

As Emerson grew, his dad -who now served as the liaison director for HMI, facilitating shipments to Haiti and greeting all our mission teams – asked if Emerson could come to the U.S. for a couple of weeks to improve his English. Emerson was about nine at the time. To say that it was quite a culture shock for Emerson and for the Duplantises for those first two weeks would be quite an understatement.

Emerson returned for the next few summers until he was 13. The Lirette family from Natchitoches had begun travelling to Haiti and were becoming involved more and more with the HMI mission. They were in the chicken business and Emerson's dad was hoping that Emerson could begin to learn this particular skill since raising chickens is a very good thing to know in Haiti. Emerson began coming for a couple of months each summer until a few years ago when the Lirettes, Enor and Emerson decided to try to get the paperwork to allow Emerson to come to school in the U.S. The first attempt in 2017 failed and Emerson was required to return to Haiti until they could get the proper documents for the U.S. embassy. That all came to pass in the Spring of this year. Not only did he get approval to come here to finish high school but because of his excellent knowledge of American culture and the English language, he received a 5 year Visa that will allow him to attend college also. Congratulations to Emerson, Enor and the Lirettes for their diligence and determination to achieve this wonderful milestone for Emerson. We wish him the best!

Emerson's soccer skills were immediately put into practice by the football coach. He kicked 4 extra points in his first official debut as a football player for the high school he is attending. They have branded him "The Haitian Sensation!" and had a Tee Shirt made especially for him.

The Families of the Month

Thanks to your kind and prayerful support of the work of HMI, 135 families will have a wonderful Thanksgiving this year, celebrating in a new, secure and dry home.. Thanks to all who helped in any way to make the humble prayer of these families a reality. By the grace of God and because of your gracious gifts, both your family and theirs will have a much better Thanksgiving!



“Before”

Haiti – House #135 – Annda and Sandra Michel Family

Annda Michel is 41 and Sandra Louis 42. They have 3 children, 2 girls and one boy. (The children were not home when the selection team showed up to announce to this family that they would receive a new home in

September 2018) Annda and Sandra do farming to try their best to make a life for their family. The place you see in the “before” picture was rapidly falling apart around them. They are so thankful that they will now have a safe, dry and secure place to raise their children. They send their deepest appreciation and heartfelt prayer to all the donors who have made this possible.



“After”

Haiti House #136 – Wildims Luc Family

Wildims Luc (42) and Evelene Bazard (35) live with their 4 year old daughter Valérie in this pitiful situation. Although Wildims is a carpenter who works on the HMI construction crew and his wife teaches at the Numero Deux school, Hurricane Matthew destroyed what little place they had and they have never been able to recover. One can only imagine the joy that Wildims experience when he finally was working on his own house. Wildim is known for his polite and patient disposition. His patience living in such a trying circumstance has finally been rewarded with this miracle. He and his wife now have a decent place to raise their child. They send their love and appreciation to all who have helped make this incredible dream finally come true.



“After”



“Before”

FAIE'S FACTS



Some people say, “Give til it hurts. But God recommends that we give until it feels good.”

(Brian Kluth)



Upcoming Events and Important dates in the life of HMI

November 12th to 19th
Fakier Fall trip to Haiti

Church Construction updates – Pictures of the Church Construction project are on the website. Check it out! **If you would like to make a major donor pledge please contact Deacon Lloyd** (lloydrem@lloydsremedies.com or cell 985-855-3127) so that he can send you a pledge form. **If you would like to make a contribution of any amount to the church please note it on your check or with a note that you would like your donation to go towards the church partnership.**