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



## 2019 Haiti Mission Inc. Silent Auction Sponsorship Opportunities

Next year will be the **10th Annual HMI Silent Auction**. By the grace of God and thanks to many generous donors, we have raised a total of **\$611,050** over the past nine years. Since 2013 we have dedicated all the silent auction money to our Home Building Project. 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. We are on schedule to build **home #150** by April of 2019 which represents a total of \$1,125,000 invested in home construction.

**In order to reach our goal of building 25 homes per year we need a total of \$187,500 of which \$93,750 is provided from the Silent Auction.** Last year was our third attempt at raising money through sponsorships prior to the auction. Thanks to many generous sponsors we raised a total of **\$105,795**. We recently returned from a mission trip to Haiti with a group of 14 from New Orleans and Morgan City. We all were blessed to personally witness the impact these homes are having on the families of recipients and the overall community. We hope to raise a minimum of \$60,000 through sponsorships and the balance through the sale of silent auction items. The good news is that we have already raised \$15,000 through the Title Sponsor!

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](http://www.haitimissioninc.com). **Our construction team of approximately 35 members are currently finishing homes #139-140 in November.** 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 January 2019 so that we can include the names of our sponsors on information pertaining to the event which is scheduled for March 18, 2019 at Ellendale Country Club. **Sponsor donations will not be due until March 2019.**

God Bless and Pax, David & Laura Fakier

When **Saint Mother Teresa** accepted the **Nobel Peace Prize** she said: She would use the money to **"make homes"** for many people who had no home.

**"Because I believe that love begins at home, and if we can create a home for the poor...I think that more and more love will spread."**

### A Christmas filled with glad tidings and joy



Christmas 2018 will be another blessed event which will see more families receive a gift of a new home. (We have now built 140 homes. Can you believe it!) This is an incredible event in the life of a Haitian family. The pitiful and deplorable huts that you see pictured in magazines and on TV are real. People are really and truly in today's world existing in these dwellings. So for someone to bless a family who has no possibility of ever getting out of the squalor unless a gift from heaven arrives is a really big deal. In this newsletter are pictures of families that the selection committee has picked to receive new homes for Christmas. The joy that they expressed when notified of what God had done for them through His Amazing Grace and the goodness of families in the US stepping up to make such a difference is always amazing according to Fr. Joe. This is a very joyful part of the work we do. The hard part is getting these quality homes built in the volatile and constantly inflating building market in Haiti. By the grace of God and the continued loving support of all our wonderful Haiti Mission family, we will continue to bless families.

May this be another wonderful Christmas for you and your loved ones and we look forward to a New Year filled with joy and hope.



### The November 2018 Mission Team - Testimony

The November mission team headed up by Dr. David and Laura Fakier had another wonderful week of bringing help and hope to a lot of families. The following is one of the experiences.

"I'm sure we are all feeling extra grateful after our transformational trip. I just wanted to send a special thanks to all of our team. I could not have dreamed up a more perfect group of people to experience my first mission trip with! Not only did the people of Haiti open my eyes, but so did all of you. Words cannot express what each one of you and this trip meant to me."

Love, Gabby Gonzales

**Thanks Gabby and to all the November 2018 team.**



## House dedication and Solar Lights

One of the main things that our mission team does on our mission trips is to dedicate the houses to Our Lord, Jesus Christ and His blessed mother. This is a very joyful occasion where we stress that it is only Almighty God that could have brought about this miracle and we give thanks to Him for all his goodness and kindness. The team usually brings gifts such as clothes for the children and soccer balls. Lately we have one of our supporters who has been fundraising in order that we can give each home two solar lights. The people are overjoyed! Below is a picture of the November 2018 team at a dedication. You can see the homeowner has the two solar lights.

**Praise the Lord!** This is what our new houses look like because of the hard work and determination of the HMI construction team. What a Christmas gift! Because of your continued help, HMI will be able to bring hope and help to many more families in the upcoming year.



**Meet one of the Families receiving a special Christmas this year!** House #139 – Renel Toumy Family - Renel Toumy with his wife Dieuvenie Beauchamp had eight children - four boys and four girls. For the past couple of years, at any given time there were at least eight people living in the little shanty pictured in the “before” picture. They live basically on what they can produce on their plot of land. Mr. Toumy comes regularly to Sunday Mass though he lives at the upper edge of the parish which is quite a distance to walk. He is not currently enjoying good health. (He lives in a small borough called Cavin which had lost everything during hurricane Matthew in October 2016 and were able to piece together the place in the “before” picture.) Given all these situations and the fact that Mr. Toumy’s health has been deteriorating recently, Fr. Joe and his team selected the Toumy family to receive a new home in November, 2018. They send their deepest and most heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all those who made this miracle happen.



## FAIE'S FACTS

*“Away in a Manger”*: Although legend has it that Martin Luther sang this hymn as a lullaby to his children each night at bedtime, it was actually not written until 1887 by an American, James Murray with the tune being composed by J.E.Clark, the music director for Grace Methodist Church. It was inspired by the Christmas crèche that was first introduced by St. Francis of Assisi in the 1200’s. In order to dramatize for the villagers the humble origins of Jesus, Francis built a real stable filled with live animals, straw and hay and had people dressed as Mary, Joseph and shepherds stand among the cattle near a straw-filled manger containing a lifelike wax image of the Christ child. The villagers loved the manger scene and it gradually was adopted by other towns and countries.



## Upcoming Events and Important dates in the life of HMI

March 18<sup>th</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual HMI Golf tournament/Silent Auction at the beautiful Ellendale Country Club – Houma, LA.

March 25<sup>th</sup> to April 2, 2019  
Fakier Spring trip I

April 8<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>  
Fakier Spring trip II

April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Duplantis Spring trip

June 3 to 12<sup>th</sup>  
Summer Young People’s trip

N.B. Our one week mission trips fill up quickly. 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.)

## Water Development Update

Bringing water to within 500 feet of every person in the region is still a major and primary focus of Haiti Mission, Inc. No development in any area is possible without sufficient, clean water. At the close of the fiscal year, our unique and effective Cable Tool drilling program has now completed 58 wells. This rig is run by a Haitian team trained by HMI and an American driller. This process has resulted in efficiently drilling wells in this rocky Haitian environment down to 500 feet, bringing life-giving water to remote areas which could only dream of having water before. Even though the challenges never cease and the wear and tear on the men and equipment is relentless, HMI and the drill team continue to find more successes than failures. Your participation in our annual golf tournament/silent auction fundraiser and continued support throughout the year gives us the financing we need to continue to drill and maintain wells in the area. God bless you for helping us focus on this vital project. God bless our Haitian Drill team and may God bless and protect our precious equipment!