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



## **9th Annual Haiti Mission Golf Tournament & Silent Auction April 23, 2018**

### **Hello Friends:**

Amazing! When we closed the sponsorship portion of the Silent Auction at the end of February, we had been overwhelmed with the generosity of our donors. We have received a total of **\$81,000** in donations and pledges from our Sponsors for the 2018 Silent Auction. Thanks to all who have participated thus far to make the event a success.

We are leaving our total goal at **\$93,750** which will allow us to match the cost of the next 25 homes beginning in May 2018. 25 additional families will have the chance to have their prayers answered and move out of their deplorable living conditions. The damage from Hurricane Matthew continues to be an issue and has left many more families in need of a home.

Our 35 man work crew can hopefully look forward to another busy year ahead. We are currently constructing **Homes #120 and #121** and it is our hope if we reach our goal to be able to build **Home #150 by April 2019**.

We are already off to a great start with auction items. **Many people have offered to support us again this year. We hope to send out our first list of items on March 4, 2018.**

**What do we need now?** We need your prayers and an open heart to the possibility of donating or obtaining additional items for the auction. If you own a vacation home or condo and would like to donate a week or long weekend for the auction that would be fantastic. We would like to obtain spa and hotel packages, beauty products, designer hand bags, sunglasses, jewelry, art work, memorabilia, fishing or hunting trips, Chef meals, cookouts and gift certificates to restaurants and clothing stores.

**We welcome any item with a minimum value of \$25.00.** We want to thank you in advance for your consideration and support. We need many generous donors to make the auction a success. These homes immediately impact two and often three generations, as well as, construction workers, their families and the community businesses that supply our needs. Please visit the HMI website at [www.haitimissioninc.com](http://www.haitimissioninc.com) to see before and after pictures with stories as well as a complete list of our Silent Auction and Golf Tournament Sponsors.

Please contact **David Fakier (985-804-3112)** or **Laura Fakier (985-860-4311)** if you have any questions or would like to donate an item. Thanks again for your support and participation.

David & Laura Fakier HMI Silent Auction

### **Meet the families of the Month!**

that are being blessed by your continued prayerful support of the work of HMI! (February 2018)



Lina Beauchamp is a 76 year old grandmother. She had 10 children, eight of whom are still living. One of her daughters (Evelyn Dominique) who lives with and cares for her is posing for the picture with a granddaughter in front of the place they call home.

(Mrs. Lina was in PaP, at the time the picture was taken, receiving some necessary medical treatment.) There are a total of six grand children who live here with Mrs. Lina and Evelyn. Mrs. Lina used to do a little farming in order to take care of her family, but her age and deteriorating medical condition have greatly reduced what she is able to do. This new home which will be a blessing, will give her a much healthier environment in which to live the rest of her life as well as provide a much better situation for her family. Thanks to all who helped in any way to bring about this miracle in her life.

Fabian Picard is a farmer, who along with his wife, does the best he can to provide for the family by working hard tilling the ground and raising a few animals. He, his wife and the two children have been living in the place you see in the "before" picture. The hurricane of October 2016 blew what was left of the roof off. The crumbling walls and deteriorating structure cannot support anything but the tarpaulin that he was able to acquire. The family, faithful members of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, have been praying regularly that God could somehow get them out of this very difficult situation.

Their prayers have been heard. As of February 2018, they now have a beautiful, safe and dry home in which to live.



## HMI Prison Ministry Report

Prison ministry anywhere is extremely difficult but in countries such as Haiti it is indescribable. Lack of proper facilities, lack of adequate funding, overcrowding, and inhumane conditions are just a few things that readily come to mind. Fr. Joe, as the diocesan director of the commission of Justice and Peace and the Dean of the Law School in Jeremie had been dealing with the prison for many years before HMI began supporting his efforts. Through these efforts, we have been able to give some help to the prisoners as well as the warden.

The needs arise in all sorts of times and ways. Sometimes, prisoners' relatives or prison staff personnel stop Fr. Joe on the streets or visit him at his home or the law school. These needs stretch the gamut of one's imagination from medical, legal or personal.

Because of the privacy requirements by law of the prisoners, the time constraints of Fr. Joe and the way that the ministry actually plays out in everyday life, it is virtually impossible to produce regular, detailed reports.

For instance, December 2017 was a very challenging month with lots of extra problems cropping up. In addition to the normal needs that are always present, the pump in the water well went out. The prison staff had no funds or technical expertise to repair it so after two weeks of being without the benefit of the pump, they contacted Fr. Joe. He was able to get our technician, Gary Bazard to go there and finally get it functioning but not until about 10 PM at night. The prisoners also needed water in the meantime and some food so Fr. Joe eventually supplied 10 trucks of water, a few sacks of rice and sugar along with cooking oil.

Thanks to all who support our prison ministry. Please pray for Fr. Joe, the prisoners in the Jeremie prison and HMI that we can continue to bring some comfort and hope to these much forgotten souls existing in very difficult circumstances.

### We're still drilling!

With all the excitement about the Fall Raffle, building houses and re-building the chicken farm I don't want anyone to think that we have lost sight of our primary goal of HMI which is bringing water to within 500 feet of everyone in the region of Haiti where we have been called by Almighty God to work. Our drilling supervisor, Jacob Crabtree, just returned from Haiti from one of the several trips he takes yearly to check on our operations there and survey the area for sites to drill new wells. Since the more wells we drill require more and more maintenance, he is working on acquiring a special "pump truck" which we need to more efficiently and effectively repair the hand pumps in the many community wells we have drilled. (total of 55 wells drilled so far counting those for community and private use). We have been blessed to have a skilled water well driller like Jacob come on board with us to oversee our project. It has brought a much needed aspect of professionalism, knowledge and skill to what we are trying to accomplish with our Haitian crew.

Thanks for your continued prayers and support for our water projects. Almost all of the unrestricted general donations we receive are used to do what we can to bring more potable water to the families and friends that we serve.



Here are Pete and Rudy with their precious cargo of tires, a pump and various spare parts needed to keep things rolling in Haiti. In Haiti, "maintenance" is not part of the vocabulary and "broken" is part of daily life. Thank you guys!

**BTW** – We are close to our \$15,000 goal that we need to match the grant we receive to feed the kids at school this upcoming year. A little more help and we'll meet our quota again this year!

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

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

**April 23rd, 2018** – HMI Golf tournament/Silent Auction at Ellendale Country Club

**May 15<sup>th</sup>– May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – HMI/Renewal Ministry trip (space available)

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>** – Memorial Day Trip

**Summer Youth Trips are being planned** - High School and or College Age Call Joseph Schonacher 85-209-3990 or [joseph.schonacher@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.schonacher@gmail.com)

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

We have had some openings come available on our Mission trip (Deacon and Faie) for May 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Memorial Day trip in June (the Fakiers). If the Spirit is moving anyone to participate in either of those, send me an email or call and we'll work out the details.

### FAIE'S FACTS

It can be said: Drivers are safer when the road is dry, but the roads are safer when the driver is dry. If you want a place in the sun, you must expect to receive blisters.

Morals: a land where everything goes will eventually become a land where there's nothing left.

Reconciliation: God can do wonders with a broken heart if you give Him all the pieces. (Catholic Quotes)

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*Here is my immediate donation to use where most needed:*

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)

\$1000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Please consider a Golf Tournament sponsorship or entry.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANKS FOR HELPING!**

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