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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 23rd, 2018

Dear Friends: We have received over **\$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. Since our last newsletter we have been gathering items for the Silent Auction and entering the information into our web based list of items. Thanks to all our generous donors we now have over 80 items posted that are available for you to start viewing. You will find many popular items that we have had available in the past, including several travel destinations, fishing and dove hunting trips, dinner events, new sports memorabilia, autographed books and exceptional new unique prints and artwork. Please use the hyperlink on our website to view items and register to bid beginning April 10. Opening bids currently range from \$3000 to \$25, with over 40 items beginning at \$25. We are well on our way to reach our goal of \$97,500, but we need more help over the next several weeks.

We need your help obtaining additional items and also spreading the word for us by passing on the information to others you know. We have plenty artwork and prints. We could really use health, spa and beauty packages, chef meals, gift certificates to restaurants or clothing stores, more jewelry and additional recreation or travel destinations. As always we are happy to receive any items with a minimum value of \$25 that can be added to the auction. With your help we hope to have nearly 100 items available by April 24. Our 35 man work crew can hopefully look forward to another busy year ahead. We are currently constructing Homes #122 and #123 and it is our hope if we reach our goal to be able to build Home #150 by April 2019

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 to see before and after pictures with stories.

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. Our next update via email will take place two weeks prior to the event when **bidding begins on April 10, 2018.**

Meet the families of the Month!

For March 2018 that have been blessed by your continued prayerful support of the work of HMI through our Silent Auction/Golf Tournament!



Chanise Lubin (mom) and Trusonne Jeudy (dad – not in the picture) have five children. They farm the small plot of family land in order to provide for their children the best they can. Sometime Trusonne works with the house construction team. Although both Chanise and Trusonne are a faith filled couple, Trusonne is particularly religious, walking several miles each Sunday from Ravine Sable where he lives to the parish church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Numéro Deux in order to worship and ask God to help his family. He and his wife have been patiently waiting for their turn to receive a house from HMI in order to get out of the wet, crumbling and dangerous dwelling you see in the before picture. They are so appreciative and praise Almighty God for all who have helped in any way to bring about this miracle in their lives.

Ronald Louis and Bernise Jean Charles have three children. She takes care of them by selling whatever she can. Ronald does farming and has the job of cleaning the school building at Numéro Deux every morning before classes start. Although a seemingly menial task, he takes his job very seriously and is very proud of his work. He has asked for a number of years to be considered for a decent house in order to live with his family. It is with great joy that the selection committee surprised him with the decision that his family had been picked to receive a new house in March 2018. Ronald and Bernise send their love and thanksgiving for this gift that will allow their children to grow in a much safer and healthier environment.



On the Road to 125 houses!

Can you believe it!! Our Haiti Mission family has continued to take one family at a time out of misery and move them up the ladder to hopeful poverty. As of the end of April we will have built 125 houses. That is 125 families, hundreds of extended families and only God knows how many men, women and children have been taken out of misery and given a new, safe and secure home to live in. Over and over, two and sometimes three times a month, the miracle happens because of our perseverance and prayerful persistence. God hears the prayer of the poor and continues to touch us all in some way in order to continue this wonderful work. This is what true love is all about! This is what Easter calls us to do. We are an Easter people offering hope and in a very real sense Resurrection for some very desperate folks in Haiti. Thanks again for hanging in with us!

DIRTY CARDS HELPING FAMILIES

Many of you have participated in our **DIRTY CARDS HELPING FAMILIES** over the past years. As I know you recall, one of our major tasks on each of the mission trips and the way we bless the community is to distribute supplies to needy families. These gifts make a huge difference in the individual lives of these folks. These bags of provisions and \$20 cash have been changing everything about how life in the villages used to be and how it is now. There is economy, agriculture and animals all over now. It seems as though these little \$35 gift packages multiply 100 fold. I really believe they do. Enclosed is one of the invitation cards that each family receives. These cards are cherished by each family who receives them. This \$35 represents hope and help in a way that is hard to describe to those of us who spend that much on an average meal for two or one tank of gas. As always, my promise to you is that the 2018 Haiti Mission teams will personally present your gift to a family. I will also assure you that you will have a family praying for you asking God to bless you abundantly for your kindness. You will also get a “dirty card” back as a sign and symbol of their love and appreciation. That dirty card will represent joy and confidence that was in the heart of a Haitian family as they carried it throughout the day waiting for the prayer gathering and gift distribution that would make a profound difference in their lives. Why don’t you use these cards as a form of Evangelization also? Tell your friends about our Dirty Card Helping Families program. Invite them to put \$35 to good use. Send us an email or write a note when you respond to this newsletter to send you some extra cards to give to interested friends and family. This has been one of our more popular programs, bringing immediate help to families hard pressed to survive. Thanks again for helping us help others.



Family Distribution

The dirty cards helping families has been an incredibly powerful program. The simple idea of giving \$20 of cash and \$15 of provisions to a family has helped to encourage the families involved in such a practical way. Here is Deacon Lloyd and one of the mission teams greeting the families and praying with them prior to the beginning of the distribution.

Golf Time!!

We began this edition of the newsletter with an update about our Silent Auction. We’re closing it with info about the Golf Tournament. It is impossible to say too much about either one. They are our primary sources of income to accomplish all that we are able to do. Enclosed is a flyer about the event at Ellendale Country Club in Houma, Louisiana. You don’t have to play golf to come out. Everyone is invited. We want everyone to have a chance to bid on all the beautiful items we have this year and if you know a golfer, encourage them to come out and play. Contact info is on the enclosed pamphlet. Come out and pass a good time! *** Again this year we will have a pig roast on the course. Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux will celebrate Mass at 8:15 AM after the first flight of golfers are blessed and sent off for a day of fun and fellowship. You don’t want to miss it!

Upcoming Events and Important dates in the life of HMI

April 8th to 16th - Fakier Spring trip

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

May 15th– May 22nd – HMI/Renewal Ministry trip (space available)

June 1st – 9th – 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

** Our one week mission trips fill up quick. 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.

FAIE’S FACTS

Are you an Amazon shopper? If so, did you know Amazon offers you the opportunity to donate a percentage (usually 0.5%) of almost every purchase to a charity of your choice? Haiti Mission Inc. is one of thousands of options. Visit smile.amazon.com to learn more about how you can further help HMI.

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This newsletter is dedicated to raising funds to help build more houses and drill more wells through our Silent Auction and Golf Tournament. Whatever you do will be wonderful!!

Yes Deacon Lloyd, I want to help the annual Silent Auction/Golf tournament be better than ever this year so that more of the forgotten poor will come to know that God loves them and we love them. Good Luck and God Bless!

_____ Enclosed is my gift for _____ *“Dirty Card helping Families”*
((\$35 per card or 3 cards for \$100 - will make life so much better for a Haitian Family that is praying for you and your loved ones)

Here is my immediate donation to use where most needed:

\$1000 _____ \$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ Other _____

_____ I'd like to sponsor a team in the golf tournament. \$600
(please use the form enclosed in this mailing, print down a form from the website or call Don at 985-209-3228)

_____ I'd like to sponsor a \$100 tee box ad in the name of _____

_____ I can't make the tournament

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)