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



Misery to Poverty

People often ask us how are things in Haiti. Brian Schmidt is a Canadian winegrower and restaurateur who has been travelling to Haiti with HMI teams once or twice a year since 2013. I know you will enjoy his explanation and testimony.

"I was moved by a comment Deacon Lloyd made at dinner one night. Nancy Greenhaw (one of our professional photographers and a Renewal Ministries evangelist) asked Ms. Faie and Deacon Lloyd to tell us about the history of Haiti Mission. How it all began: to speak about specific milestones that had been achieved over the 18 years they have served the community. This alone was SO powerful. While they spoke, Nancy recorded them. So for about 10 minutes Deacon and Ms Faie just spoke. We learned that when they began to travel to Numero Deux, Haiti there were no animals.. maybe a cow or two, a handful of goats and a few chickens. Homes with dirt floors that would turn to mud in the rain. The MANY effects that the water wells have had on the people. The effect that Albendazole (parasite medication that is regularly distributed) has had on the health of the community. The establishment of the schools, feeding the children and SO much more. During Deacons "stream of consciousness" he stated this. "We have taken this community from Pitiful Misery to Poverty. I was not able to shake this passing comment he made that evening. HAVE YOU.. REALLY? Was the question that came to mind. Maybe along the airport road and places that are easy to get to, I felt like there surely must be some misery still present.

The next days I made a point of looking for traces of "Pitiful Misery". I traveled by motorbike to the walking paths that do not allow a mule to go. I fell upon many of usual homes we expect to see. Close by these homes were animals grazing. pigs snorting, lambs crying, chickens getting in my way. I heard radios playing music, saw small portable solar panels charging phones that most certainly almost everyone under the age of 40 has. I was pleased to see well kept gardens tended by families that I was not familiar with each joyfully taking my hand, some would hug me and a few would kiss me when we would meet, each person was in (relatively) good health. Deacon was right I could find no traces of Pitiful Misery. Consider HOW quickly the community recovered after Hurricane Mathew which literally destroyed the region in October 2016. Haiti Mission HAS moved the "needle of need". Haiti Mission has given hope to the entire community. It is true!! WE still have MUCH to do and we will continue to help these communities prosper. As Kristen Wheeler (another HMI missionary) said: "Brian always needs sunglasses but not always because of the sun". I find myself tearing up many times daily. The despair inevitably takes hold of me and I quietly fear, can we really do enough!!

Deacon gave me a beautiful gift that evening - he renewed my faith that we are making a difference. We all continue to be blessed in so many ways. We all share these blessings with our Haitian brothers and sisters. They in turn teach us to be thankful.. to be joyful, to be faithful.

We boarded the plane at 9:00 on Tuesday morning it was a gorgeous clear day, the path that the plane took seemed to be a little closer to the coast line we were offered a clear view of all the tiny villages scattered between Jeremie and PAP. When we landed Ms Faie asked me (not knowing I had been quietly exploring the comment Deacon made) she will only learn of this when she reads this reflection.

Ms Faie turned to me and said "Brian, I need you to help me. I need you to help restore my faith." I was breathless for a moment. She continued, "In all the years I have been coming here I have NEVER seen SO many homes and communities along the coastline, HOW are we going to Help them all??" I replied, "In Numero Deux you have planted a seed. Have faith that it will grow. We will ALL make sure it does." Deacon Lloyd, Ms Faie know this. *The legacy you have created in Haiti will continue long after we are gone.*

With Love and Renewed Faith, Brian Schmidt



Here are members of our April 2018 team enjoying a breathtaking moment overlooking the glorious Caribbean. One can't ever forget that Haiti is one of the most beautiful places in the world. Hopefully, one day, it will take its rightful place.

Water partners

HMI has always been and always will be about water. Our quest for potable water for every man woman and child in a specific region of Haiti has been in some strange and convoluted way the catalyst for everything we do. It has also brought us in contact with some like-minded and wonderful people who have chosen to join with us in order to somehow make this seemingly impossible dream come true. Because of the unique and extensive experience that HMI has garnered over the years, it has brought us to places we never expected to go. With that said, I'd like to introduce you to One Family International and the Winkley brothers.

Faie and I met Bill Winkley over coffee in Thibodaux Louisiana sometime in 2008. Bill was in Thibodaux working at Nichols State University, heard about HMI and wanted to learn more about our work. In 2009, HMI had drilled a few wells but was still in the fledgling stages of what we hoped to accomplish. Bill bought into the dream, introduced us to his brother Pat who together with Bill had begun One Family International (OFI) in order to do much the same as HMI only in other areas of the world such as Bangladesh and Papua New Guinea. Bill and Pat decided to partner with HMI on a water project that Faie and I were focused on at the time and low and behold, a partnership was born that has continued and flourished in ways that none of us could have imagined! Fate has taken us from Haiti and Bangladesh to India and Uganda. Too many wonderful stories of living water bringing health and happiness to people in faraway places who we will probably never meet or visit, but who have life because of a few good people caring enough to try to help.

Fifty-eight wells in Haiti, 6 wells in India, 8 wells in Uganda is the current count and we confidently trust that there will be many more to come. Go to our website and read more about how the hand of God brought us to all these places. Most especially, if you are interested in bringing living water to a community in memory of a loved one, contact us and we'll do something beautiful together.



Members of the Bughanga community in Uganda Africa filling their containers with potable water from the well drilled at St. Boniface church through the HMI-OFI partnership.



Gardening Success

Agronomy is the primary economy in the villages where we work. One of our translators, Rio Cave', has been trained in Agronomy skills and has developed, along with a community group, a beautiful small farm area close to our compound and the airstrip, where all our mission teams fly into. Pictured are some of the veggies they presented to our Schonacher Mission team when they arrived for their summer trip.

Upcoming Events and Important dates in the life of HMI

Sunday Afternoon - July 29th – HMI 2018 Summer Reunion/Shrimp boil

American Legion Home, 602 Legion Ave, Houma 4 – 6 PM. Come have great fun and gather to share stories and memories. Great time to meet and greet our newcomers and old timers. The latest recipient of the coveted "Mathurin Pillow" award will be presented!. RSVP to Faie at 985-688-5002 or bravofaie@lloydsremedies.com \$15 per person. Will be a wonderful time. Everyone is invited. Hope you can make it!

Church Construction updates – Pictures of the Church Construction project are on the website. Check it out!

FAIE'S FACTS

Some quotable quotes to ponder while relaxing on vacation:

Conversion --only an almighty God can do the impossible with the impossible. (like Haiti msson)??

Generosity --we tire of those pleasures we take, but never of those we give. (J. Petit Senn)

Origin of Life --the probability of life originating from an accident or a big bang is comparable to the probability of an unabridged dictionary resulting from an explosion in a printing shop. (Dr. Wernher von Braun)

The trouble --with people who drink like a fish is that they don't drink what the fish drinks. (People magazine)

Heart condition --Hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than hardening of the arteries. (Franklin Field)

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This newsletter is dedicated to raising funds to help the families whom we have come to know and love in the villages around Jeremie, Haiti. May God bless you and your loved ones for your commitment to the poor by giving in whatever way the Holy Spirit directs you.

- _____ \$3750 would sponsor a new home and get a family “out of the mud and into safe secure housing.” (Our new home design is keeping the cost of constructing the homes at \$7500 with the \$3750 matching money for each home provided by funds raised from the annual silent auction)
- _____ \$1000 would help us drill a well in a community without fresh water.
- _____ Here’s my gift to help with the construction of the new church
- _____ \$100 would sponsor a teacher in the community schools. (Payable monthly/quarterly or yearly – we would appreciate a one year commitment)
- _____ \$35 would buy food and supplies for a family
- _____ \$12 annual membership in the “Woman-to-Woman club of Haiti that helps poor women get the medical treatment they need who otherwise would go untreated.

Here is my immediate donation to use where most needed:

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

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

(Mother Teresa)