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



Blind Man's Pillow Award 2018

The Blind Man's Pillow award is a special award periodically given by HMI to individuals who have helped in a special way to help HMI in their mission of helping the poor and needy in around Jeremie, Haiti where we work. This year's recipient, Sharon Davis, has never been to Haiti but she has helped behind the scenes to make sure many people who are going to Haiti have the supplies they need all packed up in our famous duffle bags. She has also helped with our annual golf tournament and anytime we need help, Sharon has been there pitching in to make things go well. Congratulations Sharon! Thanks again for all you do. (Below are the links to more information regarding the Blind Man's story and also the story of Sharon's daughter, Nicole, whose untimely passing brought Sharon into the HMI family.)

<http://www.haitimissioninc.com/BLIND-MAN-AWARD>

<http://www.haitimissioninc.com/NICOLE-ANNE-DAVIS>

Upcoming Events and Important dates in the life of HMI

November 12th to 19th –

Fakier Fall trip to Haiti (a couple of spots still open)

December 10th to 18th–

Brian Schmidt, Bobby Barrilleaux technical/repair trip.

FAIE'S FACTS

Sept/Oct 2018

Fear less, hope more.

Eat less, chew more.

Whine less, breathe more.

Talk less, say more.

Love more, and

All good things will be yours.

(a Swedish proverb)

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.**

The Families of the Month

We're highlighting two families this month who have received the miracle of a new home. Both the primary recipients of these homes are elderly and somewhat sickly or impaired. Not only are they now going to have a beautiful, sturdy, healthy home to live out their lives but their children and grandchildren will benefit for many years to come. For those of you that are not aware of all the benefits of a decent house for our Haiti friends, we're posting the five main ones in this month's newsletter.

1. **Economic Impact** - A debt-free home helps leverage families out of poverty. Funds previously needed to treat sick children and help them survive can now be used to purchase school supplies and other necessities.
2. **Educational Impact** - A stable environment encourages learning. A child who lives in a decent home is much more likely to attend school and continue their education.
3. **Health Impact** - Eliminating dirt floors and exposure to the elements improves their overall quality of life and reduces sickness. Having a concrete floor alone reduces the incidence of all sorts of diseases but especially diarrhea.
4. **Social & Emotional Impact** - The emotional well-being of family members stabilize as basic issues of survival are eliminated. Family life is strengthened and they can start thinking about the future. These homes lift each family out of misery and raise them to a level of poverty where they have dignity, self-respect, joy, hope and understand love in action.
5. **Spiritual Impact** - Your practical demonstration of God's love for them inspires a desire to want to give back. As each home is completed and dedicated, the family is presented with an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and encouraged to pray daily for all who have given to bring about this miracle in their lives and to pray for all their friends and family members who are in need.

Haiti – House #133 Mr. and Mrs. Liface Luc



Mr. Liface and Mrs. Maritane Luc live by the little farming they can do. Unfortunately, they are both struggling with sicknesses. He had a stroke a few years ago. Since then, walking is very painful. She suffers from heart problems and considers the hospital as a second home. Their home was destroyed by Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. The blue plastic cover they used to make a roof has deteriorated by the effects of the sun and elements. The HMI selection committee decided that it is time to help them move to a decent place to live out their days. They send their deepest appreciation and love to all who filled their final days with the joy of a beautiful new home.

Haiti – House #134 Yonel Michel Family

Mr. Yonel Michel was not home when our team stopped by to inform him that his family would receive a new home in August 2018. Pictured (in the before pic) are 2 of his 3 children who live with Mr. Yonel. He lost his wife some years ago. He, along with his children, farms the land around his home. After the death of his wife, he found consolation in his faith and resumed attending Mass regularly. Now that there is Mass daily in the parish, he attends even on week days, praying for his family and his community. He is a very hard worker. He and his children rejoice and praise God for this incredible gift and blessing that they have received.

