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*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



### 11th Annual Bec's Haiti Mission Silent Auction Report

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity! What HMI supporters did in the Covid-19 environment was truly amazing. We continue to be reminded how God can use any situation to show us that he has a plan that is far better than we can dream of and that we just need to remain faithful and leave Him in control. We received bids on all 84 items. As in the past, many winning bidders also added to their donation and additional donations were made without bidding on items. In the last 24 hours alone we received \$14,800 in additional bids and donations. After all the checks were collected, the auction items and extra donations took in **\$35,890**.

We need to give special thanks to Danielle Cheramie, The Cheramie Family and friends who did an incredible job putting together and donating many of the items which were available. Many generous people each year continue to help either by donating items, bidding on items or making donations. We continue to be amazed with their generosity! Thank you again! Because of the generous support of our Sponsors prior to the event, donating **\$109,610**, our combined total reached **\$145,500** which is by far our largest total ever and is \$10,500 more than our goal.

**Our final total of \$145,500 will be restricted towards matching funds to continue to build the next 39 homes.** With half the money in place we will continue to build homes for each \$3750 we collect from donors. We plan on building three homes per month through the end of 2020 and we have faith that we will receive additional donors before year end and we will be able to continue at the same pace through the beginning of 2021. Since the Silent Auction began dedicating money in 2013 to be utilized towards building homes we have raised **\$797,985** in matching money. Our construction team of Haitians has grown to 60 men who are building homes #185-187 this month. We are now on our way to Home #220 over the next year which will put us at 1.6 million utilized for home construction since 2013. **Amazing! You Cannot Out Give God!**

Due to Covid restrictions all the scheduled HMI mission trips in the spring and early summer have been cancelled. We currently have one trip planned in November of 2020 and if it is in God's plan we are looking forward to making a trip with a group of 14. What a joy it will be to represent all of our HMI donors and supporters as we dedicate homes and are blessed to witness how lives and families are generationally being changed. We are planning a special dinner party in November to honor our 60 member construction team and their families.

Please visit the HMI website and look for more exciting updates. Thank you once again for all you are doing to make this possible.

God bless you and your family.  
Pax, David & Laura Fakier

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." **Matthew 25:40**

#### 2020 Silent Auction Title Sponsor

Bec's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Haiti Mission Silent Auction  
In Memory of Rebecca Claire Fakier

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## special note

It is always so moving to us when we have situations that cause us to have to cancel our fundraiser yet so many of our faithful supporters respond in the way described above. As you may or may not know, the funds raised from the golf tournament portion of our annual fundraiser and from those sponsors are used to drill and repair wells, repair and purchase equipment and pay incidental expenses such as postage, printing and necessary supplies both here and in Haiti. This year was unique in so far as it wasn't a rain out, but another act of nature called COVID-19. This unique and novel virus caused a much increased demand for water in the villages where we work because of heightened awareness of hygiene and overall cleanliness. Fr. Joe and his team identified three wells that HMI had already drilled in three different areas that could support greater water production via submersible electric pumps. Trusting that God would provide, we have initiated the order for the pumps and accessories and hope to raise enough funding to also purchase portable generators. Many of our dear sponsors and friends have given us their usual donations that they would traditionally make toward our event, but that has only been about one-third of the approximately \$25,000 we normally raise. If God touches your heart to help with this acute and pressing need, I can assure you it will be a wonderful blessing to many.

Thanks for all you have done and continue to do and special thanks to our golf tournament sponsors listed below. Together we are making a huge difference in the lives of many.

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#### Faie's Facts

No matter what the situation in which we find ourselves, the six best doctors in the world have always been: Sunlight, Rest, Exercise, Diet, Self Confidence, and Friends. And, finally, the nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is....in the hands of God.

## Thanks be to God - It's Been Twenty Years!

Dear Friends of the Poor,

Incredibly, it has been twenty years since the hand of God touched the hearts of a few people from St. Bridget parish in Schriever, Louisiana to do what they could to help a misery plagued village in the Jeremie region of Haiti. Over the years wells were drilled, homes built, children educated, fed and cared for and families given hope. We have now drilled more than 70 wells in Haiti. Construction of homes is now helping three families a month get out of pitiful situations. In the epistle of James, we read, "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and



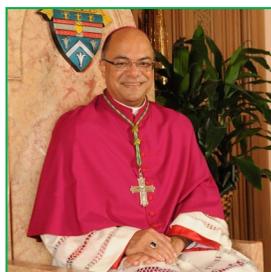
The first HMI team 2001. Back row Deacon Lloyd, Joe Weigand, Pete Cavalier, Andrew Besson Front row Brenda Sonnier, Faie Duplantis, Mrs. Jeanette Naquin, Kathy Louviere, Dr. Aaron Lirette

perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does" (James 1:22-25) Haiti Mission has often been the only hope many of these families have had. Our mission has done so much, but we can only see clearly how much more needs to be done. As we celebrate our twenty years of caring service, we are more confident than ever that God's grace and blessings will continue to flow through us into the lives of people who have oftentimes been forgotten by the world. With your help we will answer the call of the poor and the needy. With Christ at our side and the power of God in our hearts, we will persist in this labor of love. We will continue to be

doers of the Word and not just hearers.

Peace and God's choicest blessings be upon you and your families,  
 Deacon Lloyd and Mrs. Faie Duplantis

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congrats



Dear Deacon Lloyd,

Greetings in the Lord! It is my honor and pleasure to congratulate Haiti Mission, Inc. for the twenty years of service they have been to the people of Haiti. It has been a blessing to work alongside and support this mission which has its origins here in the diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. Be assured of my prayerful support and encouragement to all who have helped in any way to improve the lives of the poor and forgotten through the work of this missionary apostolate.

Sincerely, Most Rev. Shelton J. Fabre - Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

### Meet the family of the Month!

For May 2020, here is the Estage Louis family that has been blessed by your continued prayerful support of the work of HMI!

Estage Jean Louis (70 y/o) and his wife, Noelline Fanfan (65 y/o) live in Ravine Sable near Nan Champay. They have five children and eight grandchildren. They live now with three children and three grand children. Estage is a farmer. Noelline helps him with the family farming and also sells the products of their gardens as best she can in Jeremie. They are Catholics belonging to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.



"After"



"Before"

Estage walks to church when his feet and strength permit (about a two hour walk). He actually walked to Christmas Eve Mass this past December which ended around midnight. Fr. Joe took him and several other parishioners living around each other in Ravine Sable who were walking back to their home in the dark. Fr. Joe told them not to no longer do so that God will understand but they said they wanted to make the sacrifice to thank God for all their blessings and pray for help in their situation. Their prayer has been heard. The Estage Jean Louis family will now have a safe, secure place to live. They send their heartfelt thanks to all who helped to bring about this miracle in their lives.

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### On the Road to 200 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 May we will have built 187 houses. That is 187 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, now 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!

This newsletter is dedicated to raising funds to continue three houses a month and maintain and drill needed wells through. Whatever you do will be wonderful!

**Yes Deacon Lloyd, I want to help in order that the forgotten poor will come to know that God loves them and we love them. Good Luck and God Bless!**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$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**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$35 would buy food and supplies for one of the families we visit on the next mission**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$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.**

This monetary gift is made in memory of \_\_\_\_\_,

please send an acknowledgement card to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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***THANKS FOR HELPING!! No donation is too small. No gift unappreciated!***

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***“He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his good deeds.” Pvb 19:17***

***“No one has ever become poor by giving”***

The hand written words of Anne Frank (1929-1945)