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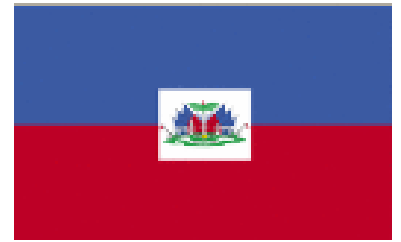
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"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Thanksgiving

Every year for Thanksgiving Faie and I like to share this special message that expresses what is in our hearts and souls regarding an adventure we have been called to journey on with you. As always, we know reflecting on these words will be more than something a person does or feels but is an offering that honors and glorifies God. Thanksgiving is a theme of many of the Psalms and a powerful means of charging us with spiritual refreshment. Biblical language speaks to God in praise and nurtures us with divine peace and comfort. Perhaps that's why thanksgiving is a command in the Psalms - "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever"(Psalm 107:1) as well as in the Prophetic Books - "In that day you will say, 'Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted'(Isaiah 12:4). In his wisdom, God knows our need to focus on his unconditional love for us and the positive results of a grateful heart. During this time when we are focused on helping our dear friends survive some incredible challenges, thanksgiving is very special. There are many reasons to give thanks to God this year! We know you will enjoy and appreciate them as we share our 2022 Thanksgiving message.

Faie and I give thanks for all of you who are on this HMI journey with us. We are so humbled and appreciative that you have responded to the "cry of the poor" via the HMI model and concept so let us always be thankful: for God's greatness, for God's mercy - "Let them thank the Lord for his mercy" (Psalm 107: 8). for God's protection - "In God I trust, I do not fear. What can man do to me? (Psalm 56:12). for salvation - "I thank you, for you answered me; you have been my savior" (Psalm 118:21). for daily provisions - "...supplying the needs of the holy ones" (2 Corinthians 9:12). for God's grace - "...for the grace of God bestowed on you" (1 Corinthians 1:4). for healing - "...he had been healed, returned glorifying God" (Luke 17:16). for victory over sin - The sting of death is sin,...But thanks be to God who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).for all people - "...thanksgiving..for everyone" (1 Timothy 2:1). for everything - "...giving thanks always for everything"(Ephesians 5:20). And last but not least, "Thanks be to God! With Joyful Praise and Thanksgiving – Haiti Mission, Inc.

Women to Women (W2W) club project



In previous newsletters we've described how various projects were developed in the hearts of our missionaries and became blessings to a particular group of the Haitian community. Such it was with the W2W project. Our dear Mrs. Jeanette Naquin, who was one of the original HMI team members, ended up in the hospital here in the US at some point in time after several trips to Haiti. While there, she reflected upon how blessed we are here in the US with the high level of medical care and how dire the situation for women there in Haiti. Thus she came up with the simple plan of asking women here to donate \$12 a year to help Haitian women. The funds would be sent to her dear friend, Bishop Willy Romelus, for his discernment as to who to select for help.

This has been such a help to so many. (see the website for more info on Mrs. Jeanette's work.)

Below are the greetings and words of appreciation from Bishop Willy Romelus and Fr. Joe. Since Bishop Willy's primary language is French and his French is so beautiful, I included both the original French and the subsequent translation by Fr. Joe. I know you will appreciate the efforts both these gentlemen have made to convey the gratitude on behalf of all the women beneficiaries and their families who have been blessed by the Women to Women "W2W" initiative begun by and continued by Mrs. Jeanette Naquin. Deacon Lloyd Duplantis, Director, Haiti Mission, Inc.

Dear Mrs Jeanette,

It is always a great pleasure to communicate with you but today I feel a special joy on the occasion of the 64th anniversary of my baptism.

On behalf of all the women from the Cayes and Grand'Anse (Jeremie) areas who have benefited from the generous donations of your organization, particularly when they had to deal with illness in their families and had no other way out, I am pleased to write and express to you and to all the members of Women to women my deepest gratitude. For having visited Haiti in the past, you have seen and understood the dire situation of most women in the country who are justly considered the backbones of the haitian families. Unfortunately, their situation has worsen both socially and financially during the last decade due to the country's interminable political crisis.

Without your helpful hand or solidarity towards the most needy of your haitian sisters in Christ of the Cayes and Grand'Anse (Jeremie) areas, so many of them or of their beloved ones would have already perished. Once again, on behalf of all the beneficiaries, please receive through these lines, the kind expression of our heartfelt thanks!

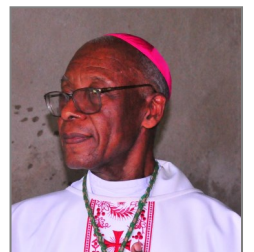


Fr. Jomanas (Joe) Eustache

September 8th, 2022

Mrs Jeanette Naquin
Chairwoman of Women to women
Thibodaux, Louisiana

Bien chère Jeannette, Comment allez-vous ? J'espère que tout va bien pour voue et tous les membres supporteurs de "Women for Women". Par ici à Château, les bénéficiaires de cette belle association vous sont grandement reconnaissants. Certaines dames ont leurs maisons améliorées, d'autres peuvent entretenir un petit commerce, d'autres réparent plus aisément aux frais de leurs enfants à l'école. Uni à ces bénéficiaires, chère Jeannette, je demande au Seigneur Dieu de vous combler ainsi que tous les membres de "Women for Women" de ses bénédictions en abondance!



(English translation) - How are you, dear Miss Jeanette. I hope everything is fine with you as well as the other members and sponsors of W2W. I would like to sincerely thank you on behalf of all the women here in "CHATEAU" (my native place) who have greatly and often benefited from your generous financial contributions without which life would be even more difficult for them. For example, some have been able to make some little repair work in their houses, others having a little trading activity, taking care of school's expenses for their children, etc..In union with these brave women, I humbly ask the Lord to impart His abundant blessings upon you and each member of W2W!

+Willy



1st Annual St. Bridget Haiti Mission School-Numero Deux And Feeding the Children Appeal

Over the last two months we collected extra donations dedicated towards Teacher Support and Feeding the Children. We received donations totaling \$6,722. Of the total, \$4,700 will be utilized for Teacher Support and \$2,022 for Feeding the Children. These funds will be placed in restricted accounts for use in the 2023-24 school year. Thank you to all our generous supporters. If you would like to make additional donations during the year you can do so online with the designated tab on the HMI website or by mailing a check with a note designated where you would like your donation to be utilized. We would also like to once again thank our dedicated monthly donors who contribute nearly 30% of the funds needed to keep St. Bridget School-Numero Deux open for approximately 230 students and 15 staff members. (Please keep all our friends in Haiti in your prayers. The fuel and supplies crisis has had a great impact on many in the Numero Deux area. It has forced HMI to cancel the November Mission trip. We hope and pray for improvement soon. In the meantime, we have sent some humanitarian support in November to those we can help.)
HMI Teacher Support & Feeding the Children



Happy, healthy, smiling faces. It wasn't always like this. Without your help it would be a much different story.

Number 300! (getting close)

What a Thanksgiving! From a humble beginning of trying to help a few folks in miserable surroundings by building them a new house to now having built close to 300. Words cannot express what the effect of such an initiative has been on the lives of so many families. None of it could have been possible without so many minor and not so minor miracles happening along the way at just the time needed showing us what to do and how to do it. It also would not have been possible without the trust and financial sacrifices of so many of our friends and donors that have hung in there with HMI throughout the years. Most especially, none of this would have been possible without the inspiration of our dear little patron, Rebecca Claire Fakier, who continues to give her dad and mom new energy and enthusiasm to encourage all of us to do more and more to help those in need. (We would have passed the 300 mark by the end of 2022 but the challenges to get supplies – especially fuel - have been increasing, pushing the creativity of our construction team to the limit. God willing, we'll get there soon!)



"Before"

Hotelmise Bazard and her daughter

Meet another
of the families
being blessed by your
continued prayerful support
of the work of HMI!

Haiti – House # 280
The Hotelmise Bazard Family



"After"

Hotelmise Bazard is a very strong, hardworking single mother. She has one daughter that she is doing her best to raise and educate by selling what she can and by farming despite her terrible living conditions. You can see in the before picture of a few pieces of tin and a tarpaulin patched together, for obvious reasons, she was worried about hurricanes and tropical storms. She is extremely grateful for HMI and the donors who have stepped forward to build her and her daughter a new home.

Praise the Lord, it's done!

For several years now Faie and Cathy Weimer have been chronicling the Haiti Mission story. The 22 years of God's grace and guidance has been put into a book that I know you will all enjoy. The title A Tale of One Citie: Transforming Numero Deux from 'THAT' to 'THIS' describes in pictorial form the projects, all of the groups that have travelled there with HMI and as much detail as could be put together and keep it a reasonable size book. We know you will be proud and delighted by what we have done together. (The suggested donation is \$20 and \$5 S&H. You can order using this newsletter donation form, online on the website or call Faie at 985-688-5002).

FAIE'S FACTS

When we're enjoying our "turkey with all the trimmings" for our Thanksgiving dinner, please let us pray for our Haitian friends, who are struggling with finding the basic supplies of rice, beans, & cooking oil. And if they're fortunate to find some, the prices are so high that they cannot afford to buy them. When we complain about our expensive gasoline prices, let us think of the cost of their gas at about \$30-50 U.S. a gallon.



Upcoming Events and Important dates in the life of HMI

April 24th, 2023

Haiti Mission's 14th Annual Silent Auction/Golf tournament
at Ellendale Country Club



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Yes, Here is my immediate donation to use where most needed:

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