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

Ralph Waldo Emerson



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

St. Bridget HMI School-ND began in 2004. The existing hurricane-proof school was completed in 2012 thanks to donations from many HMI supporters, led by Pat & Sue Biggam at a total cost of \$250,000. The excellent school includes 10 classrooms, bathrooms, a large library and feeding room and administration offices.

In the latest school year, 2021-22, there were 230 students and 15 staff members with HMI contributing \$1425 per month or **\$17,200 per year (Teacher Support)**. Teachers on average make just under \$100 per month. We have dedicated monthly donors who make up about 30% of the total cost each month or about \$500. Several years ago, due to the shortfall in donations, the school was on the verge of closing; however, a group from St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Apex, NC came to the rescue and funded the school for 2 ½ years. For the past two school years, HMI has been blessed with two major donors funding nearly half the annual support needed.

HMI also has funded a school lunch program (**Feeding the Children**) since 2012 which provides a substantial hot lunch daily to the students and staff that attend. On average HMI provides for 3500 meals per month or 35,000 meals per year at a cost of about **\$17,500 per year** or 50 cents per meal. The school lunch program insures that every child attending school at St. Bridget's will have a least one nutritious hot meal a day. This program also has a few dedicated monthly donors who make up about 20% of the total cost per month or about \$300.

HMI realizes that the above two programs are very important to the community and the children, and it is our hope to be able to continue to provide for the financial needs of the programs. In order to do that in a more predictable way we have decided to have an **Annual Appeal to our donors focused on Teacher Support and Feeding the Children each September at the beginning of the school year**. We hope to raise enough money each year so that the programs can continue long into the future, and that they will be less in peril each year to continue due to inadequate funding.

If you would like to contribute to the 2022 Appeal, please forward your contribution to support of the HMI School and Feeding program. If you would prefer to become a monthly donor you can select either program on the donate tab of the HMI website or mail a check.

Together we can continue to serve God while "feeding" his little ones, body, mind and soul. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

HMI Teacher Support & Feeding the Children Team

Knowledge is power!



Our Haiti Mission trips have been the catalyst for many of our current projects. One of those has been a desire on the part of our dear friend and Haiti Missionary, Ms. Susan Brazan, to somehow get books written in Haitian Creole for the school and the school library. Susan is an educator who was very concerned about the lack of reading material and supplies for the school children when she was on her mission trip after Easter 2013. Below is her story of how her perseverance and determination for many years finally got books for the school library.

My 99-year-old Aunt Ollie, continues to help Haiti Mission, Inc. She, along with the Catholic Daughters of St. Genevieve, Thibodaux and myself purchased a case of 100 books for St. Bridget's school in Numero Deux. What's special about the books is that they are written in Haitian Kreyol, the language of the people. Each case is \$750 and is shipped from Miami on to Port-Au-Prince eventually arriving in Numero Deux by the intervention of our dear liaison person in PAP, Enor Rodrigue. Prior to this case of 100 books shipped this past year, about 25 books at a time would be sent with one of our teams going to Haiti. It was becoming more difficult to find books for the different age and interest levels of the children. Providentially, Haiti Mission received a catalog that provided more types of Haitian books to fill those gaps at a much better price.

Now St. Bridget has a library and librarian, [Mrs. Altagrace Alexandre](#). In January 2022, when the books were unpacked by the mission team and presented to the librarian, David and Laura Fakier, who made the presentation said she was close to tears. They also said the children's faces just lit up. What a joy for the children and families in Numero Deux! Most importantly we at HMI are so blessed to be able to improve the literacy rate of the children. Mrs. Alexandre has scheduled times for each class to go to the library and each child is able to check out a book. Beautiful shelving was built locally to keep the books safe and in order. Slowly but surely more books will be purchased. Next, we hope to locate a textbook company to provide a textbook for each student. Many times, three or four students must use the same text. We have been able to go into the classes and observe what is needed. We will continue to evaluate the needs of the children at St. Bridget's, and we thank the Lord for his great providence to us and families in Numero Deux.

Susan Brazan



Mrs. Altagrace Alexandre unpacking the books

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



House #275 Louides Milord and his wife Venese Boyer are pictured in front of their tin and tarp shack with 2 of their 3 children, Fr Joe and HMI Missionary, Lorraine Steigner. They have almost nothing but their small piece of land. They try to grow what they can to help but it is very difficult as there is no easy access to water to help their garden produce. They send their deep appreciation and prayer for the donors who have made their new home possible.



House #274 Walnut Lindor is pictured in the "before" picture with his wife, Marie Joël Michel and 2 of their 3 children along with Haiti Mission Missionaries, Jennifer and John Bonvillain, in front of their present house. The condition of their house speaks for itself and moved the last mission team with compassion for this family from Kay an Ron. Walnut is a mason and Marie Joël takes care of

the children at home and does a little farming to try to raise what this family of 5 needs to live. They send their prayerful appreciation to all who have helped to bring about this miracle of a new home for their family.



The New Evangelization - Haiti Style

For the past twelve years HMI has been blessed to have a missionary couple journey with them at least once a year in order to offer instruction and evangelization to a number of church parishes in and around Jeremie. Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw have been a real blessing, offering spiritual development along with the practical things that HMI has been doing along the line of humanitarian aid. Over the years we've continued to have some of the same people experience their delightful way of sharing the gospel. This year the Greenhaws offered an evangelization school for those that were really committed and were capable of carrying the gospel message from what Lloyd and Nancy had taught them in order to help the communities in which they live. Pictured is the group that graduated from the school this year in the beautiful new Our Lady of the Assumption church.



(Nancy Greenhaw and her husband Lloyd are founders of G.R.A.C.E Inc, - a Ministry to Ministries. For the last 13 years they have served with HMI on behalf of Renewal Ministries on some of our mission trips. Nancy is a gifted teacher who works powerfully with her husband, Lloyd, to mirror the ministry of Jesus with both proclamation of the Good News and demonstration that God's Word is true thru prayers for healing and freedom in Christ. HMI has been blessed to have this wonderful couple as part of our mission.)

The Rest of the Story!

As the Haiti Mission adventure continues to do what it can for the people of Haiti to grow and develop, the idea that the story should be told from the beginning for all those who have joined the journey along the way began to develop. For several years now Mrs. Faie and Cathy Weimer have been chronicling the Haiti Mission story. Their work is done! 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 who have travelled there with HMI and as much detail as could be put together and keep it a reasonable size book. (140 pages). To paraphrase the last words of St. John's Gospel, "There are also many other things that we did, but if they were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written!" We're hoping to have it published soon. (See the donation sheet for more information and how to order.)

FAIE'S FACTS



Although Haiti Mission is blessed with many great volunteers (all of whom are deserving of awards for their service, faithfulness and generosity), we'd like to acknowledge an official award presented to the dedicated HMI "worker bees", Dr. David and Laura Fakier. They were both presented with the 2022 Alumni of the Year Award. After graduating from the Vanderbilt class of 1978, they both earned degrees from LSU. Dr. David worked as a radiologist at several of the area hospitals. With their foundation made in honor of their deceased daughter Rebecca Claire, they have donated much of their time, talent and treasure to many community organizations, but in particular to the people of Haiti. Congratulations!

**Upcoming Events
and Important Dates
in the life of HMI**

November 10th to 17th, 2022
The Fakier Fall trip

April 24th, 2023
*Haiti Mission—14th Annual
Silent Auction /
Golf Tournament*

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This newsletter is dedicated to raising funds to help the families devastated by the recent earthquake and hopefully receive the miracle of a new home one day. May God bless you and your loved ones for your commitment to the poor by giving in whatever way the Holy Spirit directs you.

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

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

_____ **\$4000 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 \$8000 with the \$4000 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 a family (\$100 to help 3 families)**

_____ **Here’s my help for Feeding the School Children.**

_____ **Please send me _____ copies of A Tale of One Citie: Transforming Numero Deux - from ‘THAT’ ... to ‘THIS’ when it becomes available. (Enclosed is \$20 per book & \$5 S&H per order)**

Please ship to:

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

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