

## **Well # 35 – St Antoine Hospital**

**St. Antoine general hospital is the only public hospital that serves the needs of the people in the Jeremie Region. Because of the tremendous influx of people into Jeremie after the earthquake and because of seasonal drought conditions, the water situation in Jeremie is almost always at a critical level. Until HMI was able to drill a well, the hospital was having to pay to truck water in to fill their reservoir tanks. The expense and lack of readily available potable water for transport kept the fragile balance of having water for the sick and suffering at the hospital constantly precarious. To quote Fr. Joe, “As you can see, the well is secured with a box made with cement blocks and a top covered in steel with a lock. The pump is inside the generator room. The submersible pump fills the two big reservoirs on which are mounted two other pumps. One of them fills the higher cistern. There is water now everywhere necessary at the hospital. According to the testimonies, the well and pump are superb! To appreciate this better, one would have had to have been there before the well was drilled to experience the dire situation of the whole place and specifically the toilets, maternity, pediatrics, kitchen and the laundry. Once again, I have been asked to express the gratitude of those in charge of the hospital to HMI and the donors for this wonderful gift.” What is testimony like this worth? Certainly all the time, trouble, challenges and funding it takes to be part of a life changing event such as this.**

**Haiti mission was proud to be able to partner with some private donors interested in this critical need of the**

**hospital to drill a well that will alleviate this dire situation for years to come.**



**(This might not look very exciting but this is the end result of HMI's perseverance to bring water to St. Antoine's hospital in Jeremie. Continuous and potable water for a long, long time.)**



