

Haiti Chicken farm well #2 March 2023

The original well on the property was completed in January 2010 to supply water for the chickens that were being raised, the garden that was being developed and for members of the local community. This 320 foot deep well was fitted with an electrical submersible pump driven by a small generator and accomplished its designed purpose for several years. Hurricane Matthew in October of 2016 destroyed the struggling farm, killing almost all the chickens and making it virtually impossible to consider restoring. Then the earthquake that struck the Jeremie region on August 14th, 2021 damaged the original borehole, thus cutting off a major water source for the Ravine Saab area. Early in 2023, Fr. Joe and the the drill team were able to get the drill truck fixed and functioning in order to successfully drill another well in March 2023. Even though chickens are not being raised there anymore, the property is being used as a vegetable garden and bringing a much needed water source back to the farm is a major blessing to all the families there. HMI along with Fr. Joe and the drill team are delighted to be able to have brought water back to the area in memory of our dear friends Gary and Louise Lirette who did so much to initiate this project in the early stages of HMI's formation.



The Drill team - pictured are Loes Michel – pronounced “lowest” (assistant driller) with the hose filling the containers and Gary Bazard (Head driller) standing behind the young woman

The well is 345 ft deep, has a static level of 270 feet. Is at an elevation of 319 ft and pumps 6 gallons per minute.