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



### **A Mission Trip to Haiti**

As we prepare for another few trips to Haiti this Spring and Summer, we always put out an invitation for anyone who may be interested in coming to contact us so we can try to make it happen. We know that most people can't come because of all sorts of reasons. We always like to remind everyone that none of this could be possible without the prayers and support of the many, who will never come to see how much has been done to help some extremely poor helpless people.

For those of you who don't have any serious reason for not coming and are just somewhat undecided, I received this note the other day from one of our Canadian families who made a trip with us this past year. I know you will be inspired as I was and it may help you make the decision to come see for yourself.

"Hi Lloyd and Faie, I've been thinking of you so much lately! Mike and I have been talking about our trip to Haiti and how much we treasure that week. And yesterday, as we sat in Mass and listened to the Gospel of Matthew on the Final Judgment, I reflected on how you have answered the call to feed the hungry, welcome the strangers, visit those in the jails, and to help the sick. It is just beautiful! Tonight I am giving a presentation on our trip to Haiti to the local Catholic Women's League. I just wanted you to know that I really appreciate all that you have done and how you welcomed our family to be a part of your mission. I pray that we are able to do more together and to keep in touch. We miss you and Faie, and the rest of the team!

Everyone here is good. We are busy with the day to day things, but I can honestly say that we are changed since our trip. The kids are also good. They are working hard at school and are involved in extracurricular activities. We continue to talk about vocations and are seeing interest, and at least a consideration and thought as to whether it is something for them. Our three oldest boys all talk about it. Although it was something that was discussed prior to Haiti, we can see a change in all of us after the experience with Renewal Ministries and Haiti Mission, and a desire to explore the priesthood. God Bless you Lloyd and Faie and all your wonderful work! Amy Cronin."

Isn't that a beautiful note! The Holy Spirit works mightily in the hearts of those who work for the poor. Just to update the lovely letter from Amy Cronin, her eighteen year old daughter Alyssa has now decided to spend a month in Haiti working at the orphanage of the Missionaries of Charity and the hospital in Jeremie. Powerful stuff!! Whether you ever come to Haiti, or not, our initial vision of bringing water to families has now grown and taken a life of its own, allowing us to live out the Matthew 25 gospel and touching the hearts and souls of young people to even consider the consecrated life. May God be glorified in time and eternity!



Here is Mrs. Appolon in the doorway of the beautiful home that the silent auction and your help has allowed HMI to build for her. She is so grateful and is constantly rejoicing that God has worked such a miracle in her life.

### **DIRTY CARDS HELPING FAMILIES**

Many of you have participated in our **DIRTY CARDS HELPING FAMILIES** over the past years. As I know you recall, one of our major tasks on each of the trips and the way we bless the community is to distribute supplies to needy families. These gifts make a huge difference in the individual lives of these folks. These bags of provisions and \$20 cash have been changing everything about how life in the villages used to be and how it is now. There is economy, agriculture and animals all over now. It seems as though these little \$35 gift packages multiply 100 fold. I really believe they do.

Enclosed is one of the invitation cards that each family receives. These cards are cherished by each family who receives them. This \$35 represents hope and help in a way that is hard to describe to those of us who spend that much on an average meal for two or one tank of gas. As always, my promise to you is that the 2015 Haiti Mission teams will personally present your gift to a family. I will also assure you that you will have a family praying for you asking God to bless you abundantly for your kindness. You will also get a "dirty card" back as a sign and symbol of their love and appreciation. That dirty card will represent joy and confidence that was in the heart of a Haitian family as they carried it throughout the day waiting for the prayer gathering and gift distribution that would make a profound difference in their lives. Why don't you use these cards as a form of Evangelization also? Tell your friends about our Dirty Card Helping Families program. Invite them to put \$35 to good use. Send us an email or write a note when you respond to this newsletter to send you some extra cards to give to interested friends and family. This has been one of our more popular programs, bringing immediate help to families hard pressed to survive. Each mission trip gives these \$35 gifts to at least 160 families, all of whom benefit tremendously from this seemingly insignificant present. Thanks again for helping us help others.

## A Tale of Two Wells

There are so many exciting things happening in the life of HMI. We have a total of four mission trips this Spring and Summer that are almost all filled up. You also can see the incredible success of our Kobanol-HMI housing project that is now building two houses a month getting widows, orphans and needy families out of worse than pitiful living conditions and into safe, strong, and healthy homes that allow them to live in a decent and dignified manner. There is also the continuous school support, the farm and animal husbandry and various initiatives to give the families of the region a little “hand up” and encouragement. In the midst of all of this, you haven’t heard much about our well drilling which has always been the primary role and mission of HMI. This has been somewhat intentional because the nuts and bolts of daily well drilling is not very exciting to report and it is fraught with challenges and setbacks but there are some great successes of which we would like to make you aware. One of the greatest of all our successes is to finally get a functioning well at the public hospital in Jeremie - St. Antoine General. This well project has taken over a year to get funded, drilled and then to get a submersible pump installed. I am delighted to report that now the hospital has an unlimited supply of water so - as you can imagine - the sanitation is vastly improved. 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 many eye witness 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.

And then there is the Pawoty well. Pawoty is a community in a very remote and difficult mountain area outside of Jeremie where the people were having to walk miles a day to get water. Again, HMI went where no one else ever did or would even consider going. We described the situation to our friends at One Family International and the Winkley family who have partnered with us on water projects in the past. As soon as they learned about how critical was the situation in the Pawoty community, they agreed to fund the project in memory of their dear sister, Julie who had a special place in her heart for the poor, especially those in need of water. I am proud to report that today there is a wonderful water well with a submersible pump, a generator and a 1200 gallon reservoir system so that water can be stored and distributed throughout the community.

We are sharing this information because we don’t want our water projects to get lost in the incredible flurry of wonderful, miraculous and life-changing activities that are certainly vitally important. We did want you to know how much we appreciate all of you who send in monthly donations listed as “discretionary” or “use where most needed”. We almost always apply those to our water well drilling.

There are many, many more water well stories for you on our website but these two are some of the latest. Because of the perseverance of HMI, the sick, the suffering and the needy will have water where before water was only a far off dream.



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.

## Upcoming Events

**March 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>** – Mission trip with the Fakiers

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** – Annual fundraiser – Golf Tournament and Silent Auction – Ellendale Country Club Houma, La. (Silent Auction bidding is open on our website!!)

**May 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>** –HMI 15 year Anniversary Strategic Planning Retreat – Lumen Christi Retreat Center.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>** – Mission Trip with the Fakiers

**June 5<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>** – Two week Mission trip with Deacon, Mrs. Faie and Renewal Ministries.

## **FAIE’S FACTS**

Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others. (Barbara Bush)

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This newsletter is dedicated to raising funds to help the families that we visit on our mission trips in a particular way. Whatever you do will be wonderful!!

**Yes Deacon Lloyd, I want the families that the mission teams visit to know that God loves them and we love them. Good Luck and God Bless!**

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my gift for \_\_\_\_\_ *“Dirty Card helping Families”*  
(# of cards)

(\$35 per card will make life so much better for a Haitian Family that is praying for you and your loved ones)

**Here is my immediate donation to use where most needed:**  
\$1000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

This monetary gift is made in memory of \_\_\_\_\_, please  
send an acknowledgement card  
to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ packets of Rebecca’s prayer cloth and devotional material.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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*