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



Indescribable

One of the hardest things to do is to describe to people who ask what a trip to Haiti is like. No matter what description one tries to develop or picture one tries to paint, it always falls short. The most common expression is that it leaves one "speechless". We routinely invite the missionaries who journey with us to write a little something about their experience. Once again, I usually get little or no response. The most powerful expression that indicates what type of experience the mission team has is one of wanting to return. Wanting to return is the most powerful emotion any of the missionaries express. The experience is so unique and has such a spiritual impact on the participants that one never forgets the touching moment when the plane rushes down the airstrip and jumps into the air. Very few don't shed tears of sadness mixed with a firm determination to come back. Here is what Kassie Roy had to share about her trip.

"Haiti is one of those places that are completely indescribable. On the first night Deacon Lloyd asked me what I thought of Haiti so far? All I could say is 'I have no words.' One of the days while in Haiti we went to the prison to pass out vitamins and peanuts and things like that. While there a lady passed me a note. The note said that she had seven children and they all needed school supplies. I knew I could do nothing to help her children but pray for them. So every night since then I have prayed for her and her children. At first I was sad that I couldn't do more. Then after talking and thinking about it I realized that praying for them was the best thing I could do. Even though I couldn't help them right then, my faith tells me that through my prayers God will send someone who can." Kassie Roy.

Since one of the primary tenets of joining a mission team is that the missionary has to pay their own way so that the funds donated can be used to help the people we serve. The \$1600 current cost to be part of a week mission trip is a sacrifice for most all who attend and is a limiting factor for many who would like to come or like to return. We will continue to show you pictures and share experiences of what we do in Haiti but just always remember – Haiti trips and the experience are basically "indescribable!"



Here is Kassie Roy enjoying spending time with some new found friends. This family will have a new house and a new life soon. The cute dresses were a great hit with all the little girls. Thanks to all who spent time sewing them for our missionaries to distribute.

The Haitian government has sent out a directive that all families in Haiti should have Moringa trees. These trees are called "Miracle Trees" because they have more nutritional and health value than any other tree or plant on the planet, are fast growing and beneficial for both humans and animals to eat. Here are two of our young missionaries - Patrick Schonacher and Julie Chauvin - distributing Moringa trees to the families after Mass.



FAIE'S FACTS

3 Things in Life

3 things in life that once gone never come back: *time, words, opportunity*

3 things in life that can destroy a person: *anger, pride, unforgiveness*

3 things in life that are most valuable: *faith, family, friends*

3 things in life that are never certain: *fortune, success, dreams*

3 things in life that "make" a person: *commitment, sincerity, hard work*

3 things in life that prolong life: *live well, laugh often, love much*

3 things in life that are constant: *the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit*



Talk about "A picture is worth a thousand words!" Here is one of our kids eating his macaroni for lunch – Macaroni and sauce is one of the kids' favorite meals. Because of your support and a matching grant we have received, all our school kids get a hot meal everyday they come to school!

Mission Accomplished!

Yes, you are reading correctly, the first phase of our mission has been accomplished! When I returned from Haiti this past June, as I reflected upon the trip and the situation in the villages of Numero Deux, Ravin Saab and the surrounding areas, we have accomplished what we started out to do. This was our original mission statement.

"Haiti Mission, Inc. has as its primary focus a commitment to provide basic humanitarian aid to the villages of Numero Deux and Ravine Saab which comprise the Church Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption in the Diocese of Jeremie. The first and foremost goal is to provide potable water within 500 feet of every family in this area. Other projected activities include initiatives in the fields of education, health, improved housing, and other basic material needs. A long range vision is to help the villagers to establish independent economic development by providing them with agricultural business opportunities utilizing their own native resources and vocational skills that will "enable them to lead a worthy life on the material, social, cultural, and spiritual level." (Pope Paul VI, Gaudium et Spes #67)

Because of the diligence and persistence of HMI and the generosity of you guys, there are wells, fountains, water catchment systems and water lines from the time one enters the Numero Deux district until you travel the approximately ten miles to the other side of Ravin Sab. There are now schools throughout the area either run by HMI or by other Christian and government entities. I like to look upon HMI as the catalyst that brought lots of attention to this area. Rather than having to fetch water all day, the kids can go to school, get a healthy, hot meal and have time to play and study. And then there are the houses. Those beautiful fifty or so houses that have been built by HMI that now give at least 500 people a better place to live. At least fifty families have been taken out of misery and given a safe, secure and dignified place to live – a place that can be called a home – a place where the kids can grow in safety and security with a room they can call their own. Don't forget how many men are employed as part of the construction and drill team. Also, at every construction site women are cooking and selling snacks of various types to the men who have \$\$\$ now to buy a lunch or a snack.

Don't get me wrong, there are numerous locations that could use a well but the bleeding has been stopped. The water wells, construction and humanitarian aid of various types have stimulated the economy of the area and brought life, hope and vitality to a place that looked like even God had forgotten when we first arrived.

All of this did not come without a cost – a very dear cost. When one considers all of the equipment and materials necessary to drill and maintain the water wells, repair all the equipment and vehicles necessary to transport people and supplies over the most treacherous terrain one could imagine – the estimates to be in the water business always falls short of the actual costs. No matter how hard we try to take into consideration what might happen, some new challenge seems to crop up. In spite of all those unforeseen expenses, we have been able to drill at least forty five wells and maintain all of the ones that HMI has drilled for public use. All the wells in the villages are vital and important, especially when there is a drought that has been running for so long now. However, there are a couple of the wells that have impacted the lives of so many in a spectacular way such as the wells at the prison and the general hospital in Jeremie. When we visited both those locations in June, the directors of both expressed their deep appreciation for what we had done. Dr. Dejean, the medical director of the hospital had been at a meeting when we stopped in to visit, but she drove out to our compound in Numero Deux at 8 o'clock one night to see us and express her deepest gratitude and profound appreciation for what HMI has done for the sick and suffering in the Jeremie region. What is that worth!

What we have to do now is to develop a funding system to help maintain the wells and keep them functioning. Wherever possible, HMI has put in place self-sustaining programs so that the villagers take care of the generators and pumps. This is not possible in all locations. Also, if there are major repairs necessary or pumps and parts that need to be replaced, the villagers are not capable of funding these type of situations. We have some plans to fund the long term maintenance of those wells in the villages where we have drilled public wells. We're asking everyone to continue to support our efforts as best you can and we promise to use the precious gifts you entrust to us in the wisest and most efficient way possible.

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No one likes to think about hunger, suffering and poverty yet, you are reading this newsletter and considering this donation sheet because you are one of the many people who do think about these problems. By being involved with HMI, you are taking steps to do something about it. May God bless you and your loved ones for your commitment to the poor by giving in whatever way the Holy Spirit directs you. (P.S. The dog days of summer and the bad news from the media oftentimes cause people to become discouraged and depressed. Trusting in God and responding to the cry of the poor will bring you joy. We hope the joyful message of our work in Haiti encourages you, blesses you and brings you peace!)

- _____ \$3750 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 in this price range)
- _____ \$1000 would help us drill a well in a community without fresh water.
- _____ \$100 would sponsor a teacher in the community schools. (Payable monthly/quarterly or yearly – we would appreciate a one year commitment)
- _____ \$35 would buy food and supplies for a family
- _____ Here is help to feed the children at school by buying supplies to use at Bec’s Bakery
- _____ I would like to help purchase essential medicines for the dispensary. (Parasite medicine and vitamins are distributed to all the families, prisoners & school children visited.)
- _____ \$12 annual membership in the “Woman-to-Woman club of Haiti that helps poor women get the medical treatment they need who otherwise would go untreated.

Here is my immediate donation to use where most needed:

(Every dollar donated will be matched dollar for dollar!!)

\$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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*“He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will repay him for his good deeds.” Pvb 19:17*