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



**7th Annual Haiti Mission
Golf Tournament & Silent Auction
April 25, 2016**

Thank you, thank you! Since our last update we have received thirty new items and three bids for the upcoming Silent Auction.

Several featured new items include an **Opening Weekend Dove Hunt** donated by Stephen, Elizabeth, Gary & Louise Lirette, **Custom Lasik Eye Surgery** donated by Scott Nelson, MD, **art work by Guy Harvey, Stacey Fabre, Robert Terrebonne**, and a beautiful **Theotokos Icon** painted and donated by Bob Higgins. In addition, we have available a **Four Course Dinner for 8** prepared by **Sous Chef Courtney Hellenschmidt** of award winning **Toup's Meatery**, **Crawfish Boil for 8 at Ardoyne Plantation** donated by Susan & Lee Shaffer and **Argentinian Steak & Wine Dinner for 12** donated by Cannata's. We have new sports memorabilia including two very unique pieces, **Phil Robertson (Duck Commander) autographed LA Tech Football Helmet** donated by Bryan Molaison and an **Autographed Manning Passing Academy Print autographed** by artist Billy Ledet, Archie, Cooper, Peyton & Eli Manning donated by Hilary Domangue. Please check the complete list for many additional items.

All told we have already raised in sponsorships, donations, and bids \$83,975 which is nearly 80% of our goal of \$105,000.

Please take a look at the items on the website and feel free to contact us and begin/continue bidding. The items that currently have a bid will appear in RED and behind the amount will be listed the **minimum increase** if you want to bid on the same item. **We also have added a link to many of the items which will show a picture or give more information.**

We have 75 items which is a great start, but we need your help obtaining additional items and also spreading the word for us by passing on the information to others you know.

If anyone would like to donate additional items please let us know. All money raised is dedicated for matching donations to continue our home building.

Please contact David Fakier (985-804-3112) or Laura Fakier (985-860-4311) if you would like to donate and/or bid on items. Thank you again for your support and participation. Our next and final update will take place one week prior to the event. Pax, David & Laura Fakier.



Here pictured is our Senior 2016 Mission team from left, Connor, Joseph, Ann Claire, Gabby, Winston, Shelby, Roman and Brooke as you see them gaining strength by rejoicing in the Lord!

"Rejoicing in the Lord is my Strength!!" (Ne 8:10, Ps 28:7)

We are so proud of our Easter 2016 Senior mission team. After months of praying and planning, the dream to capitalize on the freshness and energy of young people and mission came together under the mentorship of Joseph Schonacher (and a little help from his dad, Darryl). The Holy Spirit worked mightily in gathering willing spirits who would spend their Easter break bringing hope, happiness and joy to the poor and needy in and around Jeremie Haiti. Theologically and realistically, there is no joy like Easter joy. The joy of the Lord that comes with serving the poor is best expressed in this picture of the young missionary team enjoying themselves at one of the beautiful beaches that graces the Haitian countryside was fitting to share. After hard days working and praying, a little play at the beach is a refreshing delight!

Something to Ponder – A reflection from Bishop Emeritus Sam Jacobs

"It is not from your own goods that you give to the beggar; it is a portion of his own that you are restoring to him. The Earth belongs to all. So you are paying back a debt.... (St. Ambrose). During the Jubilee Year of Mercy we will have many opportunities to feed the poor, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, etc. It is not charity to do this, but it is a debt we owe in gratitude for the many blessings we have received. We have to remind ourselves, there go I but for the mercy of God. What we have belongs ultimately to God. What we do with it, is to be done according to what pleases God.

Miracles and Mattresses

During our Lenten Mission trip, the mission team visited twelve families who had received houses since the last group had gone to Haiti. One of the greatest joys that each mission team can experience is the joy of visiting and celebrating with the families the miracle that they have received of a new home. Out of the mud and misery they now live in a decent, dry and delightfully beautiful new home where they can live in safety from the elements. To be able to pray with them, ask God's blessing on them and on the benefactors who made these miracles possible is an experience that leaves one speechless. Only hugs and smiles can properly describe the moment. All of the homes are spotlessly clean. Most of the homes have a table, a few chairs and some used mattresses to sleep on.

Some of the homes have lovely little shelving units and small shelves throughout to give each family a uniqueness and special preciousness. But then there are still a few that are so desperately poor that even though they have a new house they have not been able to put any furnishings in the house. They are still sleeping on bundles of their clothes at night. Those situations can't help but tug at your heart. We found several of those on this trip. The team decided to go into Jeremie and try to find some mattresses. Fortunately we were able to find the eight mattresses that we needed to take to the two families, one blind boy and one orphaned boy off the floors and onto some mattresses that they could call their own.



Here is Sanson, one of the orphan boys that HMI has helped some, testing his new mattress that just arrived as the Lenten 2016 mission team looks on. In the background is the new home that his grandmother received from HMI and where Sanson can find a place to stay at night.

Annual report statement from Deacon Lloyd and Mrs Faie

It has been another busy year for HMI. More wells have been drilled, homes built, children educated, fed and cared for and families given hope. None of this would have been possible without your sacrificial love and generosity. Faie and I along with the Board of Directors of HMI would like to thank you for all you have done to help us continue to help those in need in Haiti. Behind every number is a child, a family and a community that has hope because of your support. Haiti Mission has often been the only hope many of these families have had – the only family and friends bringing fresh water and care. Our passionate response to the sound of a hungry and thirsty child is why we are here. We will continue to work untiringly until these children and their families have the basic needs they deserve. Our mission has done so much, but we can only see clearly how much more needs to be done. As we bring our fifteenth year to a close, we are more confident than ever that God's grace and blessings will continue to flow through us into the lives of more people who have been oftentimes forgotten by the world. With your help we will answer the call of the poor and the needy. With Christ at our side and the power of God in our hearts, we will persist in this labor of love. Hope to see as many of you as possible on Monday, April 25th at Ellendale Country Club where we will celebrate and enjoy having fun and doing some wonderful work for the people of God at the same time. (see the website for the annual report in its entirety and much more exciting information.)

Upcoming Events -It's Almost Here

April 25th – Annual fundraiser – Golf Tournament and Silent Auction – Ellendale Country Club – Houma, La.

FAIE'S FACTS

May we ponder these words as we see the beauty of spring all around us. This poem written by Audrey Hepburn, (the over 40 crowd should remember who she is) when she was asked to share her "beauty tips", was read at her funeral.

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness;

For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people;

For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry;

For beautiful hair, let a child run his/her fingers through it once a day;

For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.

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This newsletter is dedicated to raising funds to help build more houses and drill more wells through our Silent Auction and Golf Tournament. Whatever you do will be wonderful!!

Yes Deacon Lloyd, I want to help the annual Silent Auction/Golf tournament be better than ever this year so that more of the forgotten poor will come to know that God loves them and we love them. Good Luck and God Bless!

_____ I'd like to sponsor a team in the golf tournament. \$600
(please print down a form from the website or call Don at 985-209-3228)

_____ I'd like to sponsor a \$100 tee box ad in the name of

_____ I can't make the tournament

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: _____

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!

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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*

"No One has ever become poor by giving"

The hand written words of Anne Frank (1929-1945)