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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 Report

**Silent Auction Report** - Thank you and God bless you for your generosity! As most of you already know we had great weather for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament & Silent Auction. We had plenty of food, drinks and many teams enjoying their rounds on the beautiful Ellendale course. We received bids on over 100 items. As in the past, many winning bidders also added to their donation. After all the checks were collected, the auction items took in approximately **\$32,000**. We cannot begin to thank all who have helped. Many generous people have donated items for the past seven years and the bidders have continued to amaze us with their generosity! Thank you again!

Because of the generous support of our Sponsors prior to the event, donating just over \$83,000, our combined total reached **\$115,520** which is 10 % more than our original goal of \$105,000. **Our final total of \$115,520 will be restricted towards matching funds to continue to build the next 30 houses. We will be able to build an extra four houses over the next 12 months in addition to our regular two houses per month through May 2017!** Since the Silent Auction began dedicating money in 2013 to be utilized towards building homes we have raised \$329,345 in matching money. **You Cannot Out Give God!**

We already have donations in place to utilize the matching funds to build houses through the end of November 2016. **We are confident that donors will continue to support the building project and the matching money will not go unused which should allow us to build house #100 at the end of April 2017.** We have begun the process this month. Our local Haitian construction team is completing their **first successful attempt at building three houses in a month**. You will shortly be able to see and celebrate their success with pictures on the website and shared in the newsletter at the end of May. We hope to repeat that process three more months in the next year.



Laura and I head back to Haiti on December 28 – January 4, 2017 with a group of 14 to celebrate New Year's. It will be a blessing to be able to represent Haiti Mission and all of you, the supporters of HMI. We are looking forward to sharing the great news with the community that another 28 families will have the chance to move from misery to poverty over the next year because of your support! In addition, the joy will be extended to 35 families of the men who earn income each month from the construction project. Please visit the HMI website at [www.haitimissioninc.com](http://www.haitimissioninc.com) and look for more exciting updates. We are just completing our 75th house. Amazing!! Thank you once again for all you are doing to make this possible. God bless you and your family. Pax, David & Laura Fakier.

Here are David and Laura all smiles in the midst of the Silent Auction items with the banner commemorating the 7<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament and silent auction in memory of their beloved Rebecca Claire in the background. We know "Bec" was present with her parents as the friends and bidders helped get closer to the goal of building the 100<sup>th</sup> Haiti house by Bec's birthday next April 2017.

### The Golf Tournament Report

–First and foremost – WE PLAYED!! Good weather finally after four years of torrential rains. Through it all we could see the hand of God. This year we were blessed in many special ways. As you know, our golf tournament is the platform that allows us to promote the work of HMI, invite people to come "pass a good time" and raise money to keep our wells flowing and teachers teaching in our schools. It was another wonderful year. Our sponsors and the team fees raised \$21,450. The "Tee Boxes" raised another incredible \$12,000! We received another \$15,000 in supplies, services, advertisement and other "in-kind" donations. The expenses came to right at \$10,000 so we ended up with \$23,000 to carry on our work of keeping the water flowing and the schools opened. What a blessing for the people we serve and a resounding statement of encouragement for the work we continue to do. There are many, many people to thank but a special thanks goes to Ellendale Country club and its staff for welcoming HMI and making us feel so much at home. May God bless them and bless everyone who helped in any way to make this year such a success.

Bishop Sam stopped in for a visit. Bishop has been a wonderful supporter of HMI throughout the years and always has an encouraging message. Thanks Bishop Sam!!



## **The Polaris Story – Another little miracle story!**

After the two previous reports it doesn't seem like it could get any better but God is not to be outdone in generosity! While at the tournament we were approached by a friend of HMI who said that he would like to donate something that he thought could help us with our house building. He said that he had won this Polaris Ranger ETX and would like to donate it to us to raise funds for houses. Wow!! This ATV retails for \$8,799 and it is brand new. Initially we were going to sell it but God had other plans. He sent us someone who said that we should raffle it off and raise a lot more than an outright sale. So here is what we have decided to do. We will have a second prize of \$1000 and a third prize of \$500. The drawing will be held on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the St. Bridget Community Life Annex at the HMI quarterly gathering. We will have jambalaya, white beans, dessert and refreshments for all who attend. We will print tickets that will sell for \$20 each. The tickets will be in books of five each to make it convenient to buy a book at a time. We are hoping that all of you will take some books to buy yourself and to sell to your family and friends. Please promote our house building raffle throughout the summer.

What do you think about God's plan for our miraculous Polaris?! This is a win-win for everybody and a blessing of more houses for those in miserable situations. All funds raised from the raffle will be restricted to building houses in Haiti. Mr. Ronnie Thomas will be our raffle chairman. Contact him at 985-688-6010 or email him at [msgt.ret.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:msgt.ret.thomas@gmail.com) for tickets or for any questions.



Here is our miraculous Polaris Ranger ETX. It sure is a beauty and will be a blessing to some lucky ticket holder!!

## **Another Milestone**

As you know from the previous articles and previous newsletters, the HMI Haitian construction team of approximately 35 men has been building two houses a month. Because of the tremendous support on the part of you guys – our faithful and generous friends and supporters – we have set a goal of building enough houses this year to get to 100 houses by April 2017 which would coincide with the birthday of our dear Rebecca Claire. In order to do that, our team would have to build three houses in four of the 12 months prior to April 2017. The stars aligned right during the month of May and we gave Fr. Joe the okay (and sent him the \$\$\$) to give it a try. Thanks be to God, they did it with a few days to spare. What an accomplishment for our construction team and what joy for the families who received a new house. So now we are at 75 homes total and we have 25 more to go to reach our goal. With God's grace and a few more of our friends to step up with funding, it will happen. Below is a picture of one of the families receiving a house in May and their story.

### **The Poto family – Haiti House #73**

Mr. Mirto Poto is the tall man in the picture. Since his wife died, he lives with his old ailing mother and takes good care of her. He is a farmer and hard worker. He is the church treasurer and one of the most available persons in the parish. The interior structure of the house he was living in and the roof were in bad shape. Because of the condition of the house and the health of his mother, the decision was made to build a house that would furnish Mrs. Poto a healthy and safe environment where she can spend the rest of her days. Thanks to all who made this miracle possible.



## **Faie's Facts**

Now that graduations, award ceremonies and end of the year meetings are over, we can get down to "serious" vacations. Let us remember that in all of the beautiful, relaxing places that we will visit, we should never take a vacation from God. The nearest church location with their times of Masses and worship services is just a click away on our cell.

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This newsletter is dedicated to raising funds to help the families whom we have come to know and love in the villages around Jeremie, Haiti especially through our summer raffle house building initiative. May God bless you and your loved ones for your commitment to the poor by giving in whatever way the Holy Spirit directs you.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$3750 would sponsor a new house and get a family “out of the mud and into safe secure housing.” (Our new house design is keeping the cost of constructing the houses at \$7500 with the \$3750 matching money for each house provided by funds raised from the annual silent auction)

\_\_\_\_\_ Send me \_\_\_\_\_ books of raffle tickets (tickets are 5 to the book-\$20/ticket) to sell to my friends and family.

\_\_\_\_\_ Here is my gift. Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ raffle tickets.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**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!**

**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*

*“No One has ever become poor by giving”*

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