



## HAITI MISSION, INC.

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

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



## 14th Annual Haiti Mission Golf Tournament & Bec's Silent Auction

**April 24, 2023**

We have surpassed our Sponsor goal of \$150,000 in donations and pledges for the 2023 Silent Auction. We have received Gold and Builder Sponsors which have brought our current total to **\$175,300**. Mesi anpil (thank you very much!) and Bondye beni (may God bless) all of our generous sponsors! It is clear from the donor phase that God's plan is that we should continue to build a minimum of four homes per month. Each home cost \$8000 with \$4000 contributed from money raised from the SA. **We are close to our goal of \$192,000 for the Silent Auction which will provide matching funds for the next 48 homes. Any amount raised over our goal will be used as matching money for additional homes.** Thanks to all who have participated thus far to make the event a success.

### Silent Auction Title Sponsor

**Bec's 14th Annual Haiti Mission Silent Auction In Memory of Rebecca Claire Fakier**



### Silent Auction Co-Sponsors

**Beth & Marty Deitchman**

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### Silent Auction Gold Sponsors

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### Silent Auction Builder / Builder + Sponsors

**Charles Badalamenti +: In Memory of Debbie Badalamenti**

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**Dianne & Joe Caverly**

**Christian Callens**

**Maribel & Per Saelid**

**Dr. Mitch Wilder**

Laura has been gathering items for the Silent Auction and entering the information into our web-based list of items. Thanks to all our generous donors we now have **38 items** posted that are available for you to start viewing on the **One Cause Website**. I have included a complete list on the backside of our Haiti Mission Donation Form of available packages and minimum bids. You will find many popular items that we have had available in the past and new items, including vacation homes, food events, wine, liquor, entertainment, fishing trip, and artwork.

**Opening bids currently range from \$1500 to \$50, with 11 items beginning at \$50. We are well on our way to reach our goal of \$192,000 but we need more help over the next several weeks.** We need your help obtaining additional items and also spreading the word for us by passing on the information to others you know. **We are happy to receive any item with a minimum value of \$50 that can be added to the auction.** We want to thank you in advance for your consideration and support. We need many generous donors to make the auction a success. These homes immediately impact two and often three generations, as well as, 70 construction workers, their families and the community businesses that supply our needs. Please visit the HMI website to see before and after pictures with stories. Please contact **David Fakier (985-804-3112)** or **Laura Fakier (985-860-4311)** if you have any questions or would like to donate an item or want to **BUY** an item. Thanks again for your support and participation. **Please Forward to Your Contacts.** Other than for **BUY NOW** items the Auction will open on **April 17, 2023.**

*David & Laura Fakier,*  
HMI Silent Auction

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind."*

(Hebrews 13:16)



## Answered Prayer

In August 2022, things were looking very bleak for Haiti. Not that misery is not a routine part of life for a majority of Haitians but when words like inflation and economic downturns begin appearing in daily newsfeeds, you can be sure that means bad news - really bad news -for any country listed as “third world” but particularly Haiti. Overnight it seemed that desperation set in. No fuel, no food, no supplies of any kind. The good news (if any could be found) was that the Haitians have come to expect these types of situations. They certainly tried their best to call for help but most just hunkered down, tried to stay safe and prayed. Haiti Mission did the same. Thanks be to God the system we have in place to transfer funds directly to Fr. Joe via legitimate banks allowed us to transfer funds once things settled down and supplies and fuel became available. Although we hoped and prayed that the situation would improve after the first of the year – in August 2022 it was just that - HOPE! Then, as the new year began, it was clear that our prayers were answered. Things began loosening up, our construction team got cranked up, kids were able to go back to school and cautious hope was restored. You’ll read in the newsletter how our construction team is rapidly catching up on our backlog of houses (What a blessing to have!) by building five houses a month. Amazing! We’re back in business so to speak. Planning is going forward full steam ahead for our annual silent auction and golf tournament and plans for two mission trips this Summer and two in the Fall are well underway. What can we say other than thank God for answered prayers. All of this ultimately boils down to the famous Benedictine motto of “Work like everything depends on you. Pray like everything depends on God!” And then of course, the famous Christopher motto, “It’s better to light one candle than to curse the darkness!” (Haiti mission kind of adapted that to say “it’s better to distribute one solar light, than to curse the darkness!!”) Thanks again for hanging in there with us!



“Before”

### Haiti House #289 – Poteau Family

Yanick Poteau is a widow, who is a mother of 8. She lives in Paroty with 2 of those children and 3 of her grandchildren. She farms and manages to sell a few products from her garden to support her family. Yanick is a woman of great faith who walks to Mass every Sunday and has been praying for years for a decent home. With the new road to Paroty, and by the grace of God, she has a beautiful new home thanks to the generous hearts who have responded to the cry of the poor.



“After”

(Yanick Poteau with some of her family after the miracle happened in March 2023)

## Golf Time!!

We began this edition of the newsletter with an update about our Silent Auction. We’re closing it with info about the Golf Tournament. It is impossible to say too much about either one. They are our primary sources of income to accomplish all that we are able to do. Enclosed is a flyer about the event at Ellendale Country Club in Houma, Louisiana. You don’t have to play golf to come out. Everyone is invited. We want everyone to have a chance to bid on all the beautiful items we have this year and if you know golfers, encourage them to come out and play. Contact info is on the enclosed pamphlet. Come out and pass a good time! \*\*\* Once again this year - we will have a pig roast on the course by our wonderful pig roaster par excellence, Mr. Clyde Orgeron! Despite some serious health problems, Mr. Clyde says he’s going to keep roasting pigs as long as he can to help us help Haiti. Pray for Mr. Clyde but most especially come out to thank him personally if you can, visit a while (he loves to visit!) and come bask in the joy of the Lord! (We’ll be blessed again this year to have Bishop Sam offer Holy Mass for us in the clubhouse at 8:15.) You don’t want to miss it!



### FAIE’S FACTS ...



*“Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”*  
Theodore Roosevelt



**Thanks to all our volunteers who work hard at making the HMI Golf Tournament a successful annual fund-raising event.**



### Upcoming Events and Important Dates in the life of HMI

April 24<sup>th</sup>

HMI Golf tournament/Silent Auction at Ellendale Country Club

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

First Summer Mission Trip

June 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>

Second Summer Mission trip



\*\*. If you are interested in travelling to Haiti on one of our mission trips, please contact Dr. David Fakier at [raoulrad@aol.com](mailto:raoulrad@aol.com) (985-804-3112) so we can advise you of availability and get you scheduled. God Bless you for your mission heart!  
(\*\*\*) Passports must have at least six months left before expiration in order to enter Haiti.

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**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!**

*"No One has ever become poor by giving"* The hand written words of Anne Frank (1929-1945)



**PLEASE NOTE: We are once again using the online company (One Cause). BUY NOW pricing continues to be very popular so we once again have included a BUY NOW price on every item! Items will be sold at BUY NOW prices beginning immediately. If you are interested in buying one of the items with a BUY NOW price please contact us directly as listed below.**

- P#100:** Seven Night Stay at LEI Manzanillo Mexico Resort (MB): \$15,000 (Buy): \$40,000
- P#101:** One week vacation in Costa Rica at the Jungle House (MB): \$3500 (Buy): \$12000
- P#102:** One week vacation in Orange Beach (MB): \$1200 (Buy): \$6000
- P#103:** NASA Johnson Space Center Private Tour for 4 (MB): \$1000 (Buy): \$4000
- P#104:** 5 Day/4 Night Stay at "The Six Pack" on Grand Isle (MB): \$800 (Buy): \$2000
- P#105:** Evening Sail on Lake Ponchartrain for 6 (MB): \$700 (Buy): \$2800
- P#106:** BBQ and Smokehouse Blowout for 30 (MB): 700 (Buy): \$1400
- P#107:** Three Night Stay in MidCity NOLA (MB): \$600 (Buy): \$1400
- P#108:** A Lebanese Evening with Bishop Sam (MB): \$500 (Buy): \$4000
- P#109:** Inshore/Near Shore Saltwater Fishing Trip (MB): \$450 (Buy): \$1800
- P#110:** Jambalaya, White Bean & Fried Seafood Dinner for 20 (MB): \$450 (Buy): \$1000
- P#111:** Pig Roast by Mr Clyde (MB): \$400 (Buy): \$1800
- P#112:** 9 Princess Diana Collectible Dolls (MB): \$400 (Buy): \$1800
- P#113:** St Michael the Archangel Icon (MB): \$300 (Buy): \$700
- P#122:** Argentinian Steak & Wine Dinner for 12 (MB): \$250 (Buy): \$1000
- P#114:** A Musical Evening with Edward (MB): \$200 (Buy): \$800
- P#115:** Coach Black Multi Shoulder Bag (MB): \$150 (Buy): \$700
- P#116:** Coach Gallery Tote (MB): \$150 (Buy): \$700
- P#117:** Coach Derby Tote (MB): \$150 (Buy): \$700
- P#118:** Coach Wristlet and Bangle Duo (MB): \$150 (Buy): \$700
- P#119:** Camus Borderies XO (MB): \$150 (Buy): \$660
- P#120:** Camus XO (MB): \$125 (Buy): \$500
- P#121:** Azulejos Skelly Tequila Trio (MB): \$125 (Buy): \$480
- P#123:** Skin by Briana Microchanneling Treatment Basket (MB): \$125 (Buy): \$600
- P#200:** Kendra Scott Pink Crystal Necklace Trio (MB): \$100 (Buy): \$300
- P#206:** Tita Doña Celia Tequila Trio (MB): \$100 (Buy): \$440
- P#212:** Skin by Briana Hydroglow Treatment Basket (MB): \$75 (Buy): \$360
- P#201:** Kendra Scott Lock Chain Necklace (MB): \$50 (Buy): \$200
- P#202:** Rosary & Bracelet Pair (MB): \$50 (Buy): \$200
- P#203:** \$100 Gift Certificate to [kuhar.com](https://kuhar.com) (MB): \$50 (Buy): \$200
- P#204:** Marine and Outdoor Motor Starter (MB): \$50 (Buy): \$500
- P#205:** Browning Men's Soft Shell Vest (MB): \$50 (Buy): \$200
- P#207:** Azulejos Trophy Head Reposado (MB): \$50 (Buy): \$220
- P#208:** Azulejos Dia de Muertos Anejo (MB): \$50 (Buy): \$240
- P#209:** Camus Borderies VSOP (MB): \$50 (Buy): \$200
- P#210:** Two Tickets to Cajun Man's Swamp Tour (MB): \$50 (Buy): \$100
- P#211:** Two Bottles of 8YO Barbancourt Haitian Rhum (MB): \$50 (Buy): \$200
- P#213:** 18K gold plated Rhodium Swarovski Pearl Earrings (MB): \$50 (Buy): \$250

Please use the hyperlink to view items and details. Minimum Bids will appear, however, **BUY NOW** Prices will only appear on the link after the auction opens on April 17, 2023. Use **BUY NOW** prices from this email list if you are interested. <https://one.bidpal.net/hmi>