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

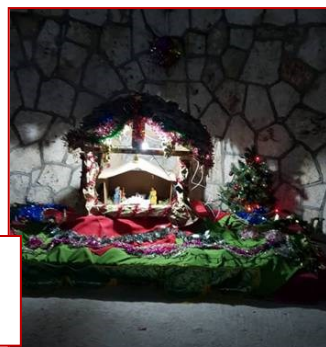


Building the House of God –  
*L'Eglise Notre-Dame de L'Assomption de Numero-Deux!*  
Our Lady of the Assumption Church – Numero Deux, Haiti



**Merry Christmas to all!**

The Christmas crib in its home in the  
Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Numero Deux is a grace-filled  
blessing that gives hope to the community every Christmas!



## 2025 Haiti Mission Inc. Silent Auction Sponsorship Opportunities

Next year will be **Bec's 16th Annual HMI Silent Auction**. By the grace of God and thanks to many generous donors, we have raised a total of **\$1,671,744** over the past 15 years. Since 2013 we have dedicated all the silent auction money to our Home Building Project. Our construction team of 70 local men have been able to build **four homes per month** and completed home **#378** at the end of November. This represents more than **\$2,900,000 invested in home construction**.

HMI is committed to helping as many families as possible move from "misery to poverty". The impact these homes are having on the families of recipients, and the overall community is remarkable. Faith and hope are alive and spreading in the Numero Deux area thanks to God and the generosity of all of our donors.

As many of you know, since August 2024, the cost of each home has increased to **\$9000**. Because of the tremendous success of the last year's silent auction, we have remaining matching money that can be used to offset the extra \$500 needed per home so we can leave the **Gold Sponsor level at \$4000 one more year**. Beginning in January 2025, for every \$4500 donated to HMI for homes, we will utilize matching money needed from the Silent Auction restricted account to complete the funding.

The donor side of the home construction account is at its lowest level in years. This is partially because we have not been able to return to Haiti since June 2023. Typically, on each trip, several members of the group are so moved by what they see that they want to donate a home, and they also share their testimony with others when they return home. In the past, in order to raise extra donor side funding HMI has had two raffles and in 2021 we received a \$50,000 matching donation dedicated towards the home construction.

We are committed to building as many homes as possible based on the donations we receive. Previously, HMI has dedicated all the silent auction money as a matching donation to build a home. We are going to make a change to try to stabilize the ability to fund the homes and leave more flexibility for funding. We have reduced the goal for raising dedicated matching money to 30 homes per year. **In order to reach our goal of building 30 homes per year we need a total of \$270,000 of which \$135,000 will be provided by the Silent Auction.**

**Any money raised greater than \$135,000 will be restricted to home construction but can be used as matching money or as the donor side money as needed.**

Last year was our ninth year raising money through sponsorships prior to the auction. Thanks again to our many generous sponsors who contributed **\$177,164** prior to the event. The sponsor support propelled the Silent Auction to a fundraising total of **\$221,241**.

We hope to raise a minimum of **\$160,000 through sponsorships** and the balance through the sale of silent auction items. The good news is that we have already raised **\$77,000** which is nearly 46% of our total sponsor goal!

Thanks to all of you who have helped us in the past. Your generous support has helped many poor families that we serve. I would invite you to visit the HMI website and read about some of the home recipients and view the before and after pictures. The need for homes is endless for the desperately poor families we serve. Our goal is to lift one family at a time from misery to poverty, but we cannot do it without your help!

Please consider helping if you can and take the time to send the information to others who may be able to help. We would like to have sponsor commitments no later than **early March 2025** so that we can include the names of our sponsors on information pertaining to the **event, which is scheduled for May 12, 2025, at Ellendale Country Club. Sponsor donations will not be due until May 2025.**

God Bless and Pax,  
David & Laura Fakier

*Sell your possessions and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with treasure in the heavens that does not fail.*

Luke 12:33

### Silent Auction Title Sponsor

**Bec's 16th Annual Haiti Mission Silent Auction**  
*In Memory of Rebecca Claire Fakier*

### Silent Auction Co-Sponsors

**Beth & Marty Deitchman Paula & Charlie Laurent**

**Silent Auction Gold Sponsors \$4000. (28 Remaining)**

**Susi & Tom Morrison Julie & Dr. John Steigner Elaine & Pat Gootee**

**CORTEC, LLC #1 of 3 CORTEC, LLC #2 of 3**

**CORTEC Employees #1 of 3 CORTEC Employees #2 of 3**

Listing on all event banners/posters. Listing on Haiti Mission website. Food & drinks on day of event for sponsors and guests. Dedication of **one home**.

**SA Builder / Builder + Sponsors \$1000 - \$3999. (Unlimited)**

Listing on Haiti Mission website. Food & drinks on day of event for sponsors and guests.

Because of printing deadlines, the most current list of sponsors and commitment totals can be found on the website and on email updates

Thank you so much for your generous support. It has been amazing to witness how these homes transform a family for multiple generations and how the work of HMI has provided the entire community with hope and economic opportunities. God bless you and your families!

Meet two of the Families receiving a special Christmas gift this year!



“Before”

Haiti House #373 Jean Bazelais Noël

Jean Bazelais Noël and his wife, Marie Dieula Dimanche, live in Numero Deux with their daughter and a niece who is living with them to escape the violence of Port au Prince. Jean is an electrician who has worked extensively for Fr Joe and Marie is a student in nursing school. They have worked very hard to be able to provide a decent place to live for their family but times have been very difficult for them. It is with great joy that they praise God for His mercy and thank the donors who have made their new home possible. (As a side note and special Christmas gift, since the very beginning of HMI, we began to realize that there were no “coincides” but “Godincides” or more theologically correct – Divine Providence at work. Christmas 2024 is no exception. As many of you know, the selection process for houses is done totally by a team made up of members of Fr. Joe’s church community. No one from the US is involved in it. It was quite a surprise when we received a picture of a new home built for a family with the name “NOEL!” What a beautiful Christmas for the family with such a namesake. What a beautiful Noel for all the families that have been blessed with a gift of a new home - which means a new life - because of the HMI donor families.



“After”

Haiti House #378 Patricia Michel



“Before”

Patricia Michel works as an esthetician and lives with her partner, Marckentes Laguerre, and her daughter. Marckentes works as a mechanic but despite working very hard, their home, as you can see, is in terrible condition, particularly since they are soon to welcome a new baby. Patricia has been a part of the family of HMI since she was a very young girl. Since she and her family have fallen on such very difficult times, it is a great joy to all her know her and Rebecca that they have received a new home. She is very grateful to God and to all the donors who have made this possible.



“After”

Another little bit of trivia as regards who is chosen to receive a house, is that many of the recipients have South Louisiana last names which of course is due to the history of Haiti and Louisiana. Interestingly enough, one of the most common family names chosen (once again recalling that none of us in the states have anything to do with the selection of families,) is Michel. Of course, as many of you know, our dear friend, Hilton Michel, has been involved with HMI from the very early days. Besides his encouraging support, he has served on the Board of Directors, was instrumental in our securing Ellendale Country Club as the venue for our annual fundraiser, he and his dear wife, Mable, have travelled to Haiti on a mission trip and he has been a very sage advisor to name just a few. We have a standing joke that his ancestors were a very evidently prolific and fertile group which has had a very lasting impact on the Haitian landscape. All jokes aside, Hilton and Mable have been a great source of hope and help to not only the Michel family but an untold number of families in Haiti. A special Merry Christmas to Hilton and Mable and to their extended family in Haiti.

**Praise the Lord!** This is what our new houses look like because of the hard work and determination of the HMI construction team. What a Christmas gift! Because of your continued help, HMI will be able to bring hope and help to many more families in the upcoming year.



Christmas Message from Deacon Lloyd and Mrs. Faie

It has been another busy year for HMI. Even though we have not been able to travel to Haiti for over a year, because of the system we have in place and Fr. Joe’s team, we have still been able to continue our work. We have been able to do our “dirty card” family distribution for 138 families this past summer and we will sponsor another distribution for 144 more families in time for Christmas. We also have helped a struggling prison system by doing special meals for an average of 450 prisoners once a month for seven months this year. We were able to build 46 more homes in 2024 with the total now at 378! Pretty amazing since we have not been able to make a single trip this year. None of this would have been possible without your sacrificial love and generosity. 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. In the epistle of James, we read, “Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does” (James 1:22-25) Haiti Mission has often been the only hope many of these families have had. As we bring our twenty-fourth 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.

Merry Christmas and may peace and God’s choicest blessings be on you and your families,  
Deacon Lloyd and Mrs. Faie Duplantis

Upcoming Events and Important Dates in the life of HMI

May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025  
HMI Golf tournament/Silent Auction at Ellendale Country Club  
2025 Mission Trips (Dates TBA God Willing!)

N.B. Hopefully we will be able to travel to Haiti this upcoming year. If you are interested in travelling with us on one of our mission trips, please contact Dr. David Fakier at 985-804-3112 so he 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.)

FAIE’S FACTS ...

There are many announcements in church bulletins during this time of Advent; let’s hope none of the following will appear in ours.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM . Please use the back door.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church’s new campaign slogan last Sunday:

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

‘I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.’

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.





***...I think that more and more love will spread."***