



## 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*



## 15th Annual Haiti Mission Golf Tournament & Bec's Silent Auction May 13, 2024



Amazing! We closed the sponsorship portion of the Silent Auction on March 4<sup>th</sup> and had received **\$166,650** in pledges and donations which surpassed our Sponsor Phase goal of \$160,000! We are once again overwhelmed with the generosity of our donors! Blessings to all our sponsors. Donations will not be due until the middle of May.

Our 70-man construction team is hard at work building four homes per month. They are currently working on **Homes #340-343**. God's plan has always been bigger than we could have ever imagined.

**It is now time for us to focus our attention on the Silent Auction Items. Our goal is to raise the balance needed of \$25,250.** If we are able to raise the balance through the auction items and donations, we will reach our ultimate goal of \$192,000. **The total of \$192,000 will provide the matching money for the next 48 homes or four homes per month.** Thanks to all who have participated thus far to make the event a success.

We are already off to a great start with auction items. Many people have offered to support us again this year. **We hope to send out our first list of items on April 8, 2024.**

**What do we need now?** We need your prayers and an open heart to the possibility of donating or obtaining additional items for the auction. If you own a vacation home or condo and would like to donate a week or long weekend for the auction that would be fantastic. We would like to obtain spa and hotel packages, beauty products, designer handbags, sunglasses, jewelry, artwork, memorabilia, fishing or hunting trips, Chef meals, cook-outs and gift certificates to restaurants and clothing stores.

**We welcome any item with a minimum value of \$50.00.** 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, construction workers, their families and the community businesses that supply our needs. Please visit the HMI website at 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. Thanks again for your support and participation.

*David & Laura Fakier,*  
HMI Silent Auction

*"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."*

**Luke 6:38**

### Silent Auction Title Sponsor

**Bec's 15th Annual Haiti Mission Silent Auction In Memory of Rebecca Claire Fakier**

### Silent Auction Co-Sponsor

**Beth & Marty Deitchman**

**Paula & Charlie Laurent**

**Giselle & Joe Waitz +**

### Silent Auction Gold Sponsors

**Susi & Tom Morrison**

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**Christine & Jeff Metts**

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**Kellie & John Hebert**

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### Silent Auction Builder / Builder + Sponsors

**Cynthia & Dr. Warren Green**

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**Anonymous**

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**Anonymous**

**Anonymous**

**Anonymous**

**Kim & Dr. Richard Broussard**

**Liz & Joe Bennett**

**Connie & Robert Miller**

# It's Better to light one solar light than to Curse the Darkness

Since our good friend Tom Morrison has come on board with his beautiful Starpoint Charitable Project to get solar lights to families in the area of Haiti where we work, Haiti mission has adapted the famous Christopher motto to apply to this incredibly effective and successful initiative. Following is a portion of Tom's annual report.

"Whenever I think of Haiti, my first thoughts go to the children and when I think of the islands, I think of Jimmy Buffett who passed away September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and was a constant source of music to me since high school. One of his songs has a beautiful French chorus that goes: *Chanson pour les petits enfants* (song for the children), *Chanson pour tout le monde*, (song for the world), *Chanson pour les petits enfants* (song for the children), (*Chanson pour tout le monde* (song for the world). Jimmy traveled the world, including Haiti and wrote, "for the amount of challenges (he used a stronger word !!) that the Haitian people have had to endure over the centuries, they are the warmest and friendliest people I have come across in my travels.

Ditto to that from all of us who have traveled to Haiti and experienced Haitian life. For the complete text of Tom's report and to see how you can help "light up the Haitian Hills" go to <https://www.haitimissioninc.com/haiti-solar-lanterns> Thanks again for hanging in with us!

Dr. David and Laura along with Julie Steigner and her son, Oliver, presenting a cherished solar light to the Parnel Jean Louis family.

## 350 houses and counting!

Can you believe it!! Our Haiti Mission family is still doing it. God Willing – by our tournament and Silent Auction May 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have built 350 houses!! That is 350 families, hundreds of extended families and only God knows how many men, women and children that have been taken out of misery and given a new, safe and secure home to live in. Below is pictured Michelet Neptune and his wife, Etide Romain who received the miracle in February. Over and over the miracle happens because of our perseverance and prayerful persistence. God hears the prayer of the poor and continues to touch us all in such a way to where this continues to come together. This is what Christianity is all about. This is what Lent calls us to do. This has been the best Lent ever for some very desperate folks in Haiti so that means it's been the best Lent ever for you!!



"Before"

Michelet Neptune with some of his family after the miracle happened in February 2024

### Haiti House #339 Michelet Neptune

Michelet Neptune and his wife, Etide Romain, have one daughter and 3 grandchildren. Life has been hard for them as you can see from the state of the place they called home. Michelet used to provide for his family by farming, however, now his vision has become so poor that this is no longer possible. Etide is still able to make her way into Jeremie to sell a few small things in the market there but their situation was dire. This is why they are so thankful to God and to the donors of Haiti Mission for providing them with a home that they never would have been able to provide for themselves.



"After"

## 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 roasted pig by our wonderful pig roaster par excellence, Mr. Clyde Orgeron! Despite some 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 and a special blessing of Fr. Joe who will be here to concelebrate.) There will be a couple of special awards given after Mass and then we'll have another Blind Man's Pillow recipient announced at approximately 1:15 PM after the afternoon flight departs. You don't want to miss any of the exciting grace and blessings.

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

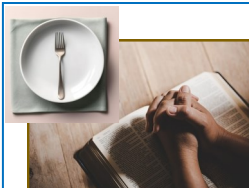
May 13<sup>h</sup>

HMI Golf tournament/Silent Auction  
at Ellendale Country Club

TBA

Summer Mission trip

Silent Auction



### FAIE'S FACTS ...

We are all encouraged to fast during Lent. The following caused me to reflect on which "fast" should I engage?

Fast from bitterness - feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern - feast on compassion for others.

Fast from anger - feast on patience.

Fast from words that destroy - feast on words that build up.

Fast from discontent - feast on gratitude.

Fast from discouragement - feast on hope.

**Fast from idle gossip – feast on silence with a purpose."**

**Susan Tassone**



\*\* 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) or (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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*This newsletter is dedicated to raising funds to help build more houses and help more families 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!**

☐ \$600 I'd like to sponsor a team in the golf tournament  
(please use the form enclosed in this mailing, print down a form from the website or call Darren at 985-258-3085 )

☐ \$100 I'd like to sponsor a 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: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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)