



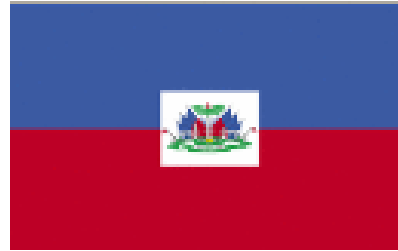
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*"To know even one life has breathed
easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Christmas Message from Deacon Lloyd and Mrs. Faie

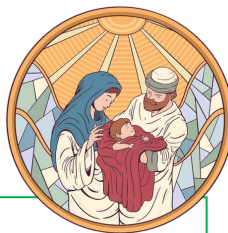
As we come to the close of another year, our hearts are filled with deep gratitude for all that God continues to do through Haiti Mission, Inc. Even in the face of ongoing challenges in Haiti and our inability to travel there again this year, God's work has not stopped. Through the dedication of Fr. Joe and his faithful team, along with your steadfast prayers and generosity, the mission continues to touch lives in powerful ways.

We have continued providing meals for prisoners—an outreach that brings both nourishment and dignity to hundreds who often feel forgotten. In addition, we continue to support 18 full-time staff members of St. Bridget Haiti Mission School. We provide daily meals for more than 300 students. This year, 36 new homes were completed, bringing our total to an incredible 417 homes, each one a testimony to God's faithfulness and your compassion in action.

In the Book of James, we are reminded, "Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only... the one who acts will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:22-25). These words perfectly capture the heart of this mission. Together, we are not only hearing God's Word—we are living it. Every meal shared, every home built, every act of mercy extended is a reflection of faith in motion, faith that makes God's love visible.

As Haiti Mission enters its twenty-sixth year, we are more convinced than ever that this work belongs to God. His grace continues to flow through your hands, your prayers, and your generosity into the lives of so many who depend on this mission for hope. With Christ as our guide, we will continue to walk in faith, to persevere, and to be doers of the Word for those most in need.

From our hearts to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and pray that God's peace and richest blessings will be with you and your families throughout the coming year.



"Before"

House #411!

Jameson Luc

Jameson Luc is a motorcycle taxi driver who lives in Numero Deux with his wife, Nancie Lundy, and their three daughters. Jameson comes from a family that works hard to support the community. Jameson and his wife try hard to support their family.

Nancie gardens to help support them as well but there was never enough to provide them a decent place to live. Their joy is understandable when you look at the conditions they were living in before their beautiful home was built. They send their thanks to God and to the donors who have so changed their lives!



"After"



Volunteer Spotlight: Rudy Soignet *A Journey of Faith, Service, and Transformation in Haiti*

This month, Haiti Mission, Inc. is proud to spotlight Rudy Soignet, a longtime volunteer whose dedication and servant heart have deeply impacted the community of Jérémie, Haiti. Over the years, Rudy has made twenty-three mission trips, offering not only his mechanical skills but also his compassion and faith. His journey reminds us that saying "yes" to God's call can transform lives; including our own.

When asked what inspired him to join the Haiti Mission team, Rudy smiled and quoted Pope Benedict XVI: "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or lofty idea; but the encounter with an event, a person which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." For Rudy, that person was Deacon Lloyd. "He came into the store where I worked to purchase a utility vehicle, and as I was explaining how it worked, he began telling me about Haiti Mission. By the end of our conversation, I asked him, 'What if I would want to go to Haiti?'" That simple question marked the beginning of a remarkable journey that would shape Rudy's faith and service for years to come.

"I had no idea what I was signing up for," Rudy admits. "Thankfully, I was traveling with a knowledgeable and trustworthy team: dedicated, inspirational people who made me feel safe and excited for my first experience in a developing country." Arriving in Port-au-Prince just sixteen months after the devastating earthquake, Rudy quickly realized nothing could prepare him for what he saw: concrete floors, cold showers, and few comforts. "Yet despite the hardship, I found humility, resilience, and a faith that changed me."

When asked about a favorite memory, Rudy smiled again. "Each trip was a chapter in a story of hope, grit, and growth." He recalls his first night at Matthew 25 in Port-au-Prince, surrounded by devastation yet uplifted by the joyful songs of local schoolchildren. "Even in the ruins, there was joy; their singing gave me hope."

In Jérémie, Rudy discovered that his mechanical skills could serve the community in lasting ways. "I began repairing old vehicles and teaching others how to do the same. Later, I helped with water wells: drilling, repairing, restoring access to something so basic yet so vital. Every bolt tightened and every drop of water drawn was a step toward dignity." Over the years, he witnessed progress across the region: dirt roads paved, power lines extended, and makeshift shelters turned into homes. "The shift from destitution to poverty may sound small," Rudy reflected, "it was monumental; a testament to perseverance and faith."

"Despite the language barrier, we found ways to communicate through gestures, shared work, and mutual respect," Rudy said. "The Haitian people taught me that real change happens one person, one village, one act of kindness at a time." One of his most meaningful moments came when he received the Log Award. "The log came from the first house the Mission built for a blind man named Mr. Mathurin, who used it as a pillow. It symbolized trust, legacy, and the quiet impact we can have when we simply show up for one another."

"My time in Haiti gave me more than memories; it gave me a new perspective," Rudy said. "We often take too much for granted. Haitians can't just go out and get what they need; they make do with what's available. Yet they live with joy and gratitude. They taught me what real resilience looks like." He returned home with renewed faith and a deeper understanding of service: "In Haiti, I didn't just fix machines; I became a mechanic who touched lives. And in doing so, my own life was transformed."

After twenty-three trips, Rudy offers this advice to anyone considering a mission experience: "Go — truly go. Don't just visit, engage. When you see how people can face hardship with joy and faith, it changes how you view humanity. Haiti taught me that life isn't defined by comfort or convenience, but by compassion, connection, and courage. Once you've seen that, you can't look at life the same way again."

Haiti Mission, Inc. is deeply grateful for volunteers like Rudy Soignet: men and women who answer the call to serve, to build, and to love without borders. Through their hands and hearts, lives are changed; both in Haiti and here at home.

2026 Haiti Mission Bec's Silent Auction Sponsor Opportunities

Next year will be **Bec's 17th Annual HMI Silent Auction**. By the grace of God and thanks to many generous donors, we have raised a total of **\$1,889,839** over the past 16 years. Since 2013, we have dedicated all the silent auction money to our Home Building Project.

Our construction team of 70 local men are currently building **three homes per month** and completed home **#411** last week. This represents more than **\$3,197,000 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. Families were protected from the recent torrential rains from Hurricane Melissa, and faith and hope are alive and spreading in the Numero Deux area thanks to God and the generosity of all our donors.

As many of you know, since August 2024, the cost of each home increased to **\$9000**. This year we are asking our **Gold Sponsors to contribute \$4500** or half the cost of the home. **Gold Sponsor +** listing will be for contributions of more than \$4500.

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. The great news is that Fr. Joe is back in Haiti and there is a new airline service available from Florida which will bypass PAP, so we are very hopeful that we will be able to make at least a few mission trips in 2026.

We are committed to building as many homes as possible based on the donations we receive. **To reach our goal of building 36 homes per year we need a total of \$324,000 of which \$162,000 will be provided by the Silent Auction.**

Any money raised greater than \$162,000 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 tenth year raising money through sponsorships prior to the auction. Thanks again to our many generous sponsors who contributed **\$175,700** prior to the event. The sponsor support propelled the Silent Auction to a fundraising total of **\$218,095**.

We hope to raise a minimum of **\$170,000 through sponsorship** and the balance through the sale of silent auction items. The good news is that we have already raised **\$51,450**, which is nearly 30% 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 like to invite you to visit the HMI website and read about some of the home recipients and view the before and after pictures at www.haitimissioninc.com. 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 2026** so that we can include the names of our sponsors in information pertaining to the event, **which is scheduled for May 11, 2026, at Ellendale Country Club. Sponsor donations will not be due until May 2026.**

"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

**God Bless and Pax,
David & Laura Fakier**

Silent Auction Title Sponsor **Bec's 17th Annual Haiti Mission Silent Auction** *In Memory of Rebecca Claire Fakier*

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Food & drinks on day of event for sponsors and guests. Dedication of **one home**.

SA Builder Sponsor \$1000 / Builder Sponsor + (\$1001 - \$3999)
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Check our website for updated sponsorships at www.haitimissioninc.com



Faie's Facts

One of my favorite carols is "O Christmas Tree," especially because of its rich history. Early German Christians watched a Paradise Play that told the story of creation, the fall, and humanity's need for redemption. The only stage scenery was an evergreen tree decorated with red apples. When these plays were later banned, families began placing evergreens in their homes, trimming them with candles and red ornaments to remind themselves of Christ, the Light of the World.

Every part of the tree carries meaning: the evergreen points to eternal life; its triangular shape lifts our thoughts toward heaven; the star recalls Bethlehem; the red ornaments represent the apple of humanity's fall; and the lights reflect Jesus as the Light of the World. (In Sweden, the season of lights begins on December 13, the feast of St. Lucy, whose name means "light.")

As we sing "O Christmas Tree" this year, may we remember the beautiful symbolism behind its decorated branches.



Upcoming Events and Important dates in the life of HMI

May 11, 2026

Haiti Mission 17th Annual Silent Auction/Golf Tournament
Ellendale Country Club, Houma, Louisiana

Upcoming trips – to be announced