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

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Haiti Trip 1/29/2026 - 2/2/2026

By: Deacon Lloyd Duplantis

**A Special Farewell Trip for Faie and I,
but an Ongoing Mission for HMI**

(Even though there is some duplication of thoughts and feelings as we share our experiences of the January 2026 trip, we thought you would enjoy reading and seeing some of the emotions Faie and I experienced as we made what we expect to be our last journey to our dear Numero Deux, Haiti)

Finally back to Haiti.

Faie and I along with my son, Darren, Dr. David and Laura Fakier and Rudy Soignet made a quick turnaround trip to Haiti while a window of safety opened up to travel to our beloved mission field. I had been praying that my health could improve enough to make one last trip to see a number of things which we had built or had expanded in the area and to tell the community good bye as Faie and I turned the responsibilities of hands on, boots on the ground to the very capable David and Laura Fakier, who have been managing that aspect of our work for quite some time now. It had been six years since Faie and I had travelled to Haiti.



What a joy it was to be back and see the tremendous strides that had been made. We visited 20 families who had received a new home at least two years ago. The houses were still structurally sound, and the residents were keeping them very clean and orderly. We experienced thankful joy in every case. They all assured us that they were keeping their end of the bargain in receiving a new home which was to pray for the donors and maintain the property.

Although an earthquake a few years ago had damaged some of the wells we had drilled, some of the main wells were still functioning and we are hopeful that at least some of the damaged wells can be rehabilitated. Because of the chaos in Port-au-Prince, the population in the Jeremie region of Haiti is burgeoning so the infrastructure which we have developed over the past 26 years was there to help support the increased demand for water and housing.

It was a fabulous trip with no glitches and completion of all the goals we had set for the HMI team. It is very fulfilling when things go as planned, especially since aspects of work in Haiti have always unexpected and unplanned dimensions.

No matter how much joy and delight we experienced, there's no place like home and your own bed when one returns! The last trip to Haiti for Faie and I could not have been better. To quote a friend of our mission who has helped with numerous water projects (in spite of the many challenges,) "Let's keep the water flowing!"



Hugs and love,

Deacon Lloyd

(See the Gallery on the HMI website for more pictures of the trip)

Meeting with Jonas



Baptizing two babies

FYI The next trip is tentatively scheduled for the end of June this year with very limited space availability!

Our "Farewell Trip" (Jan 29-Feb 2, 2026)

Faie's version

Although I was a bit hesitant to travel to Haiti initially, after I surrendered to God & asked Him to take care of everything, my anxiety turned to joy. I must admit He used the following wonderful people to carry out His mission: the Fakiers who planned & organized all aspects of the travel & projects, our son Darren who was his Dad's chief lean-to & personal guide, & our multi-talented friend, Rudy, who served as acolyte at both Masses we attended and as an attentive driver on the rigorous mountain paths where the HMI houses were located. Preparing and distributing the individual bags of supplies for the family distribution, dedicating 20 houses constructed by Haitian workers, attending Mass & visiting with St. Mother Theresa's order of nuns, Missionaries of Charity (who operate an orphanage in Jeremie), drinking fresh coconut milk with some of our little boys (when we first met them) who are now grown young men, enjoying delicious meals, are all special memories we'll treasure in our hearts.



I think I can speak for both Lloyd and I when I say that the highlight of this trip was to see the magnificent Church of Our Lady of the Assumption. The architectural design, the huge columns, the hand-painted art work surrounding the top of the sanctuary depicting scenes of Jesus' life, the wooden tabernacle made in the design of the HMI houses, the outside prayer wall where the memorial picture of Rebecca Claire and the 10 Commandments are located and the eye-catching huge statue of the Blessed Mother on the rooftop that can be seen for miles around all enhance the building. Our Haitian family finally received what they had first requested 25 years ago – a new church.



I'm so glad that Fr. Joe overruled my request of Lloyd not serving as Deacon on the altar. He not only proclaimed the Gospel but gave a homily, both in Creole, as his official last act as a Deacon in Haiti.

Thanks to everyone who accompanied us as well as to all who helped in any way by either preparing for the trip or praying for our safety- all who made this memorable farewell trip possible.

God Bless,
Mrs. Faie



House Dedication



Memorial Prayer Wall



Tabernacle



Coconut Milk