

HMI OFI Story

HMI has always been and always will be about water. Our quest for potable water for every man woman and child in a specific region of Haiti has been in some strange and convoluted way the catalyst for everything we do. It has also brought us in contact with some like-minded and wonderful people who have chosen to join with us in order to somehow make this seemingly impossible dream come true. Because of the unique and extensive experience that HMI has garnered over the years, it has brought us to places we never expected or suspected. With that said, I'd like to introduce you to One Family International and the Winkley brothers.

Faie and I met Bill Winkley over coffee in Thibodaux Louisiana sometime in 2008. Bill was in Thibodaux working at Nicholls State University, heard about HMI and wanted to learn more about our work. In 2009, HMI had drilled a few wells but was still in the fledgling stages of what we hoped to accomplish. Bill bought into the dream, introduced us to his brother Pat who together with Bill had begun One Family International (OFI) in order to do much the same as HMI only in other areas of the world such as Bangladesh and Papua New Guinea. Bill and Pat decided to partner with HMI on a water project that Faie and I were focused on at the time and low and behold, a partnership was born that has continued and flourished in ways that none of us could have imagined! Fate has taken us from Haiti and Bangladesh to India and Uganda. Too many wonderful stories of living water bringing health and happiness to people in faraway places who we will probably never meet or visit but who

have life because of a few good people caring enough to try to help.