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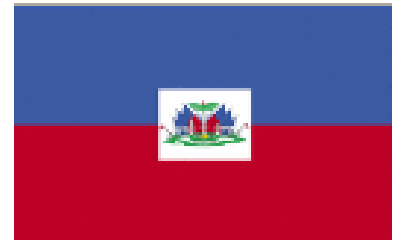
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*"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



### **Bec's 14th Annual Haiti Mission Silent Auction—April 24, 2023**

Hello All:

Mesi Anpil and Bondye Beni! We are amazed at the generosity of HMI supporters. We continue to be reminded how God's plan is far better than we can dream of and that we just need to remain faithful and leave Him in control. Once again, we received tremendous support from our 2023 Sponsors and Donors prior to the event totaling \$176,300. We received bids on all but four items. As in the past, many winning bidders also added to their donation and additional donations were made without bidding on items during the event.

The combined total raised of **\$212,000**, which is \$20,000 more than our goal of \$192,000. Because of your generosity, we have enough matching money in place to continue building five homes per month through July and HMI will go back to four homes per month between August 2023 and April 2024. We once again need to give special thanks to our sponsors and to many generous people each year that continue to help either by donating items, bidding on items or making donations.

**Our final total of \$212,000 will be restricted towards matching funds to continue to build the next 53 homes.** The homes continue to cost \$8000 with half the money in place from the SA. We will continue to build homes for each additional \$4000 we collect from donors. Since the Silent Auction began dedicating money in 2013 to be utilized towards building homes, we have raised **\$1,392,668** in matching money. Our construction team of Haitians has grown to 70 men who are building homes #302-306 this month. We are now on our way to Home #355 over the next year which will put us at nearly 2.8 million utilized for home construction since 2013. **Amazing! You Cannot Out Give God!**

We currently have a mission trip planned for June 5-12. With humble hearts it will be our pleasure to represent all of our HMI donors and supporters as we dedicate homes and are blessed being able to witness how lives and families are generationally being changed. (Please visit the HMI website at [www.haitimissioninc.com](http://www.haitimissioninc.com) and look for more exciting updates. Thank you once again for all you are doing to make this possible. God bless you and your family. Pax, David & Laura Fakier "The goodness we do is the goodness that remains forever." (Sparks of Light, Mother Elvira)

(P.S. The golf tournament itself cleared a little more than \$20,000. These are the funds that are used to pay for repair of water wells in communities in Haiti that have no way of funding this need themselves. It also takes care of repair of our precious drill truck and other equipment that we have in Haiti as well as everyday expenses incurred by our mission. Special thanks to those that sponsor and play in our tournament; it all comes together to do some great things.)

### **Bec's 14th Annual Haiti Mission Silent Auction Sponsors 2023**

#### **Silent Auction Title Sponsor**

**Bec's 14th 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**

**Lauren & Terry Stidham: In Memory of Germaine & Carroll Rhodes**

**Susi & Tom Morrison**

**Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church**

**Julie & Dr. John Steigner**

**Anonymous**

**Terri & Joe Cunningham**

**Kellie & John Hebert**

**Paula McDonald: In Memory of Dave McDonald**

**Elaine & Pat Gootee**

**In Honor of Lorraine Folse & In Memory of Eugene Folse**

**Dr. Rollie Norris**

**Mable & Hilton Michel**

**CORTEC, LLC #1 of 3**

**CORTEC, LLC #2 of 3**

**CORTEC Employees #1 of 3**

**CORTEC Employees #2 of 3**

**In Memory of Harold, Peter and Paul Callais**

**Darrow Family**

**Elizabeth & Jim Landis**

**Donnes / Lafaso Family**

**Anonymous**

**Stacy & Bruce Montesano**

**Gretchen & Ross Donnes**

**Michelle & Rob Pavlik: In Memory of David & his daughter, Millie Pavlik**

**Christine & Jeff Metts**

**Kathy & Paul Metzler**

**Yancey Family: In Memory of Ernest & Larke Yancey**

**Anonymous**

**Houmas 72: King, Father of the Queen & Dukes**

**Cheramie Family**

#### **Silent Auction Builder / Builder + Sponsors**

**Charles Badalamenti +: In Memory of Debbie Badalamenti**

**Donna & Craig Mueller**

**Michael Bolden+ In Memory of Mrs. Catherine Coleman Smith**

**Cynthia & Dr. Warren Green**

**Matthew Caverly +**

**Judy & Shawn Sistrunk**

**Penny & Dr. Scott Nelson**

**Janis van Meerveld & Charlie Cerise**

**Yolanda & Ken Trahan**

**Betsy & Bob Higgins**

**Dianne & Joe Caverly**

**Alicia Lirette +: In Honor of James Lemoine**

**Christian Callens**

**Connie & Robert Miller**

**Maribel & Per Saelid**

**Kim & Dr. Richard Broussard**

**Dr. Mitch Wilder**

**Thanks to our Golf Tournament Sponsors!** Year after year, we have been blessed by faithful sponsors that support our Golf Tournament that allows us to continue to keep HMI going - drilling and maintaining water wells, feeding school children, helping families and keeping our Silent Auction funds free of expenses in order that all the funds raised for that can be used to build houses. As you can see, it's working beautifully. Please pray for our Golf tournament sponsors. Let them know they're appreciated if you have occasion to see them and most especially support their businesses and their work.

**Thanks to Our Sponsors!**



Another Milestone  
in the HMI Adventure –  
House #300 and Counting!  
Meet The Parnel Jean Louis Family

being blessed by your continued  
prayerful support of the work of HMI!

“Before”



“After”



Parnel Jean Louis and his wife, Dana Exavier, are parents of six children. Though they were very poor with 3 children, they were nonetheless delighted and proud to welcome a *set of triplets* bringing their number to 6, placing all their trust in God. However, as you can see from the “before” picture, their situation was dire. As you can imagine, they are grateful beyond words to have their dream of a new home fulfilled. They thank God and the HMI donors who made their dream become a reality.



This year's award recipient – Sue Blanchard  
– with Deacon Lloyd and Mrs. Faie

The Blind Man's Pillow Award 2023

The blind man's pillow award is the “Prestigious” award periodically given to recognize someone in our Haiti Mission family for their hard work and dedication to helping those in need in Haiti. This year's recipient, Mrs. Sue Blanchard, came on board a few years ago and has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help with all the details required to keep our finances and other aspects of behind the scenes HMI details in order. Thank you so much Sue! You have been a blessing. (for the story of the Blind Man's pillow award and how it developed, go to the link on the website – Enjoy! <http://www.haitimissioninc.com/BLIND-MAN-AWARD> )



Bishop Sam –  
2023

Once again this year we were blessed to have Bishop Sam offer Holy Mass for the volunteers helping with the Silent Auction and Golf Tournament after he had blessed everyone playing golf on the first flight teams leaving at 8 AM. What a wonderful blessing it is to have the spiritual support of our dear friend Bishop Emeritus Sam year after year.

Hanging Out

Pictured in the foreground are Pete Cavalier and Mike Richard visiting with members of the Schriever Concrete golf team, (from left to right) Bruce Leboeuf, Kevin Leboeuf and John Olin. One of the joys of the annual golf tournament/silent auction is to get together with friends and Haiti Mission team members in order to enjoy each other's company and rekindle the spark that stays in the hearts and souls of those who have been to Haiti or support HMI's mission of getting people out of misery into a livable poverty. (Notice how once again we were blessed with beautiful weather!)



If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again has always been an important part of everything HMI has done. Lately, that mantra has resonated in our hearts more than usual. For years, our trip planning was relatively routine, always involving some challenges as regards travel arrangements but never insurmountable. There was always the clear message that “when one door closes another opens!” Well, during this year, travel to Haiti has been – “the door is closed!” With the Fall of 2022, there were so many problems with the world economy, we couldn't get the supplies we needed nor could we assure safety so the mission trip had to be scuttled with our counting on the new year bringing better security and a better degree of normalcy returning to our beloved Haiti. Well, thanks be to God, things did improve and plans for two summer mission trips went forward with a few hiccups but finally all the details were worked out and things looked good. The time arrived and the small but excited group of five missionaries boarded their flight to Port-au-Prince, Haiti with a stop over in Fort Lauderdale. Once arriving in Fort Lauderdale, they were advised that there was an Air Traffic Control problem (we're still not sure what that means) but the PAP flight was cancelled with no viable alternatives to get to Haiti sooner than several days away. The door was slammed in their face and for the first time in 23 years of travelling to Haiti, they had to return home without getting to Haiti. So what to do? If at first you don't succeed, try, try again! Plans are in progress to travel from June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>. Everything is looking good but it wouldn't hurt to begin saying a little prayer that this trip can be as normal as travel to Haiti can be. I know the Fakiers and their team would appreciate it and most especially, all the families in Haiti that HMI has helped want to see and be with our HMI missionaries.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates  
in the life of HMI

June 5<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Summer Mission Trip

N.B. Our one-week mission trips fill up quickly. If you are interested in travelling to Haiti on one of our mission trips, please contact Dr. David Fakier (985-804-3112 or [raoulrad@aol.com](mailto:raoulrad@aol.com)) so he can advise you of availability and get you scheduled. God Bless you for your mission heart!

FAIE'S FACTS ...

“Pleasure comes from without; joy comes from within. Therefore, joy is within the reach of everyone in the world.”

Venerable Fulton Sheen



Can this be why so many of our  
Haitian friends smile a lot?

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**Yes, Here is my immediate donation to use where most needed:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$4000 would sponsor a new home and get a family “out of the mud and into safe secure housing.” (Our new home design is keeping the cost of constructing the homes at \$8000 with the \$4000 matching money for each home provided by funds raised from the annual silent auction)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$1000 would help us drill a well in a community without fresh water.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$35 would buy food and supplies for a family (\$100 to help 3 families)**

☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

*"No One has ever become poor by giving"* The hand written words of Anne Frank (1929-1945)