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

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



### Get Ready, Set, Golf!

Besides the blessing of good weather while incredible storms surrounded us, the stars aligned in such a way that we were able to have both Fr. Joe and Enor be with us on the special day. Here they are on a special tour of the course with Pete Cavalier. (A note from Fr. Joe) - Reading your wonderful report on the Bec's 15th SA, came to my mind the words of Psalm 133: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live (work) together in unity!" How important and beneficial it is to live and work



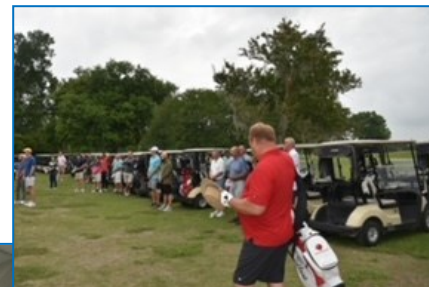
**Touring the Course!**

in communion/solidarity as a team. Our work at HMI (corporal works of mercy) are works of love and God is love, so let's keep up the good works! On behalf of the community of Numero Deux and myself, I want to say thank you a thousand and one times to each and all of you - staff, donors and sponsors of HMI. May God bless and reward you a millionfold!

*Fr. Joe*



**Lots of Fun and Fellowship - #15 was another great year!**



### Recreation with a purpose!

(quote from Fr. Cody Chatagnier's invocation)

## Bec's 15th Annual Haiti Mission - Silent Auction 2024 Report

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 2024 Sponsors and Donors prior to the event totaling \$177,164. We received bids on all but one item. As in the past, many winning bidders also added to their donation and additional donations were made without bidding on items during the event raising an additional \$44,077.

The combined total raised of **\$221,241** represents a new record for the SA, and over \$29,000 more than our goal of \$192,000. Because of your generosity, we have enough matching money in place to continue building four or more homes per month for the next year through April 2025. 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 \$221,241 will be restricted towards matching funds to continue to build the next 55 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 **\$1,613,909** in matching money. Our construction team of Haitians has grown to 70 men and just completed building homes #352-355 this month. We are now on our way to Home #410 over the next year which will put us at nearly \$3,250,000 utilized for home construction since 2013. **Amazing! You Cannot Out Give God!** (We hope to have a small mission trip in early November of this year and a full schedule of 3 trips or more in 2025. With humble hearts it will be our pleasure to represent all of our HMI donors and supporters as we dedicate homes and are blessed to witness how lives and families are generationally being changed.)

Please visit the HMI website 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*

*"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

Matthew 5:16

## Bec's 15th Annual Haiti Mission Silent Auction 2024

### Silent Auction Title Sponsor

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

### Silent Auction Co-Sponsor

**Paula & Charlie Laurent**

**Giselle & Joe Waitz +**

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### Silent Auction Gold Sponsors

**Susi & Tom Morrison**  
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**In Honor of Lorraine Folse & In Memory of Eugene Folse**  
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**Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church**

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**Elesa & Dalton Darrow**

**The Donnes Family**  
**Mary & Mark Carey**

**St. Joseph the Worker**  
**Kathy & Paul Metzler**

**Our Lady of the Poor**  
**Stacy & Bruce Montesano**

(P.S. The golf tournament itself cleared almost \$25,000. 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 there 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.)



### Telling the Story

Here’s David and Laura being interviewed by HTV, telling the incredible story of the Silent Auction and the life-changing results that it has brought to families in Haiti. Thanks to the Fakiers for their non-stop efforts all year long to put together this phenomenal and spectacular Silent Auction.

### FANTASTIC!

From the very beginning of the Silent Auction/Golf Tournament phase of the HMI fundraising efforts, at the event, Bishop Sam has blessed the first flight of golfers and then offered Mass for our mission, our missionaries and all our donors and supporters. His



Deacon Lloyd presenting Bishop Sam with appreciation folder

encouragement and wise advice has always been there at any and all times. The special thing about Bishop Sam however is his greeting. Since I first met him when he was Bishop of Alexandria then eventually being ordained by him for the diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and to this day, when you ask Bishop Sam how he is doing the answer will be “FANTASTIC!” Just that greeting from an 86 y/o bishop should be helpful in handling our day to day lives, staying focused on the prize rather than the problems. So, how is Haiti Mission doing? In a large part because of Bishop Sam, “FANTASTIC!”

### Passing on the Torch!

Every year our golf tournament/silent auction has special aspects that make it memorable; our 15<sup>th</sup> event this year was no exception. Good weather when it looked like inevitable rain, a good turn out of teams which was a pleasant surprise due to the weather forecast, both Fr. Jomanas and Fr. Meaux were able to attend and concelebrate the Mass with Bishop Sam. Both priests are vitally instrumental to our mission, especially the incredible home building component yet they had never met before – see the story of our home building on the website. Several other special things that made us know God was blessing us in a special way this year. Last year both Don and Mrs. Jeanette advised us that they would have to step down from their roles as chairman of the event (Don) and as director of the Woman-to-Woman project (Mrs. Jeanette). As almost always happens in the HMI adventure, we weren’t sure who would step forward to fill the shoes of such devoted and committed individuals as these two who had both served faithfully for so many years. Out from the midst of our HMI family stepped Darren Duplantis to take over as chairman/coordinator of the golf tournament and Sue Blanchard who offered to take over the Woman-to-Woman project. So, after one year or so of coaching and sharing information, the torches were officially passed from Don and Mrs. Jeanette to Darren and Sue with God’s blessing joyfully bestowed by our dear Bishop Sam. To the “Ole Timers” and the “New Comers”, we say Mesi, Mesi, Mesi and ask God to bless you abundantly for what you have done and for what we know you will do as you respond to the cry of the poor. (Pvb 21:13)



Bishop Sam blessing Don, Darren, Sue and Mrs. Jeanette



“Before”

### Meet the family of this Month— for June 2024

They are being blessed by your continued prayerful support of the work of HMI especially via our annual Silent Auction/Golf Tournament!

### Haiti House #350 Jean Guerny Balthazar

Jean Guerny Balthazar is a mason who lives in Numero Deux with his wife, Rose-Laure François, and their two children. Though they both work hard, they have been unable, so far, to provide a decent home for themselves and their children. They have been asking for a home for quite a few years and so HMI is delighted to be a part of providing a home for them. When you look at the condition of their previous home, you can understand their joy at receiving a home. *(Did you notice the number – 350. Can you believe it!!! One house at a time, one family at a time - four a month at this time – are being taken from misery to a functional poverty where they can hope and have happiness that was just an impossible dream before. Thanks y’all. Together we’re making a huge difference!)*



“After”

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

TBA

Fakier Fall Trip

If you are interested in traveling to Haiti on one of our mission trips, please contact us so we can advise you of availability and get you scheduled. God Bless you for your mission heart! (N.B.) Passports must have at least six months left before expiration to enter Haiti.

### FAIE’S FACTS ...

“... Regardless of how hard we try, we will never be completely perfect. Instead of fearing imperfection, it is important to embrace the small obstacles in our lives and learn from them. By constantly chasing after perfection, we will overlook the countless blessings that we already have in our lives. In today’s world, things like social media can make us feel like our lives need to be perfect... We may feel like we’re doing something wrong just because we aren’t as successful as the people we see on our phones. Many of us have spent too much time comparing ourselves to other people or trying to keep up with the newest trend. So, in a world that is filled with false narratives and negativity, I challenge all of us graduates to go out and become a shining light of positivity. Embrace your imperfections and do not let the fear of making a mistake stop you from accomplishing your goals.”

(quote from Conner Duplantis’ valedictorian address at Central Lafourche High School 2024)



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This newsletter is dedicated to raising funds to help the families whom we have come to know and love in the villages around Jeremie, Haiti. May God bless you and your loved ones for your commitment to the poor by giving in whatever way the Holy Spirit directs you.

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

**\$1000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$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.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Enclosed is my gift for \_\_\_\_\_ “Dirty Card helping Families” (\$35 per card or 3 cards for \$100 - will make life so much better for a Haitian Family that is praying for you and your loved ones)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of “A Tale of One Citie - From That to This”. (Enclosed is \$20 per book & \$5 S&H per order) Please ship to:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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)