



(Logan, Carmel, Deacon Lloyd, and Mrs. Faie)

Every year or so, we recognize someone who has done exceptional work to help with our Haiti Mission. The recipient receives the special log pictured above that we received from the first house that we built for a blind man in Haiti (Mr. Mathurin). This year, we recognize Carmel Duplantis. Carmel's story goes back at least 16 years, when she suggested to Deacon Lloyd that we have a golf tournament. At the time, Deacon Lloyd denied the idea, thinking that it was too much work. Carmel assured him that she had done a golf tournament before for the Diabetic Association in New Orleans and had experienced success. Reluctantly, Deacon Lloyd agreed, and the rest is history. Since beginning the Haiti Mission Golf Tournament/Silent Auction 16 years ago, we have raised several million dollars which has brought hope to thousands of people. Carmel has been to Haiti, she works all year long thinking of ways to help, and she spends almost every yearly event with us helping out. Thank you so much Carmel for all you've done, and I know you enjoyed receiving the award with your niece, Logan. (For more information about the "Famous Log" and to see previous recipients, go to [The Blind Man's Pillow Award](#) on the website.)