

Starpoint Charitable Project

Winter 2025/2026 Update

“Lespw a fe viv” – translation: Hope gives life.

Meaning: Hope provides the strength to keep going.

Haiti Mission, Inc. (HMI) and our LuminAID Solar Lanterns

A team of senior leaders from HMI were able to recently make a trip to Haiti in January 2026 – the first trip back to Haiti in a couple years for HMI. The feedback was very positive from the team and they accomplished so much during the trip, including food/medicine distributions and house dedications (nearly 425 new homes have been built by the Haitian construction teams since HMI began the new home initiative - truly an amazing accomplishment).

The HMI team took a different travel route than years prior by flying direct from Miami to Les Cayes – a town on the southern coastline of Haiti, then driving over the mountains to Jeremie. The roads are paved (with many curves) but the team said the drive went well and felt very safe.

During their trip they were able to distribute over 200 solar lanterns. This was such great news. With a planned trip this June and next January we are planning to ship 500+ LuminAid solar lanterns to Haiti for distribution throughout the area.



Support of MEF Orphanage

As mentioned in our prior updates, **MEF** (Maison d'enfants par la Foi), is an orphanage started by a father in Haiti back in the late 1990's, now run by his adult daughter. They operate outside of Port-au-Prince and continue to face many challenges in that area. We have been able to provide additional solar lanterns over the course of 2025 and the feedback from the MEF team and the children is heartwarming – the lanterns give them hope, safety and a belief that better days lie ahead (Lespwa fe viv!). We will be sending more lanterns to MEF in 2026.



Donation Requests - Our goal this year will be to raise \$20,000 which will allow us to buy/ship 500 additional lanterns in 2026 (\$40 per lantern all-in cost – shipping/customs, etc.). A donation of \$80 will provide 2 lanterns for a new home, \$800 will provide 2 lanterns for 10 homes – no donation is too small nor too big.

501(c)(3) Donations: Your financial support is much appreciated and needed. Checks can be made out to either: [Haiti Mission Inc.](#) (EIN#14-1861365) or [DAFgiving360](#) (memo line: **Account# 4986-2315**). DAFgiving360 is the new name for Schwab Charitable. Donations from your **Donor Advised Fund** are also encouraged.

Direct Link to HMI (then click on Donate/Choose your Designation/Solar Lights): [Haiti Mission, Inc. \(haitimissioninc.com\)](https://haitimissioninc.com). Donations through the HMI site can now be made by credit card.

You may mail checks direct to HMI or DAFgiving360 (Schwab Charitable) to:

Haiti Mission, Inc., PO Box 694, Thibodaux, LA 70302 (“Solar Lanterns” in memo line)

DAFgiving360, PO Box 2430, Omaha, NE 68103 (“Acct#4986-2315” in memo line)

Note: if you send a check to HMI, please send me an email/text so I can track the donation

“Mesi” (Thank you) and cheers to a safe, healthy, and blessed 2026.

Tom Morrison