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Eager to Start the New School Year

Gaze at the beautiful, eager faces. The one thing a trip to Haiti is sure to do is make one fall in love with the people. Returning from Haiti always finds me singing, "I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart."

Holding these people in our hearts is only the first step. The next step involves doing what the Lord empowers us to do to help them.

Rescue One is committed to providing a Christian education to 75 children in Haiti. Won't you help us?

SCHOOL BEGINS

Pencils, notebooks, backpacks, shoes, uniforms, textbooks, . . .

Haitian students, just like students in the United States, need basic supplies to start the school year. The beginning of the school year is an expensive time for everyone and especially for Rescue One as we commit to supplying these needs for each of our 75 students. In addition to the school supplies, we supply tuition and one meal a day.

By September 12, all students in Haiti will be back in their classrooms. Please help us give these students a good start to the 2011-2012 school year.

SUMMER CAMP

For seven days in July, the Rescue One students left the congestion of Port-au-Prince for summer camp in the country. The Double Harvest campus became an oasis for the children who studied from II Kings 5.



They learned from the story of Naaman's Israelite slave girl that children, too, can be instrumental in bringing messages of God's kingdom.

Students were reluctant to leave the pleasant atmosphere of camp.

A Father's Story

Looking drawn and tired, he arrived at the school that his son attended. It was a long journey by tap tap from his tent city home to the school. Everything has always taken a long time in Haiti. In the new reality of post-earthquake Haiti, everything takes a long, long time.

The father came with love for his son and with thankfulness in his heart. He came to see for himself the Americans who represent the foundation that enables his young son to receive a Christian education and one meal a day.

He told us that from the bottom of his heart, he and his wife thank us for giving his son this opportunity.

He explained that before the earthquake he was a painter. Since the earthquake, he is traumatized and the thought of climbing a ladder paralyzes him and he can no longer work. His son's only hope is the education that Rescue One provides for him. The father beamed as his son joined the other school children in reciting Bible verses. The children smiled proudly as they shared these treasures that they are storing in their hearts for their life journey.

The father finished by saying that he hopes these children grow up and continue the work of providing a Christian education for the next generation.

The father returned home via tap tap confident that his son was receiving a Christian education and a meal that day.

Tap Taps

Literally meaning "quick-quick," these brightly painted vans, trucks, and buses are the public transportation for the people of Haiti. The vehicles are painted with slogans, religious sayings, pictures of famous people, and many other decorations. They thread their way through the dusty, congested streets of the city.

Tap taps have fixed routes on the streets in Haiti and passengers hop on and off wherever they need to. The name "tap tap" originated because when you want to exit, you "tap tap" on the side of the bus.



The needs in Haiti continue to be beyond our comprehension. So many obstacles confront the people. Your check can be made out to the Rescue One Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) corporation. All contributions except for printing and mailing costs go directly to Haiti. The Rescue One Board (Trish Borgdorff, Suanne Sweetman, Nancy Tuit and Carol Woltjer) along with our director in Haiti, Kerline Jules, thank you for your prayers and financial gifts.