## Rescue One

"The only way I can thank you is to succeed. With God we will do great things." --Lorkendia



Ezeckiel, on left

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With great joy and thankfulness, the Rescue One Foundation is pleased to present the three newest graduates of our program. With prayers and financial support from you, our donors, and with the financial, social, and emotional support of the church congregations in Haiti, these three young people have reached milestones in their lives.



Lorkendia



Edgar

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 Ezeckiel was recruited in 2004 at the age of 11. Edgard joined the program in 2005 at age 13 and Lorkendia also became a part of the program in 2005. Both Lorkendia and Edgar were part of the class committee that organized the graduation ceremony.

Momentous occasions such as this one are truly a return on the investments of so many individuals. Please continue to prayer for the future of these young people. You have given them hope. Pray that God will walk with them into the future and bless the country of Haiti through them.

Board of directors: Trish Borgdorff, John Nielsen, Suanne Sweetman, Nancy Tuit, Jodi Vogelzang, Carol Woltjer



## Back to School

Just as in the US, the school year is about to begin in Haiti. Rescue One has committed to supplying each student with tuition, school supplies, a school uniform, and one meal each day.

Because each Haitian church supervises its own program, costs for these items vary, but an average cost (per child, per year) is as follows:

food	\$400
tuition	\$291
uniform	\$24
school bag	\$10
books and supplies	\$18
tutoring	\$9

Your donation could supply one or more of these items for a student for the coming school year.



The Rescue One Board **thanks you** for your compassionate and generous support. Rescue One is a small light bringing God's grace into the lives of 75 Haitian children. 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.

## Please pray with us:

Pray for the graduates as they begin new chapters in their lives.

Pray for all of the Rescue One students as they begin the new school year. Pray that they will be able to concentrate on their studies and that their home situations will be safe and supportive.

Pray for our director in Haiti, Kerline Jules, and for the committee members of each of the five sponsoring churches. Pray that these Haitian leaders will have wisdom to guide the Rescue One students through their schooling.

Pray for the nation of Haiti. Pray for a government that will be effective in advancing the welfare of its citizens.

## The Rescue One Board Welcomes:

★ a newly created board in Haiti. In keeping with the concept of subsidiarity, we believe that a group in the country itself can more quickly and effectively respond to issues there. Our Director in Haiti, Kerline Jules, has succeeded in recruiting several dedicated, experienced, capable people to serve on this board. The US board is in the process of forming a Memorandum of Understanding with the Haitian board. In time, this board will take over more of the responsibility for overseeing the program.

Please pray for them as they begin their work.

★ John Nielsen to the US Board of Directors. John has spent 45 years as an administrator, educator, and clinician. Currently he is the Director of the Western Michigan University Masters in Social Work Program in Grand Rapids. He has a heart for social and economic justice issues. As he approaches retirement, he is looking for new opportunities to be involved in making a difference. Among other things, he responded to God's leading him to board work for the Rescue One program in Haiti.

John's wisdom and expertise are an asset to the work of Rescue One.