



# Rescue One

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## Staffing in Haiti

This issue of the newsletter is dedicated to the Haitian staff of Rescue One with gratitude for all the work that they put into the program. They are truly the hands and feet of Jesus. **Your gifts** enable them to carry out this labor of love.

The program is led by our Director in Haiti and is carried out through five churches there. Each church has a committee, a coordinator, and a cook. RO has a sister board in Haiti, Fondation Michee. The Haitians raise funds for the program and perform many other tasks such as those listed below.



### Kerline, Director in Haiti

- Oversees the entire program
- Evaluates reports from the churches
- Supervises daily activities
- Plans Summer Camp
- Plans the annual leaders' meeting
- Trains the leaders
- Prepares the estimated budget

### Church Committees

- Supervise the work of the coordinator
- Make important decisions about the children, working closely with the Director for the well-being of the children
- Prepare progress reports

### The Coordinator

- Visits the children and their parents
- Buys the school uniforms, books, and other supplies
- Makes the school payments
- Organizes spiritual and social events, like Bible study, Christmas parties, picnics
- Monitors and follows-up with sick children
- Coordinates the feeding program



*Early in the morning the cooks search the crowded market place for the vegetables, cereals, spices, and oils needed for the daily meal. They cook over large, steaming pots, then distribute the food to the children. Their day does not end until 3PM.*

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# Meet Hulda



Twelve-year-old Hulda has been a part of the Rescue One program for seven years and is now in the seventh grade. She is the sixth in a family of twelve children. Neither parent has a stable job although the mother sells candy on the street. That income is inadequate for a family of fourteen and the family survives with the help of

others. The family lives in a very dangerous neighborhood called "ti Bwa" where there is periodic gang activity.

Hulda's mother suffers from sickle cell anemia and the church committee is having Hulda tested to see if she has the condition. During the chikungunya fever outbreak, Hulda was the sickest of the 17 Bolosse students who became ill. After fifteen days in bed, Hulda tried to return to school in order to take the official government exams so that she would not fail. Unfortunately, she could not stay in class. Her condition worsened; she trembled and had trouble breathing.

Hulda's illness made it impossible for her to come to the church for her daily meal, which made her even weaker. The coordinator cried when she saw how ill Hulda was. She took Hulda to the clinic for medical attention.

Hulda has now recovered, is doing well, and has passed her exams.

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## Please pray with us

Give thanks:

- That through your donations, God has met the financial needs of Rescue One this year.
- That RO is able to support 80 students and keep them out of the restavec (child slavery) system
- That RO has dedicated staff in Haiti: a director, church committees, coordinators, cooks and Fondation Michee board members

Petition for:

- Health for the RO students
- Students who have unstable living conditions



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 80 Haitian children. Your check can be made out to the Rescue One Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation. Donations can be sent to PO Box 8174, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49518. All contributions except for office expenses go directly to Haiti.