



Rescue One



With deep gratitude, the Haitian children thank you for your continuing support and wish you God's blessings during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

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Devastation Again

On Tuesday, October 4, Hurricane Matthew, the worst disaster to hit Haiti since the 2010 earthquake, roared onto the island destroying homes, livestock and crops and cutting off transportation to many villages in the southwest of Haiti. For 24 hours, people huddled in their homes while the wind howled and the rains pounded.

How does Rescue One function following a disaster? Fortunately, Port-au-Prince, where the Rescue One students and staff live, was not as severely affected as the southwest of the country. As soon as possible after the storm, the RO staff set out looking for our students and bringing them to the feeding stations where they were served their daily meal.



How does a disaster affect our program? Since "the breadbasket" of Haiti was the hardest hit, fresh food will be harder to find and more expensive on the island. This will affect the food budget of the Rescue One program because the daily meal is an integral part of the wrap-around care to our students.

Expanding the Program

With joy, the Rescue One board notes that our students are growing up, are graduating and are ready for further education and training. As in the US, students require additional schooling in order to reach their potential.

In our last newsletter, we featured the **Youth Empowerment Program** which educates Rescue One students when they finish our program, providing either trade school or university education, whichever is appropriate for the student. The Haitians saw this need and instituted the program, struggling to fund it with whatever funds they could obtain. At a recent board meeting, the Rescue One board realized that, in order to fulfill our mission, we need to support this program and enfold it into our budget.

With appreciation for your past support, we respectfully request that you consider increasing your donation this year and that you pass on our needs to your friends and neighbors who may be able to join in this mission of preparing young Haitians for employment.

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With Thanksgiving

The board of Rescue One thanks you for your support. Your generosity enables 81 children in Haiti to receive an education, a meal each day, and social and medical intervention—hope for their future.

The needs in Haiti are as great as ever. We need your continuing support in the following areas:

- **With your prayers:**

Thank God that all of our children survived the hurricane and that the staff was able to feed them soon after the event.

Thank God for the Haitian staff members who continue, in spite of adverse conditions, to feed, clothe, educate and love the students.

Pray for continuing funds for our ministry.

Pray that students understand, through the Christmas story, how much Jesus loves them.

- **With additional funds:** Due to increased food costs from the hurricane and to our expansion of the program, we are in need of additional funding. Please consider increasing your gift this year.

- **With your shopping:** When you designate Rescue One as your charity, Amazon smile will send us .5% of your purchase.

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“From the beginning until today I see so many other organizations start but they do not finish. From grade 5 through 13 you stay with us. It is unbelievable. All the children want to replicate the program when they grow up.”



These words of trust were spoken by a student in 2014 and show how important your continuing support is. RO wants to be there for the students until they are employable.



The Rescue One Board **thanks you** for your compassionate and generous support. Because of you, Rescue One is bringing God's grace into the lives of 81 Haitian children. Thank you for partnering with us in being the hands and feet of Jesus to these vulnerable

**This year,
give the gift of hope to
a child in Haiti.**

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 printing and mailing costs go directly to Haiti.