



# Rescue One

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## Living at Home

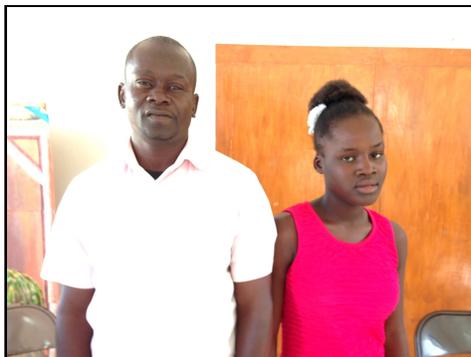
One basic goal of the Rescue One program is keeping children in their own homes. Many children who live in orphanages have families who sent them away because they do not have the resources to care for them. The

RO program supplies the resources the family cannot provide: education, food, and medical and social intervention.

Why do we feel strongly about keeping children with their own family? According to Catholic Social Services, children in orphanages have higher rates of social and emotional problems and are more likely to be exposed to violence and sexual abuse. RO supports the children and their families so that they can stay together. To further improve the children's welfare, the RO committees in Haiti encourage these families and educate them about good child rearing practices.

What might the family unit in Haiti look like? Some children may live with one or with both parents. Other children may live with a grandparent, an uncle or aunt, or even with an older sibling or cousin. To the child, this is home. This is his/her support group.

In addition to their home family, the Rescue One program becomes an extended family unit for the children, bonding them with love, mentoring and medical and social services. The children look up to the church committee members and coordinators.



These children also look to you, the donors, as their family. They feel the love and care that comes with your financial support. They call you family and pray for you. **Thank you for blessing them with your gifts and with your prayers.**



*Thirty-two thousand children are languishing unnecessarily in **760 orphanages** in Haiti. At least 80% of these children have one or two living parents who want them, but have no access to health, education or social services in the community.*

—[independent.co.uk](http://independent.co.uk)

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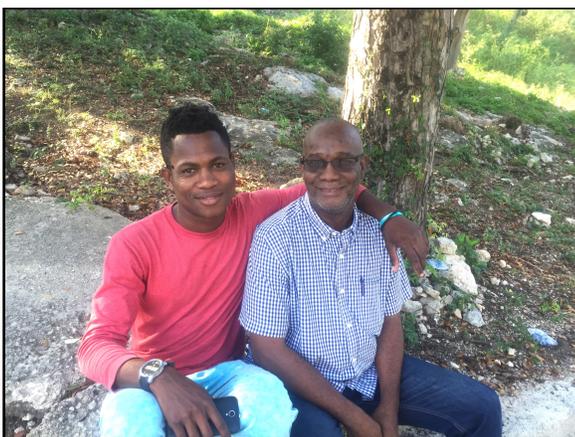
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## Youth Empowerment Retreat

Again this year, the Youth Retreat, held on March 26 and 27, was a huge success. According to our Director in Haiti, Kerline Jules, her one and only purpose for the spiritual retreat was to help the youths grow their relationship with the Lord. This year her focus was on how to live a Christian life after accepting Christ as one's personal Savior. She states, **"I do my best to teach the Scriptures so they can make the best decision ever."**

Kerline accomplished her goal through a variety of speakers and worship sessions. One speaker, a lawyer and father of 4, described the three monotheistic religions of the world and led the participants to see the beauty of Christianity. Another speaker, a mother and coordinator at Teen Challenge, used drama to illustrate how to live a sanctified life based on I Thessalonians 4:3-7. A Haitian entrepreneur showed the youths how they can succeed in any profession in life, that they are to choose a profession according to their skills, what is available, and the needs of the community.

Each day participants engaged in powerful worship sessions. Kerline states that **the Bible study sessions, the educational and motivational sessions, and the worship and prayer time created a haven of great joy where everyone felt closer to the Lord.** She is thankful for the ambience of the Nazarene campus, for the cooking team, and for all of the people who assisted her in planning the event. She gives thanks to all of the donors and to those who supported the retreat with prayer.



## Prayer Corner

**Praise:** The Youth Empowerment Retreat was a time in which youths felt closer to the Lord and were strengthened with tools for walking as Christians.

Thank God for an excellent Haitian staff who plan meticulously and who tirelessly support the students.

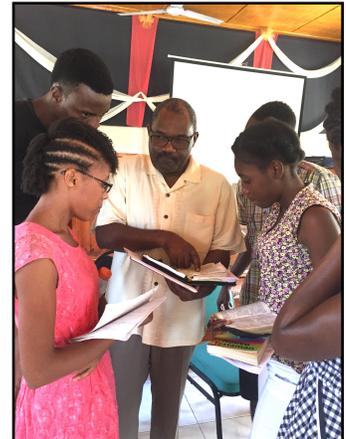
**Petition:** One student will be taking a grade 13 test and five students will be taking the grade 9 test. Pray that they will be able to give a good account of their learning.

Pray for relief from the gang instigated tension in the Bolosse area. This frightens our staff and students and puts them in danger.

Pray for the organizers who plan Summer Camp. Those delightful days will be here soon!



*"I think it is a good initiative to meet for two days in God's presence, study God's word, worshipping the Lord. The agenda was well done and the speakers were very good and I've learned a lot. We ask God to bless all those who made this retreat possible and will pray that God continue to provide for such spiritual retreats."  
—E (graduate of RO program who attended the retreat.)*



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