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Compassionate Hearts Willing Hands

It was the week of the Youth Retreat in which the older students in the Rescue One program gather for spiritual and social enrichment and for mentoring and encouragement. While students and staff were gathered together, word reached the group that the father of Doreen, one of our students, had been kidnapped from their slum home and killed.

All of the staff and students are able to identify with the issues that the troubled Haitian society brings into their lives. They were able to love and enfold Doreen and give her the support that she was needing. They became a source of comfort for her.

The death of Doreen's father left her mother in dire circumstances with no way to support her other children. The Haitian director of Rescue One and the committee members of the church that supports Doreen gathered her mother into a conference to discern the best way to deal with this issue. She had already sent 2 of the children into the countryside. The committee tried to find her a place to live near the school so that Doreen would not lose the support of the Rescue One program. They found a home in a nearby, quality Christian orphanage for the youngest children where they can receive food, schooling and care and where the mother will be able to visit them.

We at Rescue One thank God every day that we have loving, caring partners on the ground in Haiti who can analyze situations there and find solutions within their society.

To God be the Glory.



"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matt. 25:40

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Prayer Corner

Thanksgiving:

- Give thanks for the helping hands of our Haitian church associates.
- Give thanks that a graduate has an internship with Digicell, a large cellphone company in Haiti.

Petition:

- Pray that Haiti will be calm enough for school to begin this September.
- Pray for peace for Doreen, her mother and her siblings.
- Pray that Haitians will have shelter and food and clothing, basics of life that we take for granted.
- Pray for jobs for our graduates.
- Plead for the safety of the children and staff during Summer Camp. Pray that the Spirit will move in each young life to give them confident knowledge of a Savior who walks by their side.



Summer Camp is a time filled with games, fellowship, Bible lessons and spiritual growth. It is the favorite part of the program for every one of the students.

Summer Camp

In a world of turmoil and fear, Summer Camp is the one respite our Rescue One students get from the stress of daily living in the slums. Think of the delights of US summer camp and VBS all rolled into one.



This year, the staff in Haiti was unsure of the wisdom of having summer camp. Because of the prevalence of gangs and demonstrations in the streets, they were concerned about transporting the children safely to and from camp. After much dialogue, 98% of them agreed that they must proceed with plans for camp during the last week in August.

These powerful quotes from our committed Haitian staff explain their reasoning:

*"Certainly, we all know that our country is experiencing a crisis. The situation is dangerous. It is awful. **But the most important thing we should remind ourselves, our security is in God's hands. It is worse (to be) terrified and give up.** If the driver needs help, if he feels scared to go alone to pick up the kids and the cooks, I am ready to go together with him. I believe that taking these kids out of this place where all the year, all day long is the noise of the battle, the detonation, bad news, dead people, etc... (Summer Camp) would be the best we can do for almost five days."*

"All we have now in the country is 'Stress' so if we can create fun, if we can provide a joyful atmosphere for the kids, that would be awesome."

"Instead of picking up the kids and the cooks in the church yard, let us meet a little bit two or three blocks further to avoid the most dangerous area. We would transport by hand the kitchen pots and dishes to the car. God will protect us as usual. We must do the camp for the kids."

"I am ready to give all my collaboration to make it a success."

"I agree we should have the camp because this is the only fun activity they have and they ask me every day when will be the summer camp. We cannot continue to live in fear. The kids need that time to free their mind from bad news before the reopening of the school year in September."

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