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Thank you for Summer Camp. We had a wonderful time.

## A Prayer for Haiti

Dear Heavenly Father,

You are a God of compassion who hears the cries of your people. You heard the cries of the Israelites and released them from slavery in Egypt. You are a God of justice who has promised never to falter or be discouraged until justice comes to pass on the earth. (Is. 42:4). May we not grow weary as we seek to be your agents in bringing forth justice. May we stand beside our partners in Haiti enabling them to do their work of bringing justice to the children.

Thank you that in spite of the stress and insecurity in Haiti, our partners there remain steadfast and unmovable in their work. Thank you that they daily go about their business boldly in your strength.



We pray for safety for the students as they walk to school, for safety for the staff as they run errands even to such dangerous places as the bank. We pray for calm for their troubled souls as gunfire wages around them and erodes their sleep. May the students be able to concentrate on their lessons. May they know you as their Good Shepherd.



We are grateful for nourishing food and healthy camaraderie at Summer Camp.

THANK YOU for your continuing financial and prayer support. Because of you, we remain able to bring Christian love, hope and joy to the children in Haiti.

Board of Directors: Dan Rinzema, Nancy Tuit, Jody Vogelzang, Bill Warners, Carol Woltjer

### From our Director in Haiti



Handelsona reports that she has had a "difficult and effervescent" week. She has loved ones who have lost everything. Nevertheless, she wants to shout "**Ebenezer**" and thank God for his protection and mercy. In spite of an uncertain future, people

keep moving forward and institutions continue to function.

Rescue One continues to function with these positive outcomes:

- Handelsona arranged the safe delivery of 12 computers donated to Rescue One by Haiti Christianity.
- O All five teenagers who took the state exam passed and will move on to high school.
- O Three students took the high school exam and we await their results.
- O Cheryl was able to take her final nursing exam and is waiting to receive her nursing degree.
- O Forty-two young people ages 12-19 from five of our church programs were able to attend Summer Camp. (See attached article and photos.)
- O Handelsona successfully enrolled 11 YEP students in their university and vocational school programs.
- O Handelsona successfully recruited new coordinators to manage 4 of the programs.



Healthy exercise took place in a wholesome setting.

#### Summer Camp

With a theme of cultivating humility and authenticity, students gathered in a safe, refreshing environment for a week of conviviality, leisure and learning. They practiced team spirit and tolerance and were given an opportunity to discover and appreciate their personal talents.

Each day began with devotions and included sports sessions, cleaning, personal hygiene, Bible study, lectures, crafts and healthy meals. The day concluded with an evening program of cinema or competitions.

Handelsona notes that strong bonds were formed between students and that the Camp was a resounding success.



Students used their creative skills in craft time.



#### Meet Mr. Bill Warners

The Rescue One Board is pleased to welcome Mr. Bill Warners to our team. Originally from Haiti and raised in West Michigan, Bill is an attorney with Warner, Norcross, and Judd in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has a bachelor's degree in history from Calvin University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois, Chicago School of Law. Bill is proud to join Rescue One's board and believes in its mission to provide education and support to vulnerable children in Haiti.

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 87 Haitian children. You may donate by PayPal on our website or 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.