



# Rescue One

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## You Make the Difference

Donors, you are the reason for these joy filled faces. The Christmas party is the highlight of the year for the children. They leave their tiny, dreary homes and the crime riddled streets for a time of peace and joy and security and love. They dress in their finest—sometimes borrowed or traded from a friend, sometimes a gift from an aunt or godparent because these adults in their lives, like you, want to give a gift. Clothing is very inexpensive in Haiti. Seventy-six students, as many as could be transported safely, came for the celebration. The new coordinator of the Croix des Bouquets program, a graduate in theology, gave an enriching reflection on the Christian meaning of Christmas. Participants feasted on a hot meal, beverages and cake. Gifts were given—necessities such as tennis shoes, socks and underwear. An older student from the YEP\* program hosted the event.

We give thanks for Handelsona and her staff who spent hours of planning and who braved the streets to shop for just the right food, decorations, and gifts. They tell us that the joy that animates the faces of the students is worth the difficulties and the fatigue they encounter.



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you*



Your generous support in 2023 has been a great blessing to the children of the Rescue One Foundation\*. Because of rampant inflation in Haiti, our costs continue to increase. The members of the Haitian churches also suffer from inflation and find it difficult to contribute their matching portion of the budget. In spite of that, they continue to do their best to insure that these students receive an education.

\*The Rescue One program is made up of two segments. Rescue One includes the students until they graduate from high school. The Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) includes those in university or a trade program.

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Please pray for these students:

For safety, Harry is forced to walk additional kilometers and take transportation to get to school. He lives in constant stress as armed bandits pass by every day. He takes the risk to get to school in order to reach his goal of helping his adoptive mother.

Ruthann and her mother left home in a hurry as bandits set fire to houses in their area. They were unable to save anything. Ruthann lost her books, her school uniforms and everything else. Her mother moved out of the area and Ruthann is staying with an aunt in order to attend school.

Thelma had an accident on her way to school and was badly bruised. We thank God for sparing her and giving her healing.

In addition, please pray for students who have family problems. Pray for safety for all of our students and leaders.



### Food Distribution

Some areas are too unsafe for the children to gather for their hot meal. The committee of one of our programs put together food sacs which parents can pick up from a central location so the children can be fed in their homes. Each child received a bag of rice, cereals, oil, sugar, a cube of cheese, spaghetti and milk.



### Successful Shopping

Handelsona accompanied these young men from the YEP program into the streets to the available shops to purchase tools they need to perform their trade: a sewing machine for one, wrenches and screw drivers for another. Note the treadle sewing machine—electricity is very undependable in Haiti.

### A Note from Dorothy

My name is Dorothy and I am 17 years old and in my last year of high school. My mother died in 2012 and my father had to take care of his two daughters. The \*Micah Foundation which supplies all my school needs, my breakfast and my lunch, has lifted a great burden from his shoulders. The Foundation allows me to develop my potential and has given me 2 friends who are very important in my life. Words are not enough to describe the benefits and support of the Foundation in my life. **Many thanks for the spiritual, economic, social and cultural and mental support you have given me over the last 11 years.**

\*In Haiti, Rescue One is known as the Micah Foundation

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