

Rescue One



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Looking Back

subsidiarity

When Jan and I and our Haitian friend Kerline Toussaint-Jules started the Rescue One program in 2004, we had no idea that we were launching a children's program based on the concept of subsidiarity. We didn't even learn that ten-dollar word until three years later. However, subsidiarity is a great word and a great concept. This is especially true as it applies to helping poor people around the world.

Simply stated, **subsidiarity conveys the concept that an issue or problem should be dealt with by the people who are closest to it.**

Although we didn't know the word subsidiarity in 2004, the concept of helping local people solve local problems made intuitive sense to us. I can even remember telling Kerline and the pastor of our first partner church that they would have to figure out how to rescue children in Haiti because Jan and I certainly did not know how to do that. They, on the other hand, understood the local culture and the local needs and how to determine who deserved help and who did not.

Looking back over the first seven years of Rescue One, it is now very obvious that God directed our path. He showed us a model that allowed local Haitian churches to work hand in hand with Christians from North America to provide food, healthcare and a Christian education to children who would otherwise have grown up malnourished, uneducated and without healthcare.

This vibrant ministry is the result of international teamwork. We would like to thank:

- The committee members of the Haitian sponsoring churches who are doing most of the work to make the Rescue One Program possible.
- The Haitian churches that are contributing 30% of the cost of the Rescue One program.
- The North American supporters who are contributing the other 70% of the cost.
- Kerline Toussaint-Jules and Carol Woltjer for their day to day management, and
- The Rescue One Board for continuing to oversee the Rescue One program.

Ted and Jan Boers

Founders



Board of directors: Trish Borgdorff, Suanne Sweetman, Nancy Tuit, Carol Woltjer

Meet Leona



Leona is a joyful young girl, rich in potential. The Bolosse Church recruited her as a Rescue One student in 2005 when her parents could no longer afford to send her to school.

At the time, her father was making \$60 per month and the salary was needed to sustain Leona, her mother, father, a sister, 2 brothers and a cousin. Since the earthquake, the family has been living in a tent. Leona's father became ill three years ago and was hospitalized for several months in the only public hospital of Port-au-Prince. He was no longer able to work. In January, he passed away

of a heart attack. Because the family could not afford to bury him, they were given financial assistance by friends and by the Bolosse Church. Leona was devastated by the loss of a father she loved. For the first three weeks after his death she stayed home from school. She has returned to school but is still grieving and needs our prayers. Leona is a brilliant young girl who has excellent scores and leadership ability. She will graduate this year and sees the future with a lot of hope. Rescue One is pleased to support Leona. Please pray with us that she will pass her official exams in July and that she will be able to support herself and her family and contribute to the development of Haiti.

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The Rescue One Board is pleased to announce the formation of our sister board in Port-au-Prince. In keeping with the concept of **subsidiarity**, one of our goals has been to give more control to our partnering churches in Haiti.

On Saturday, February 25, 2012, seven new board members met with our Director in Haiti, Kerline Jules, for an inaugural meeting. She set up an agenda which introduced the Board (known as Fondation Michee in Haiti) with a powerpoint that presented a mission, a vision and board responsibilities.

The new board members were pleased with the mission and the strategies. One of them, Pastor Labady, testified as to the challenges and blessings of being a board member in Haiti. This is not a common concept there and he encouraged the other members to give of themselves for the sake of the children.

The members are choosing to meet every month in order to build the foundation of the board and to choose an executive committee. Please join us in fervent prayer that this group will be successful in meeting the needs of our Haitian children.

Right: students at the Bolosse church meal site.

The Bolosse Church

The Bolosse Church was the first church that Rescue One partnered with. They started with 15 children and now support 20 children. The church is located near the Baptist Church and Maranatha School in a tough neighborhood surrounded by shantytowns and infested with gangs. The Bolosse Church had the first graduate from our program and this year will graduate three more students.

Join us in thanking God for the Bolosse church, for its dedicated committee, and for its strong chairman, Mr. Wilson Celestin.



The Rescue One Board **thanks you** for your generous contributions. The needs in Haiti continue to be beyond our comprehension. So many obstacles confront the people. Your check can be made out to the Rescue One Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) corporation. All contributions except for printing and mailing costs go directly to Haiti.