

# Rescue One

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## Back to School

In Haiti, as in the USA and Canada, students will be returning to school in September. The Rescue One staff and board are grateful for your partnership with us. Because of your generous gifts, there is a ray of hope in the lives of many Haitians.

◆Seventy-five poverty stricken students will be able to return to school this fall because of you.

◆Your gifts enable us to purchase these items for each child:

school fees	\$271
clothing	\$25
shoes	\$9
school supplies	\$37
food	\$285

◆The cooks from each program go to the local markets to buy the food for the students. This helps stimulate the Haitian economy.

### Mission Statement

**To rescue, one at a time, *vulnerable*\* children living in Haiti by providing them an opportunity to grow in a wholesome, Christian environment.**

\*Who is a vulnerable child?

Because of the extreme poverty in Haiti, many children are sent to live with friends or relatives. These children, called *restavecs* (meaning "stay with" in French), literally become slaves. They are deprived of health care, food, education, and other basic necessities of life and are frequently physically abused.



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A classroom in the Bas Vaudreuil school

## Bas Vaudreuil

### Imagine . . .

Walking 2 1/2 hours for potable water, lighting a kerosene lamp (called a "lamp tet gridap") for light at night, no medical care, no irrigation and no agriculture, children playing in the dust--some of them unclothed and unfed because their family cannot afford basic necessities. If a woman has wares to sell in the market, she must walk 15 minutes to public transportation, then ride a tap-tap or motorcycle 30-45 minutes more to reach the market in Croix de Bouquets.

Such is the plight of the people in the countryside village of Bas Vaudreuil, one of the poorest villages in Haiti. They build their homes in the archaic way using mud. Because they are without safe water and latrines, the residents are at risk for typhoid and cholera. The hope of most of them is help from friends and relatives who live in Haiti and in other countries.

There are few schools in the area and the students who can afford to attend school struggle to study under the smoky light of the kerosene lanterns.

In 2010, Rescue One added the school in Bas Vaudreuil to its program. We are pleased to support ten students there and to contribute to the welfare of the village.



Students in Bas Vaudreuil wear plaid shirts with green jumpers for the girls and pants for the boys.



A view in the village of Bas Vaudreuil.

Please pray with us:



Pray for wisdom for the RO board as decisions that affect these vulnerable in Haiti.

Pray for Stanley, an RO student who sustained an eye injury. Pray that the surgeons will be able to restore sight to his eye.

Pray for other students who have been ill and who need surgery.

Give thanks for the program coordinators in each of the 5 schools. They spend time nurturing the students and one of them spent hours taking a student from doctor to doctor for medical care.

Pray that in the coming school year, each student will grow in knowledge, in wisdom, and in faith.

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 75 Haitian children. 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.