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Dear Supporters,

As I begin this newsletter, it is Pentecost Sunday. This morning we sang:

***Holy spirit, rain down, rain down,
Oh, Comforter and Friend
How we need Your touch again
Holy Spirit, rain down.***

I reflect on how this Spirit has rained down with power to produce change in Haiti, doing miracles that only he can do. I stand in awe of his generosity in allowing me to be part of this program where I see his hand clearly displayed in the actions of the Haitian staff as they minister with mercy, compassion and love to disadvantaged children.

Your prayers and donations make possible this work that I love so much. If only I could take you to see the children in their classrooms, the beribboned pigtails, the cracked chalkboards spilling over with grammar and spelling lessons, the children diligently rinsing their dishes after a meal of rice and beans . . .

Maybe someday that will be possible but today I can show you the Haitians at work, show them gripping challenges, show how their keen observations lead to actions that make the program flourish. These actions speak boldly of the dedication and capabilities of our Haitian partners.

The Rescue One program was founded on the concept of subsidiarity—the theory that the people closest to the problems are the ones best equipped to find solutions. The following articles give validity to this concept.

With deep gratitude for your support,
Nancy Tuit,
President

At the annual staff committee meeting, two young men were overjoyed to receive tools they need for their trade.



The Best Youth Retreat Ever

During Summer Camp, 2015, the staff in Haiti recognized unique needs of the teenagers and organized a special retreat to address these needs.

On Saturday, March 12, at 3PM, 41 young people ages 15-24 and 7 volunteer leaders arrived at an affordable, well-equipped conference space for an intense 25 hour period of learning about what God has to say about living and loving him and each other better. The group addressed issues such as peer pressure, spiritual growth and relationships.

Two of the leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, are well respected in church leadership and are the parents of three sons. Mr. Nelson enjoys mentoring and motivating youth because when he was young someone played that role in his life.

One participant wrote this on her evaluation:
I already feel that my life will be completely different after this retreat.

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A Miracle Happened

In the darkness of midnight, by the light of her phone, Kerline, our director in Haiti, opened the packet of evaluations that she had received from the youths at the youth retreat. With shock and surprise, she read these words:

I am not Christian and some time I feel the desire to become a voodoo priest, and I feel like I want to drink blood. I want the leaders to pray for me about that.

Dante, a gentle, open and respectful young man, had penned those words. In dismay, Kerline reflected on how the devil wanted to ruin his life. She gave him a Bible and asked an elder to mentor him and pray for him but he did not decide to give his life to the Lord.

A few weeks later, at the Annual Meeting of the Haitian Committees, Dante was one of the students receiving tools for the trade he is working in. With a heavy heart, one of the leaders talked to him personally about the need to accept Jesus as his Savior. As she spoke, she started to cry. Dante fell on his knees and could not stop weeping. One leader took him aside and 30 minutes later they returned to announce that Dante had accepted the Lord. He removed his necklace and announced that he also wanted to remove certain items from his home. The leaders created a prayer chain around Dante and erupted in a round of applause.

Since then, the leaders have given Dante clothing appropriate for church and a telephone so that they can communicate with him. They have enrolled him in a class for new believers and have found a mentor to guide him in his newfound faith.

Thank you, donors, for making this miracle possible. Please continue to support Rescue One

- **With your prayers:** Be in prayer for Dante and others like him and for the leaders who disciple and guide these young people.
- **With your Amazon shopping:** indicate Rescue One as your beneficiary at Smile Amazon.
- **With your sponsorship:** There is still time to support Summer Camp. (See our website, www.rescue-one.org, under newsletters for reports of past summer camps.) Sponsor one or more days of camp at \$600 per day or sponsor one or more children for the entire camp period at \$37.50 per child. Any extra funds collected will be applied to the RO budget.
- **With your financial blessings:** Make out a check to the Rescue One Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation, OR give on our website with paypal OR consider a gift of stock or other securities.

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The church members are showing true Christian love toward this young man. This personal intervention comes from a caring church family sharing the love of Christ. This is not something that can come from the outside, particularly those of us who live in a different culture and place. Rescue One is so blessed to see this dedication.

—C. Woltier, US Director

Dante started in the RO program in 2005.



The Holy Spirit reached into Dante's heart and is transforming his life. "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:10"

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