



Rescue One

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Anticipation



Fresh air, healthy exercise and games are an important part of summer camp.

Thank You

The Rescue One students in Haiti, the RO board, and the staff and board in Haiti **thank you** for your numerous and generous gifts during the past year. Without you, these children would have nothing.

Now these 80 children have

**EDUCATION + FOOD +
HEALTH CARE + MENTORING**



**WHOLISTIC CARE = HOPE
FOR THE FUTURE**

Summer Camp is a week of smiles, interaction with peers and role modeling from adults who serve as Christ served us.

Anticipation starts early and runs high for **Summer Camp**—the children talk about it all year. New students catch the enthusiasm from veteran students. They anticipate all the highlights of the experience: Bible stories, games, fresh air, healthy meals three times per day, the companionship of their peers and much more.

Planning starts early and runs high for the committed staff. Structuring the sessions, finding a safe venue, shopping for food, developing devotions, organizing crafts and games and making arrangements to transport all the needed supplies such as cooking pots, water, food and craft materials—this is a gargantuan team effort for which the Haitian leaders use all their skills and energy to make sure the camp experience is clean, safe, educational and wholesome. Then, in a country where the main form of transportation is a tap-tap, it is necessary to transport 74+ students, 7 YEP youths (who help at the camp), as well as all the leaders and cooks.

Also needing attention are the younger children who have been recruited to replace graduates. Caring for them weighs heavily on the staff who feel responsible for the safety of these little ones. Leaders give them extra attention in areas like daily grooming. Last year, one small girl was so homesick that a leader had to hold her during much of the session.

Highlights of Summer Camp in 2017 included

- learning to view an eclipse safely since one was to occur just after the camp session and
- going to a small park/aquarium/zoo and museum, a unique experience for these children.



Making crafts is a favorite camp activity.



These young girls are delighted with the clothing they received at camp.

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Josie's Story

Josie is a precious young girl who was adopted by an aunt and an uncle because her mother had psychological problems. First the aunt died; then the uncle. Josie was sent to the countryside to serve as a **restavec**. A cousin became aware of her plight and went into the countryside to rescue her. When she found Josie unclothed, the cousin removed her own blouse, covered Josie and took her home.

The needs in Haiti are so great. The little that we do can have a great effect. Thank you for caring about these children and sending your gifts. Rescue One is an apt name for the program as we seek to rescue one child at a time.

Prayer Corner

Thank God that Rescue One can give the gift of hope to these vulnerable Haitian children.

Thank God for the gifts of the Haitian staff who serve as Christ's hands and feet to these children.

Pray that God will keep these little ones safe and that they can learn they love of Jesus through the committed Christian leaders.

Pray that God will bless the preparations for this year's Summer Camp which is an enriching time for the children.

Pray that the older children in the YEP program will develop skills that enable them to be productive citizens in Haiti.



"Restavec" in Creole means "staying with" and is a term used to describe children who are sent to live with other families as slaves. They are deprived of their most basic human rights.

Young Empowerment Program (YEP)

The newest component of the Rescue One Program is the YEP. This fledgling program was established to support the older students as they graduate from high school and enter university or trade school. At present, we are seeking additional funds to support these young people. **You may make a gift designated specifically for this purpose. Thank you.**



Crowded, smoggy streets of Port-au-Prince



A wholesome Summer Camp venue

The Rescue One Board **thinks you** for your compassionate and generous support. Rescue One is a small light bringing God's grace into the lives of 80 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, or you can donate by PayPal on our website. All contributions except for printing and mailing costs go directly to Haiti.