### SPRING 2019

# Rescue One



# Meet Daphne

Daphne is an 8th grade Rescue One student who has been in the program for 5 years. Her mother died and she lives with her father, step-mother and little sister in a slum house. She lives very far from school and walks almost 4 hours a day to get to and from school. It is still very dark when she leaves her house in the morning. She has to pass through some nonsecure streets. She leaves home very early so that she has time to pick up breakfast at the breakfast site before arriving at school. Can you imagine after walking that long way every day, there is homework to do

before night because there is no electricity? Guess what? She loves school and always has great scores in her classes. We are so proud of her.

When Daphne's father and step-mother were in an accident and required several surgeries, Daphne got up even earlier to care for her younger sister before school. She continues to be very strong and never discouraged.

Since the accident, her father can no longer go into the streets to look for work. Can you imagine how precious your gifts are for this girl? She has no worry for her school fees, for her breakfast, her dinner and other needs just because of your generous gifts. Let's continue to pray for Daphne. She has a brilliant future. PO Box 8174 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49518 www.rescue-one.org

Let us know...

We love keeping you informed with our quarterly newsletter and our website. We enjoy having you know about our students, our Haitian partners, and the country of Haiti.

If you would like additional updates, such as urgent prayer requests, please let us know.

Jot us a note at: info@Rescue-One.org



A typical slum house such as our students might live in



A student enjoying playtime at an RO sponsored event

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### Did you know...

Rescue One does as much as possible to support the economy of Haiti. For example, at the beginning of each school year, fabric for new uniforms is purchased in Haiti and local dressmakers are hired to sew the uniforms. About 150 items are fabricated since some students require two blouses.

## Prayer: Blessings

In spite of the turmoil in Haiti, there is so much good to report. God continues his work in a dangerous and fallen world.

- A sixth church has asked to partner with Rescue One. This would increase the number of students we support (and our budget!). So many need our help.
- The number of current Rescue One students has increased from 81 to 83.
- Two Haitian churches have increased the percentage of their matching gifts to the program raising the average percentage of Haitian support from 27.3% to 28.4%.

Enjoying the

daily dinner

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

# Prayer: Needs

Much has happened in Haiti since our February newsletter. After that issue went to press, a time of major insecurity occurred. The country was in general turmoil as riots



took place, schools shut down, and gasoline was unavailable. The price of a gallon of water increased 25% and that of a loaf of bread, if you could find one, by 50%

This affected our program and our students but we are grateful that no one was injured. Since our students could not go to school, they could not get their meals. One of our YEP graduates lost her job because the bakery in which she worked closed. Please pray that students like her will be able to find work.

One of our first church programs, the Bolosse church, and the Maranatha school where some of our students attend, are dealing with an especially difficult situation because they are located in a dangerous neighborhood. Pray for the safety of our brothers and sisters in Christ there.

The father of a YEP student, Daisy, was kidnapped from their slum home 15 days before the Youth Retreat. It was a silent and sad time as our director, Kerline, shared the news that he had been shot. Being at the Retreat was a

time of support and therapy for Daisy. Other students quickly and easily related to the news because many of them come from dangerous neighborhoods.

A student receives the news of the death of Daisy's father.





Our students continue to be extremely grateful for your generosity. They know that without you, they have no opportunity for an education and a daily meal and they have no hope.

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 83 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.