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A Thank You from our Director in Haiti



In this frustrating year of Covid, we continue to have much to be thankful for. Your continuing support of Rescue One has encouraged the US Board and the Haitian staff. Our program remains strong and lives are being enriched through it.

The following thank you was received from Kerline Jules (pictured on left), our competent, wise and dedicated Director in Haiti:



Being faithful in giving when things look pretty much normal makes sense to many people. But staying faithful and continuing to give when things go wrong, staying faithful in a time of deep confusion, in a time when you are asking so many questions about the economy, about the future, about Covid and so on, yes, staying faithful in giving in this particular time in our history makes a lot of difference. It means a lot. It is deep love.

Thank you to all of you who are so faithful serving the Lord through the poorest. May God keep pouring on you and your family His abundant blessings. On behalf of each child of the Rescue One program, I thank you.

The entire Rescue One family wishes you a Thanksgiving filled with love, peace, joy and health.



An Affirmation from the Treasurer of the Bolosse Church Program

Let me take this occasion to tell you how much joy I had participating in the meeting that you (Kerline) had with the leaders of the Bolosse Social Ministry Committee a few weeks ago. I felt great satisfaction when I heard the success stories from the children who benefit from our Rescue One program, especially those who become responsible and mature young adults today.

*These positive results motivate me to encourage the church Executive Committee leaders to continue to engage in this great ministry. **I believe this is the best thing that the Rescue One Foundation and the Bolosse Church can do together when they allow these children to have an education and achieve extraordinary things.***

It was in that meeting that I realized that this is the best investment that the church could ever do; the church must fight for this program to stay alive because each child we save is good in many ways, especially when it helps by preventing the neighborhood and even Haiti from having more gangsters.

Testimonies from our donors:

- I give to Rescue One because all the money goes to Haiti.
- I give to Rescue One because each Haitian church must provide matching funds.
- I give to Rescue One because the students finish the program with skills they can use in society.

Board of Directors: Jeff Buursma, Dan Rinzema
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Meet Phyllis

(left in photo, with cards)

Phyllis is a 19-year-old Rescue One student who was recruited into the program at age 6. She is now being cared for by an older sister after the passing of her mother.

During a mobile medical clinic performed by the medical staff of the Community Church, a doctor diagnosed a hernia. Phyllis is in persistent pain and it has prevented her from attending school. One night, during an episode of acute pain, Phyllis' sister took her to a hospital where a sonogram revealed that surgery is necessary. The committee of the Community Church is seeking to find a good surgeon at a reasonable price to give Phyllis the care she needs. She also suffers from gastric reflux which is under control with medications purchased by Rescue One.

Sister Daniella, the coordinator of the Community Church program, has been guiding the care of Phyllis. The students and their families call her "Mommy, Daddy" because of the emotional love and support she gives them. Sister Daniella received this note from Phyllis:

Mommy, Daddy, you are the best mother in the world that God can ever send to a little motherless like me. I love you so much, mommy. My little heart is full of joy since you came into my life to offer me the love that my mother did not have the time or chance to offer her little daughter.

One uniqueness of RO is that we give the children the privilege of seeing the Haitian people themselves involved in enriching their lives. These Haitians are the hands and feet of Jesus.



Prayer Corner

Praise: For the strong Haitian nationals who continue to bring the love of Jesus to our students.

Petition: That the Haitian economy will improve to a level that is less harmful to our Haitian friends and to our program.

That Phyllis will receive competent health care and that she will make a complete recovery.



The Haitian Economy

In the last couple of months, the Haitian banks have reevaluated the Haitian gourde. In simple terms, the US dollar which previously purchased 120 Haitian gourdes now purchases about 62 H gourdes. The prices for goods in Haiti has not gone down. The implications of this are that anyone who receives American dollars can now buy about half of what they used to buy. For our Haitian friends, this means that their cost for food and clothing has nearly doubled. For our program, it means that the cost of our program has increased by this amount also. This is a sad setback for our friends in Haiti. Please keep this situation in your prayers. Our God is faithful.



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 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.