



Rescue One

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Resilience

In spite of the chaos in Haiti, our Rescue One program continues to function with adjustments as necessary. Handelsona continues to lead the 6 church programs each of which is different depending on the coordinator and on which part of the city it is located. Our programs are in Port-au-Prince which is the most dangerous part of Haiti with some areas of the city being more dangerous than others. For safety reasons, Handelsona communicates via phone with the coordinators encouraging and guiding them.

Our Haitian partners are resilient and continue to perform in spite of extreme difficulty. This supports our philosophy that the people closest to the problem have the best opportunity to manage it. We are grateful that these goals are being achieved:

- We were able to provide needed dental work for Jimmy.
- For most of the students, school started again in April or May. YEP* students could not deal easily with online learning due to electricity and internet connection issues.
- Rescue One was able to supply food kits to the children in 3 of the programs as well as to the older children in the YEP* program and to the coordinator of each program. (See article on page 2.)
- The lunch and dinner programs at the Bolosse church site have resumed. The Community program is serving a hot meal at school. Bellevue-Salem has also resumed their food program.
- Several people in Haiti are contributing funds to transport students to school in areas where it is too dangerous for them to walk.

We thank God for providing a way through the turmoil.



Donors, we cannot thank you enough for continuing to support the children in Haiti. You are the source of food, education and hope for these children as well as enabling the local Haitians to nurture and guide them.

Our Haitian Director Handelsona writes this about the food distribution:

We would like to thank God for his immeasurable love and faithfulness, to thank the board for believing in the activity and giving us the financial support to carry it out, to the donors and the local staff who played an important role in the success of this activity. This has put a smile on my face. I'm so grateful to be able to continue to make myself useful for this need.

Parents and children send this message of thanks to local and international staff. I wish you understood a little Creole so that you could listen to and understand the parents' Whats Ap voicemails.

From Jimmy

With immense gratitude, I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks for the generous food kit you provided. Your support arrived at a time when it was most needed, bringing comfort and relief to our household.



Each item in this kit reflects your kindness and your desire to help others Your gesture has had a profound impact in our lives, and we are truly grateful to you. May your generosity be rewarded manifold. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for invaluable assistance.

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:13-14

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Prayer Corner

Prayers for Haiti, both formal and informal, tumble continually from our hearts. We give thanks for so much. On page 1, you can read about some of the positive things that continue to happen.

Please give thanks for:

- The overwhelming generosity of you, our donors
- Our resilient Haitian staff who keeps the program running
- Technology. Several of our staff have temporarily left Haiti for R&R in Canada or the US and keep the program running via their cell phones.
- God's mercy and safety in the lives of our leaders and students
- The sense of community and love that exists within our Rescue One family in Haiti
- The success of the food sac delivery program for students who were unable to receive meals at school

Please ask for:

- Continuing safety for our beloved Haitians
- The wisdom of our US board as we seek creative ways to distribute funding in Haiti. All of our money except for a small amount for mailing goes to Haiti and our desire is that it be used as effectively as possible.
- The formation of a stable government in the country and peace in the streets.
- For students who need to take their state exams. Pray that their minds might be clear and that they will be academically ready.



YEP students prepare the food for the sacs.

Food sacs ready for delivery by tap-tap



Food Distribution



The tap-tap is the colorful, ubiquitous Haitian public transportation

Because of the scarcity of food and the insecurity, the food was sourced from 2 different suppliers in opposite directions from each other and delivered early in the morning to Calvary Chapel, which has a surrounding wall, and to a private home in Croix de Bouquet, a very dangerous area of gang activity. Three current YEP* students helped with the preparation and distribution. The program required exact scheduling. Parents arrived clandestinely and at separate times to pick up food. A total of 93 kits were distributed. We give thanks and glory to God for his protection.

*YEP (Youth Enrichment Program) is the education program for post high school students.

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 85 Haitian children. You may donate by PayPal on our website or 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.