

Rescue One

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Students are overjoyed to be at Summer Camp

Summer Camp

From August 27 to August 30, 2024, 50 students ages 12-19 gathered at the Nazarene Camp in Port-au-Prince Haiti for their much anticipated Summer Camp. Supervision by our Rescue One leaders was supplemented by 12 youths from the YEP program, a theologian, 2 volunteers and a team of 5 who managed the kitchen.

The main objective of the event was to help each young person develop a personal relationship with Jesus and be guided by the Holy Spirit so that each life can reflect the presence of Christ. Camp activities were centered around four themes: Bible studies to nourish participants' spirituality, crafts to stimulate their creativity, sports to strengthen teamwork and promote physical health and various other activities providing moments of relaxation and entertainment.

Parents expressed their gratitude through audio messages on WhatsApp, happy that their children could enjoy leisure moments despite the difficult situation in the country,. The students only complaint? The event was not long enough.

Our Haitian friends express their deep gratitude to you, our donors, who play a crucial role in the success of this venture. Your contribution goes far beyond financial support as it reflects your genuine desire to improve the lives of these young people by offering them the means to grow in a positive and stimulating environment.

"Among our children, there are talented football players, remarkable singers, skilled dancers, and many other gifted individuals. Each summer camp provides a valuable opportunity to discover these diverse talents. Whether through artistic, athletic, or intellectual activities, these moments foster personal development, boost self-confidence, and help children better understand their abilities. Additionally, they encourage collaboration, creativity, and the discovery of new passions, while strengthening bonds with their comrades and mentors." Handelsona. Director in Haiti



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Prayer Corner

Give thanks for the safety of the students and staff during Summer Camp. We are grateful for the positive influence that camp has on the lives of these Haitian young people.

Keep the country of Haiti in your prayers. It continues to be a troubled and insecure place.

Pray for calm for the frightened students. School is scheduled to begin on October 1. Pray that the students can travel to and from school safely and for their ability to settle down and concentrate on their studies..

Pray specifically for two of our older students who need to complete their school work and are having difficulty. One is having problems accessing her online courses, Another needs to find a professor to monitor his final project and paper.

From Jimmy



After several years, I finally had the opportunity to participate in a summer camp, and I am delighted to share my experiences. This camp was a truly enriching adventure, providing valuable support on spiritual, educational, and social levels. The spiritual activities allowed me to strengthen my faith and explore new dimensions of my spirituality. On the educational side, the workshops and training sessions were particularly stimulating, giving me new

knowledge and skills. Finally, the social interactions with other participants fostered a sense of community and mutual support.

I want to express my deep gratitude to the supporters, organizers, and volunteers who made this experience possible. Their dedication and commitment were essential in making this camp a moment of growth and sharing.

(Jimmy is in his final year of engineering.)

Thanka!

From Helen

At the 2024 summer camp, I had the incredible opportunity to be part of the worship team. From the very first day, even though the atmosphere was a bit tiring due to it being the first day of camp, it didn't stop us from gathering around a welcoming movie that



evening. The worship moments and Bible studies were essential in helping the youth connect with God. I felt immense gratitude for being part of such a special activity.

Outside of those moments, I had the chance to interact with the younger ones, listening to their stories and discovering their talents, especially those who shared the same dorm with me. Although there was some resistance at times, I was still respected.

This experience not only allowed me to share my passion for connecting with the little ones, as I love being around children, but it also gave me the opportunity to witness the impact of brotherly fellowship up close. A big thank you to the camp staff and everyone who contributed to making each day at camp special. And thank you, Handel, for allowing me to have such a wonderful experience.

(Helen is in her final year of accounting.)



There are so many ways to exercise and have fun at Summer Camp.

With regret, we report that we had to make the difficult decision to disassociate from one of our church partners who did not meet the standards of our program.

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.