



# Rescue One

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*YEP students enjoy getting together.*



## The Reality of Life in Haiti

**D**oing work in Haiti is extremely difficult. It is difficult for the Haitians who try to eek out a living, to find food and shelter and safety. It is difficult for those of us who want to give them a hand up, to give them tools and skills for advancement.

The Rescue One Program is based in the city of Port-au-Prince, the area most affected by the gang warfare. Gangs roam the streets and control roads leading in and out of the city, blocking the supply chain and raising the cost of necessities. Our partners deal with high inflation and need to spend more for food, making it difficult for them to make their match. It can take two days for Handelsona to do the banking and transactions are delayed.

As we work with our Rescue One family in Haiti, we work to understand their culture in order to make decisions that best match their way of life. We lean on them for wisdom, using the principle that those closest to the situation are most able to find the solutions.

We struggle with communication. One moment our friends have power and wifi, the next

moment they do not. Conversations via Whats App can be disrupted multiple times. Also making communication complicated is the language difference. We are working with people for whom English is not their native language.

We wrestle with the knowledge that our friends live with uncertainty and insecurity. One day the children are in school, the next day schools are closed for safety reasons. One day Handelsona sends a message that everyone is going about their life as usual, that there is relative quiet. The next day, gangs are once again disrupting daily life.

We do not tell you these things to discourage your giving but to candidly acknowledge what we and the Haitians face. **These people are blessed by your gifts. They know that you love them, that you are praying for them, that you desire a wholesome life for them.** Knowing this makes the students want to achieve for you.

Thank you for caring about these precious people, created in God's image.

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## Prayer Corner

### Praise:

- Jimmy now has a professor to work with him on his senior project which will lead to a degree in Civil Engineering.
- We were able to purchase a meter for Harry to use to diagnose automotive problems.

- The small group of Haitians involved in

Rescue One go about their difficult lives with a deep faith that God is in control.

- Our RO students continue to pass the government tests and move from grade to grade.

### Petition:

- Ask that the Christmas picnic planned for December 21 to celebrate the birth of our Savior will be a safe, joyous occasion for the students.
- Continue to pray for the mental and physical well-being of all of the Haitians involved in the Rescue One program. The people are resigned, tired and overwhelmed.
- Pray that students can return to school and that they will be able to concentrate and learn.



*Croix de Bouquet students show off their school supplies.*

*Harry proudly displays his new meter. Your gift can help purchase needed equipment for our students.*



*Calvary Chapel students enjoy lunch.*

*“Christ has no body now on earth but yours,  
no hands but yours,  
no feet but yours,  
Yours are the eyes through which to look out  
Christ's compassion to the world  
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about  
doing good;  
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless men  
now.”*

*— St. Teresa of Avila*



*Salem 6 students (on left) and Bolosse students (on right) tell you, “Thank you very much .”*



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