

Summer Camp 2012

The Thanksgivings and Thoughts of Kerline Jules
Director of the Rescue One Program



Dear friends,

This year there were 78 children in attendance at our annual camp. The staff consisted of 19 full time leaders, 5 assistants and the drivers.

We arrived at the Double Harvest site at 5 P.M. on Sunday, August 19, 2012. Some of the leaders immediately began the process of settling each child into a dormitory. The cooks and other helpers began to work quickly to provide an evening meal. All this was accomplished before 9:00 P.M. when there is no more electricity provided for light.

DAILY CAMP LIFE

Individual Bible Time

The staff encourages the children, especially the teenagers, to read the Bible and have personal devotions each morning as soon as they awaken. They do this before they walk to the bathrooms.

Group Bible Study for Spiritual Growth

“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

This verse was used to discuss how a Christian should live and what a Christian life should include. Children from 3-7 years were taught by Renia, Junette, and Mikelang (a Rescue One



graduate). Dina and Emmanuel taught children from 8 to 12. Pastor Cator and Sister Daniela led the study for teens. At each age level the Rescue One children discussed:

- *A Christian life of **prayer*** – John 6:12
- *A Christian life of **humility*** – Proverbs 29:23, James 4:10
- *A Christian life of **integrity*** – Psalm 119:1
- *A Christian life of **perseverance and courage*** – Job 22:28

Nehemie Pierrevile



Nehemie Pierrevile shares what he learned this year in Bible study.

“During Bible study I learned how to manage my time, how to set a goal and be determined to attain it. I have faith in God and a dream for my life. Most important I learned how to live a life like Jesus Christ.

Before when I was with my friends who are not Christians I would act like them, but now I am acting like a Christian and encouraging them to act like me.

I pray that God will help me to change and put into practice the things I have learned.”

Micklin Accil writes. “This summer camp has been a successful experience for me. I learned many things that have changed my life.

Pastor Cator taught us about the life of Jesus from his birth to his death. Jesus Christ is a man of integrity. He is honest and obedient, obedient to death. He took the punishment in my place to save me. I learned how to live as my Savior, Jesus Christ, lived.

Micklin Accil



Sincerely the Bible study this year has had a great impact in my life, and it will continue to touch me. Pastor Cator through this Bible study session has saved my life. Thank you to all”.

Many of the children recruited at the beginning of the Rescue One program in 2004-2005 have become teenagers and young adults. Many live in areas of high risk, and when they have questions, they cannot find anyone to give them good advice, especially from a Biblical point of view. We invited Dr. Peck to lead a session on "Stresses During the Period of Adolescence: a Biblical perspective on Sex as a Moral Issue for Teenagers". The discussion included medical and psychological information and implications of behaviors. The teenagers learned that choices have consequences.



The young people responded with enthusiasm and participated in the discussion. After the session one student came to Mrs. Junette and stated, "All that I have heard from this session is saving me from bad things that I was about to do in my life."

Another student responded, "**I learned God is everything to me; I must believe in Him.** I must tell Him through prayer of a problem that I might have. When my friends and relatives cannot help me with a problem, I must have faith that God will help me.

I must take my school studies seriously to achieve the goals I have for myself. My study must come before my friends and the friends I have I must choose wisely."

We appreciated the willingness of Dr. Peck and Mrs. Fabiene to come spend a day at camp and offer guidance to our young people in how to live a Christian life.

During break time, Mrs. Daniella invited girls to individually talk with her. She listened to their thoughts and concerns and provided them with good advice on how to live a better life.

We are grateful to these women for encouraging young girls to make good choices.





Food for 100 people!



There would be no camp without food. Imagine for a moment if all the adults wanted to teach or chose other tasks. What if no one was willing to take the difficult responsibility of preparing food for 78 children?

Planning for food began before camp week. The children have always been given a balanced diet of vegetables and fruits that are growing in Haiti. I thank the five leaders who on Saturday and during the week went in the sun and the dust to the markets of Croix des Bouquet and Petion-ville to buy food for the menu of the week.



When the group arrived at camp, Kerline organized the food purchased for the week, while the cooks prepared the first meal.

I do not have adequate words to express my appreciation to the cooks at our camp who were truly servants of God by serving the children. The cooks slept in the kitchen to awaken before the children and have a healthy breakfast ready for them. Despite fatigue and mosquitoes, they remained at their task of preparing nutritious and delicious meals for those at camp. I think they have the most difficult and dangerous task during the week of camp. I thank God for keeping them safe while preparing the food over the boiling pots and in such heat.

It is important that the children also participate in the preparation of food when they are able.

- James is from the Bolosse program. Here he shows his strength by helping Pastor Cator transport large pans of food
- Jude is from the Croix des Bouquet program and helped with transporting bags of food.
- The children assist by making orange juice.
- The children also serve food.
- Everyday a group of children from one of the five church programs is chosen to help with cleaning, distributing food and washing dishes. They have fun making this into a contest.
- The children and young people learned from the example of the staff and cooks to cooperate and work hard to help at camp. Each morning the young people would pick up needed ice from another building on the campus and deliver it in an insulated chest to the cooks

Times of Fun and Joy

We recruited two young men from the Bolosse church to teach a craft activity to the children. These young men cheerfully accepted other responsibilities. They were ready to do anything. If there was a need, they offered their service: cleaning bathrooms, carrying mattresses, transporting charcoal - they are everywhere. I'm proud of them.

The children were able to watch a movie produced by the Sherwood Baptist Church of Albany entitled "Courageous". There are lessons at all age levels in the film. In this movie a father seeks to protect his daughter from continuing in a loving but bad relationship. The concept of integrity is also emphasized. Last year the group watched "Facing the Giant" which focused on the concept of faith. We thank this church for their assistance.

On Thursday evening the children, mostly the youth, decided to organize a program. The leaders laughed until they cried - it was soooooooooo funny. We did not have electricity. Kerline decided to use the lights and the music system of her car to allow the children to produce their program and have fun.

At the end of the program, Kerline congratulated the 4 graduates from the Bolosse church. It is hoped that when the younger children and students see the success of these four



graduates, they will be motivated to focus on their study and make every effort to be successful as these four graduates were.

She also took the occasion to thank each leader who contributed their time and energy to make this summer camp a great success.

The words of Sam speak for all the campers:

“My name is Sam. I really like the summer camp – especially the fun times. During the break times we play basketball, soccer and do other fun things. At home I don’t have a place where I can play like this. I made two more friends. They came from other churches - Community church and Eben- Ezer Church. We always play together. Also I like the songs, especially” **Open the eyes of my heart, Lord**”.

Please always organize summer camp so I can meet other children and have new friends.”



GIFTS WHICH ENHANCED THE LIFE OF THE CHILDREN AT CAMP

We greatly appreciate the gift of a donor who through Bethany Christian Services, provided for the purchase and transportation to



campus of 70 sleeping mats. This allowed the children and leaders to peacefully sleep well. I pray that the Lord continues to fill the cup of the donor with blessings.

It has become a tradition that each year we distribute clothes, underwear or shoes to the children during summer camp. We thank our brothers and sisters of the Ridgewood Church of Jenison, Michigan for providing the gift of underwear for the children of the program. Each child received between 3 and 6 pieces of underwear. You can see how happy they were to receive this gift.



Kerline also gave the children a gift of “looking back.” For the first time she decided to put pictures taken of the children several years ago on a wall at camp. Those who are teenagers were amazed to see themselves as little children.

We also received the gift of security. We know that God is the only one who really protects us. We would not have money to pay a security agency to secure the campus during that week, but God provided. Several police officers visited us from time to time. It was an amazing answer to prayer. We received God’s protection in every stage of this summer camp.



THE THREAT OF HURRICAN ISAAC

Not everything goes as planned. While we were at camp a storm was approaching Haiti which would become Hurricane Isaac, and the leaders questioned whether we should leave early or stay. We met on Wednesday evening after the children were in their rooms. It was after 9 P.M. so there was no electricity. It was important that all children be safe. It was decided to return them to their families on Friday rather than Saturday. The children were notified Thursday morning that it would be best to end one day early. They were disappointed. They so enjoyed being together and would have preferred to stay together through the storm.



THE THANKSGIVINGS AND THOUGHTS OF SISTER DANIELLA

Coordinator of the Community Church Rescue One Program

I had the privilege of spending an amazing week at the summer camp in the company of great people at the Double Harvest program site.

Children and leaders from the five churches participating in the Rescue One program came together as one large group. It was a pleasure for me to see all the joy in that group. The children ran, ate and lived in harmony as brothers and sisters.

No-one will forget the tireless Pastor Cator. He accepted the role of advisor, lawyer, judge, plumber and educator. His Bible studies with the teenagers helped us all see ourselves in God's word. He desired to make sure everything was going well and was the first to wake up and the last to finally go to bed after all the campers were in their dorm rooms. We appreciate your leadership. I personally thank you, my

brother in Christ, and I thank you for all the camp participants. May the Lord continue to use you.



How can I find the words to tell you of the love shown by Dina and Marie Yolaine to the little ones at camp. Each morning Marie Yolaine would lead a group of six little girls to the bathroom - each with their teeth brush in their hand and their clothes in their arms. They formed a line waiting as she patiently took care of each one. In the same manner Dina assisted the boys. They also did the laundry for these children. Be assured the Lord has taken note of your service to Him by serving the children.



Our wonderful team of cooks prepared such delicious food for us - each one working together with the others as a team while laboring under the blazing sun. Some had to go to a distant marketplace to buy fresh food that was needed for the meals. I felt I was part of a large family, and I knew we could count on the cooks to prepare wonderful meals. Lelene, Gla and Leonie helped me with my special diet, and they worked with the same love for everyone, especially the children. I will never forget you and the

manner in which you showed your love for your Lord in the manner in which you served.

For the first time I met the beautiful little Daphney from the Salem 6 Rescue One program. Each morning and evening she would offer to fill my thermos with water. The electricity was not reliable, and if there was no electricity, there was no water. (This was another issue the team faced.) She would check during the day also, asking if I had enough water or needed anything. My dear, it is my prayer that you will continue to grow with this spirit of service.

Kerline, I admire your courage, your sense of responsibility and your dedication. I can't forget Wilfrance and two other brothers who taught us how to make sandals, bracelets, and to paint. They served not only as teachers, but whenever we needed help for other things, they were always ready to assist.

I send my thanks to the donors of the Rescue One program who live in North American. The children look forward all year to the summer camp experience. The children of my church program, the Community Church program, share wonderful stories of what they did at camp. May God bless you abundantly. Thank you from deep in my heart. It is my prayer that the children will use the lessons learned and the opportunities provided in this week during the rest of their lives.

I leave you with these verses: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35), "He who gives to the poor will lack nothing. He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord "(Proverbs 28:27)."Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he shall not lose his reward" (Matthew 10.42).

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