# Rescue One



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These students from the Community Church send you heartfelt thanks for their education, their meals and the joy of attending Summer Camp. They send their wishes for a blessed holiday season.

## Return on Investment

Among the greatest joys for Rescue One students is the chance to attend Summer Camp. Here, away from the stress of their daily routine, they engage in opportunities to learn spiritual truths and to ponder moral decisions. They thrill to the wind in their face as they pump on a swing, delight in making friendships with Rescue One students from the other churches, develop camaraderie in game time and receive a feeling of satisfaction as they create crafts.

This year, Lorkendia, who is a graduate of the Rescue One program and who is currently receiving a scholarship from the Youth Leadership Program, returned to Summer Camp in a leadership role. Patiently and with a sense of responsibility and professionalism, Lorkendia worked with the children ages 5 to 8, teaching them Bible lessons and memorizing verses with them. Even though teaching was her main responsibility,

Lorkendia was found everywhere, helping in the kitchen and distributing clothing and school materials.



In the words of Kerline Jules, our director in Haiti, "We begin to enjoy a return on investment that we made in Lorkendia's life. We love her and wish great blessing on her life." love her and wish a great blessing on her life.

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#### Emmanuel

### God with us

The miracle of Christmas: God in His love and mercy sent His Son to tabernacle among us. The ongoing miracle: that Son continues to be with us in the person of His Spirit and in the hands and feet of other Christians who minister to us.

In the town of Port-au-Prince there lives a man named Emmanuel. He is the coordinator of the Rescue One program in the Salem VI school.

Also in Port-au-Prince there lives a young student named Stanley. Since the earthquake, Stanley and his mother and siblings have been living in a tent city. The mother, a former street vendor, now stays at home to care for her children. Stanley was chosen by the Salem VI church to be a part of the Rescue One program.

Early this summer, Stanley was hit in the eye with a stone thrown by some boys in the tent city. Emmanuel took Stanley to the doctor for treatment. Because Stanley required surgery, Emmanuel took him to the public hospital in Port-au-Prince. On two different occasions, the hospital cancelled the surgery after Emmanuel and Stanley made the long trip then waited there.

In God's miraculous ways, previous to all of this, an ophthalmologist had been given some equipment after his was destroyed in the earthquake. Through contacts of the Rescue One board, we had Stanley referred to him. He arranged for a surgeon at a hospital in the countryside. Emmanuel took Stanley there for his surgery, then took him into his own home for the following three days so that he would get the proper post-op care.

Recently, Emmanuel took Stanley for a post-op check-up. He is doing well; his vision has been saved. We also praise God for the vision in Stanley's heart. His favorite song is "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord."

We thank God that Rescue One is able to offer medical intervention to its students and we thank Emmanuel for lovingly and patiently being the hands and feet of Jesus.





## **Urgent Prayer Request**

Due to financial difficulties, one of the major donors to Rescue One has found it necessary to remove support. This amounts to about 30% of our budget. Please pray with us for new sources of funding and consider how you might be able to support us with additional funds this year.

You, too, can be the hands and feet of Jesus.

These are just a few of the costs that the Rescue One program incurs:

\$1,933 uniforms for 80 children \$782 shoes for 80 children

**Your gifts** will go a long way in bringing love, hope and mercy to the children in Haiti.



Game time (left) and snack time (below) at Summer Camp.



The Rescue One Board **thanks you** for your compassionate and generous support. Rescue One, a 501(c)(3) corporation, is a small light bringing God's grace into the lives of 80 Haitian children. Please send your check to:

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