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A Christmas Full of Love and Joy



Christmas in Haiti, as in the US, is a joyous and festive occasion. For those who can afford it, there are concerts and festivals and parties. There is always lots of crazy traffic with people and cars in the streets everywhere.

Our Haitian director, Kerline Jules, and the church committee members rose early and went to bed late to assure that the RO students could participate in the joy of the season. They shared the work, some shopping for just the right gift for each child,

others wrapping and labeling each gift with a child's name, some picking up the food, others decorating Calvary chapel to create just the right atmosphere. The coordinators deserve praise for negotiating the transportation of all the children to the chapel.

At the party, the children sang, danced, indulged in food including cake and soda and recited Christmas Bible verses. The Director of the children's church of Calvary Chapel engaged the children with an interesting presentation of the real meaning of Christmas. Each child received an illustrated book retelling the Christmas story.

Rescue One is grateful to the Andreas Family Foundation for a grant that funded this Christmas party as well as providing for Summer Camp 2015 and an improved feeding shelter for the program of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

"Because of you, your solidarity and generosity, we had a Christmas time full with love and joy. Thank you so much for your contribution to the happiness of the children."

— Card from RO students expressing their gratitude for the Christmas party



Facts and Figures

The Rescue One board is grateful to you, our donors, for supporting 80 students in Haiti for the year 2014. Because of you, 80 students received an education, one meal per day, medical help and loving Christian nurturing.

Did you know that. . .

- *an estimated 240,000 Haitian children cannot afford to attend school?*
- *the amount of money that RO must raise in the US this year is \$86,000?*
- *our partners in Haiti provide 26% of the costs of the program?*
- *for every \$100 that you contribute, \$98 goes to Haiti!*

*Board of Directors: Gary Nederveld, Dan Rinzema,
Nancy Tuit, Jody Vogelzang, Tom Waalkes, Carol Woltjer*

Please pray with us:

Pray for Lacey whose mother died recently and whose father is addicted to alcohol. The family lives in a very dangerous neighborhood. The Rescue One committee of her church is communicating with Laura's brother to better understand the situation and to offer their help in solving a difficult situation.



Pray for Luci, one of our graduates who has been assisting with the program. She contracted typhoid, probably from the drinking water in her neighborhood, and has been very weak.

Pray that God will continue to provide the Rescue One program with passionate leadership and with the monies necessary to continue the support of these vulnerable children.

Thank God that Rescue One is blessed with the opportunity to reach these vulnerable children.

To me, a faith in Jesus Christ
that is not aligned with the
poor...it's nothing.

Bono, lead singer of U2

Farewell

With gratitude for their service, Rescue One bids farewell to two members who recently completed terms of office. Sue Sweetman retires after seven faithful years as treasurer. John Nielsen retires after three years of sharing wisdom and insight.

Three ways to support Rescue One:

- **Send a tax deductible gift to PO Box 8174, Grand Rapids, MI 49518**
- **When you shop [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), use Amazon smile and designate Rescue One as your charity. Amazon will then donate 0.5% of the cost of your purchases to Rescue One.**

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- **Pass it on.** When you finish reading our newsletter, please pass it on to a friend who might like to read of our ministry in Haiti.

Introducing Dan Rinzema

The Rescue One board is pleased to welcome Dan Rinzema as our new treasurer. Dan is co-owner and CEO of two small Western Michigan companies and has experience serving on several boards including Crossroads Bible Institute and Bibles for Missions Thrift Centers. He lives in NE Grand Rapids with his wife, Diana, and has 2 children and 4 grandchildren. He is a member of Ada Bible Church.

Dan became interested in Haiti through his business partner, Ted Boers, and has been a financial supporter of Rescue One since 2012.

The Rescue One Board **thinks you** for your compassionate and generous support. Rescue One is a small light bringing God's grace into the lives of 80 Haitian children. 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.