



Rescue One

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The students in the Rescue One program wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Their hearts overflow with gratitude for your gifts which enrich their lives.

Christmas Celebration

Each December our Haitian church partners plan a festive event for the Rescue One students to remind them of Jesus' extravagant love for them. Some years, all of the students are gathered together into one place. Other years, each church plans its own joyous occasion. Children will sing Christmas carols, hear the story of the birth of our Savior and receive gifts appropriate to their needs.



Top Ten Reasons to Give to Rescue One this Season

10. Your money goes a long way in Haiti (about \$350 pays the school expenses of one child per year).
9. Your gift is a lasting gift bringing justice and mercy to the world.
8. Graduates of the program return to help in various capacities such as Summer Camp.
7. Students learn the love of Christ through the Haitian partners who nurture them.
6. As much as possible, the program purchases local Haitian goods such as food, uniforms and backpacks.
5. All US personnel are volunteers and pay their own expenses.
4. Your gift may save a child from the restavec (child slavery) system.
3. Your gift allows students to remain in their homes with their families.
2. Our Haitian church partners pay a percentage of the cost of the program.
1. Your gift empowers the Haitians to use their God-given gifts to minister to the Rescue One students.

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Joey



Joey is considered to be one of the brightest youths in the RO program. This 22-year-old has just completed high school and achieved exceedingly high scores in the national exams

organized by the Ministry of Education in Haiti. Since he was recruited into the program, he has always been first in his class and this year is first in his school in the national exams.

Joey was recruited into the RO program in 2010 when he was chosen to replace an older brother, Freddy, who died in a fall from a mango tree. The event severely affected the course of Joey's life. This brother was a role model to Joey who never misses an opportunity to praise him. In recalling the event, a deep sadness comes into Joey's eyes.

Joey is calm and reserved but this does not prevent him from being active. He is president of the youth association of his church and is a singer/songwriter in an inter-church group. He believes in working assiduously and with discipline to achieve a better tomorrow.

Joey has a love for mathematics and would like to become a civil engineer. He would also like to study agronomy and economics. With his self-discipline and aptitude, he will shine in whatever area he chooses.

Because of your support, Joey has a bright future. During his seven years in the program he has made his leaders proud of him.



Freddy, Joey's older brother, who died following a fall from a mango tree.

Prayer Corner

Praise: Give thanks that God answered prayers and spared Haiti devastation during Hurricanes Irma and Harvey.

Give thanks that our Haitian staff continues to use their God-given gifts to minister to the children of Rescue One.



Petition: Ask God to make Joey and students like him in the YEP program successful as they begin their education in college or trade school.. College students began their classes on November 2.

Pray that the political unrest in Haiti will ease so that our students can live without fear.

Continue to ask for God's blessings on our Haitian partners who are the key to the success of the program.



Soupe Joumou

(Pumpkin Soup)

Each New Year's Day, all Haitians who are able will dine on a delectable mix of pureed Haitian pumpkin (known to us as calabaza squash) mixed with meat or chicken, vegetables such as onion, turnip, celery and potatoes and spices such as cloves, parsley and thyme.

This soup is near and dear to the hearts of the Haitians because it celebrates January 1, 1804, the day on which the Haitian slaves declared independence from the French colonialists. Up until that day, only the French were allowed to savor this delicacy.

Did you know...

Today, one in six girls in Haiti is enslaved in domestic servitude, one in four girls has been sexually abused, and only one in three girls completes primary school and is able to start high school.

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.