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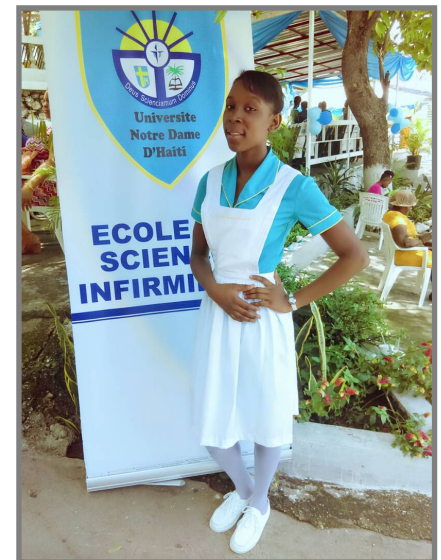


So often it feels to me, and to so many of you, that the little we do seems minute, unimportant, insignificant. We strain to see what possible difference it could be making.

And so it goes with our work in Haiti. Does my check, measured against the enormity of poverty in that country, do any good? Do my prayers, in light of the destitution, corruption and child slavery there, challenge the evil that is taking place? Does the hard work on the part of our Haitian partners do anything to relieve the suffering there?

Then God unveils the results of our labor: the 80 children who would not have this meal each day, who would not receive an education or medical care or the love of the church committees. These children look into the future with the hope of employment, of being able to support themselves and their families because they have been prepared for the job market.

God has promised that what we do to the least of these, we do to him. Your dollars reach across the sea and into the very souls of these children who thank you from the bottom of their hearts. Who press on, sometimes walking miles to arrive at school, with their eyes on the future.



The difference for these young Haitians (above) is being able to prepare for a career. These YEP students beam with pride as they model the uniforms associated with their future careers. Left, a career in tourism and hospitality; right, a nursing career



The difference for this beautiful, talented young lady (left) is that she has graduated and found a job. She is full of joy and is returning to the RO program to serve as a mentor for the younger students.

Rescue One continues to have a strong, passionate board. At our Annual Meeting, held in January, these officers were elected:

Nancy Tuit, President
Jody Vogelzang, Secretary
Dan Rinzema, Treasurer
Jeff Buursma, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Carol Woltjer, US Director.

Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. — Proverbs 14:31

Passion Strong

Since my first visit to Haiti, in 2004, I have had an intense passion for the people there. Soon after my second visit, in 2007, I was privileged to join the board of Rescue One. My original passion for the country has been channeled into a passion for the RO program. What contributes to this ongoing zeal?

- Getting to know the strong, dedicated Haitian leaders in the RO program who recognize needs and work at solutions.
- Meeting the loving students who can stay with their families but who receive extra love and support from the RO leaders.
- Seeing how the wrap-around care has met physical and social needs of the children.
- Knowing that we are part of God's ministry to bring justice and mercy to the poor in his world.
- Seeing how being a part of the RO family gives the students a feeling of security and of belonging.

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Since I first met this young lady in 2007, I have seen a major change in her. Eyes that once looked dull and lifeless now sparkle with joy and her smile spreads across her face. God's love reaching down through your gifts is making the difference.

Thank you, donors. Because of you, we were able to meet our financial obligations in 2018. God is good and continues to minister to these vulnerable students through you.

The pie chart on the right shows where we have spent our funds during the 2017-2018 financial year. As you can see, very little is spent in the USA. The major share of our funds are spent in Haiti where they are sorely needed.

Prayer Corner

The needs in Haiti continue to be immense. Praise God for our dedicated Haitian leaders who toil daily to make a difference.

Concentrate your prayers on these two needs: The Bolosse church program is located in a gang infested area. Pray for peace in the area so that students are not afraid to go to school and will be able to receive their meal and their education.

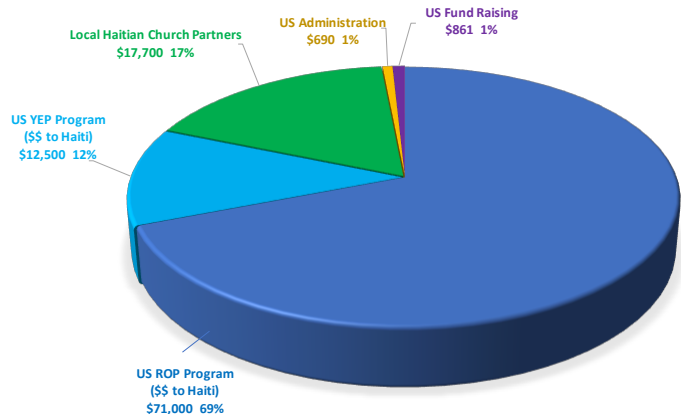
Pray for the YEP students, like those on page 1, who will be graduating from their programs. Ask God to provide jobs for them so that they can support themselves and enrich their community.



Nutrition and the Breakfast Program

Blood tests show that our students are low in hemoglobin which results in a lower attention span and in a decrease in learning capacity. For this reason, we are adding more iron rich foods to the daily meals. We also piloted a breakfast program in two of our schools. Because of the success of this program, we are setting a goal of implementing similar programs in the other three schools.

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ROP = Rescue One Program (Grades 1 - 13)

YEP = Youth Empowerment Program (Tech School or University for ROP Graduates)

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 or you can donate by PayPal on our website. All contributions except for printing and mailing costs go directly to Haiti.