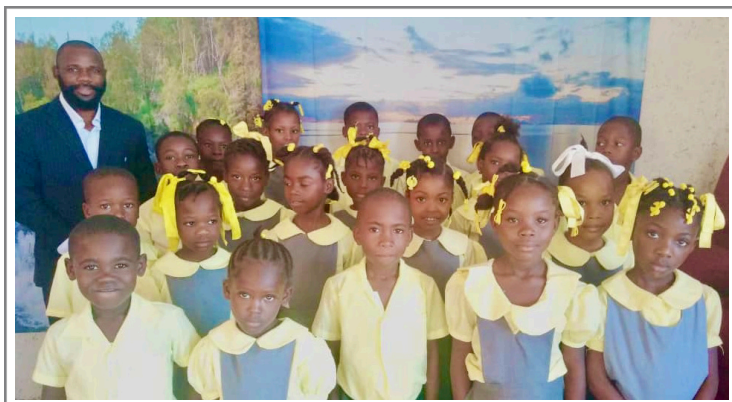




# Rescue One

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*The Students of the Beree Program*

## Eighteen Years of God's Blessings

The Rescue One ministry began in 2004 with a goal of making it possible for very poor children to continue to live with their own families while receiving food, healthcare and a Christian education. Many poor children in Haiti are given away by parents who cannot support them and, instead of receiving the care the parents long for, end up in the restavec, or child slavery, system. Working through Haitian churches, the program encourages these churches to reach out to the poorest of the poor in their neighborhoods and to enrich them with Christian love. Each church creates its own program and contributes a share of the cost of the program.

In 2004, the program started with one church and 15 children. By 2008, it encompassed 3 churches and 55 children. Today, there are 6 churches and 99 students. We have 17 new students this year. Some are replacements for students who have moved. Ten are students that we are adding to increase the ministry of the Beree Church.

Because of its extreme poverty and lack of strong government and infrastructure, Haiti is a challenging country in which to work. We thank God for blessing our ministry. **We thank you, our donors, for your support that enables us to reach these children with love, education, and health care. You are enabling the Haitians to be a blessing to their neighbors.**



## The Medical Component

In our last newsletter, we featured Phyllis who was in need of hernia surgery. A generous donor provided the funds and the surgery has taken place. During the surgery, Sister Daniella, the coordinator of the program, was in the hospital with Phyllis' family and the entire Rescue One staff in Haiti was united in prayer via Whats App. All went well and by 11:30 she was out of surgery. Through her pain, she smiled to see Sister Daniella there at her bedside and together they said a prayer of thanksgiving.

## The Education Component

*Our seamstress measures a new student before sewing her school uniform.*



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## The Nutrition Component

The stories of Edward and Joe show the importance of our nutrition component. Edward, a 9 year old fifth grader, has been in the RO program since Pre-K. This family of 4 children is in a critical situation, living in a small place with both parents unemployed. Edward

comes to school hungry. One day he broke down in school because of this and a school administrator rushed out to buy 2 bags of cookies and some juice for him after which he was able to function. Hunger makes learning difficult. For this reason we have worked to include breakfast as well as the after school dinner in the RO program.



## Prayer Corner

It is with great joy that our board brings you the RO news from Haiti. Our Haitian partners are such spiritual, wise, devoted, compassionate and faithful servants. We thank God for our relationship with them.

We thank God for the children and for the way we can bring delight, food, love and education into their lives.

We thank God for you, our donors, without whom this ministry would not be possible.

Pray for Sister Daniella who is so loved by the children that they call her Mama. Pray that she will recover completely from a broken hip.

Pray for continued health for Phyllis.

Pray for the impoverished and the hungry in Haiti. Pray that inflation will ease, that the citizens can find work, food and the love of Jesus.

## Meet Joe

Joe, age 9, is one of the new students in the Bolosse Church program. He lives with his grandmother and sister. His mother died and his father is not working. The father has moved to another neighborhood where it is safer for young men to live. He stops by the home from time to time to visit his children.



The grandmother is very poor and there is nothing in the home to eat. When Joe goes to school, the grandmother sometimes puts a food container in his school bag so that he can bring some of his meal home to share with her and with the little sister. The coordinator of the Bolosse program tells us that Joe is a very big eater when he has food and that he is a very interesting little boy.

At one time, Joe attended a school low in academics but the grandma could not afford to pay the tuition so Joe had to stay at home. When the grandma applied to the Bolosse church for help, they accepted Joe into the program immediately due to the dire situation. He now attends a school called Arc-En-Ciel which is run by Christians. **He is happy that he has found love, food and care from a local team.**

**Thank you for supporting him.**



*Life is more fun with friends*

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 99 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.