



# Rescue One

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## From our Director in Haiti:



*Despite the chaos which my country is currently facing, there are Christian brothers and sisters who give themselves body and soul, determined more than ever, without any personal interest, for the well-being of*

*vulnerable Haitian children.*

*At the end of August, seeing that the Community Church had not been able to raise their full match\* for the Rescue One program during the previous year, Mr. Ing. Lamour, in spite of his busy schedule, joined Sister Daniella and her daughter Sandra and formed a strong and highly motivated team to mobilize the brothers and sisters and even the church Executive Committee to find the necessary funds to do this new year's matching for the children. I was amazed to see the determination of the social committee members.*

*They took the following steps: Lamour wrote a letter to raise funds and sent it to the church members. Sandra developed a pledge form to attach to the letter and, in addition, worked on a PowerPoint presentation with photos of children on different occasions, such as at summer camp, at the distribution of food baskets, and at the distribution of school materials. **Sister Daniella made a superb presentation about the program (in which she also thanked you, the donors)** and one influential church Executive Committee member interviewed RO staff about the program. The children came to the pulpit and the whole church applauded the noble work that these social committee members are doing in the lives of these young children.*

Kerline writes that she was amazed to see the determination of these committee members and that it was an emotional moment for her. In her words, the story is "too good not to share."

What joy to see how God is extending his work in Haiti!

\*Each church program contributes a percentage to the cost of the RO



Don't you love these joyous children? They are filled with gratitude for your loving gifts of an education, food and medical care.



All of this is made possible by the generosity of you, our donors. The entire Rescue One family thanks you.

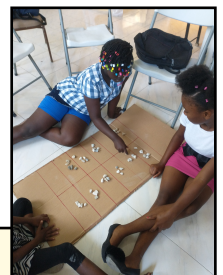
So many of you are asking, "How are the children?" "How are our Haitian partners?" "Is the program functioning?"

The good news is that, because of its local administration, our program is functioning as well as can be expected. Our Haitian friends are safe although some of the children have had to move from their homes to safer locations. We have so much to learn from the resilience and passion of these people. As the story on the left shows, they are faithful in administering the program and in bringing love and care to those around them. They are passionately devoted to living out their faith in spite of adversity.

What a blessing to be partners with such amazing people. How awesome to watch as the Spirit equips and empowers his people.



We are grateful that most of our students have been in school with a minimum of disruption this year. Here are a few first day of school photos.



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## From Alfred

I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus, the Almighty,

My name is Alfred Michael. I have been in the Rescue One program for 17 years, from 2004 to 2021.

I come from a very poor family and I was not a good kid. Being a part of the Rescue One program enabled me to change. It is not easy to find a great blessing like this in which great and generous people are willing to help.

Rescue One has done so much for me starting with elementary school and going all the way on through professional school. I have attended great schools such as Maranatha Evangelical School, Haiti Tec and Canado Technique. I would never have been able to pay for these schools. **Thanks to the many donors, I have learned trades such as Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Maintenance, and Industrial Welding.**

I will never be able to finish talking about the benefits of the Rescue One program. I will fight to one day be a part of those who help other children so that this work will continue to grow.

**May God bless all of you who contributed to make me who I am today. Continue to help the children, do not neglect to help the children. Please know, from the depth of my heart, what God has been doing in me through you.**

I am proud to be part of the Rescue One family.

May God bless you.

*THANK YOU!!!*



Alfred (second from left) and two other young adults from the program were thrilled to serve in the Vacation Bible School at the Salem 6 program.

*Thank You!*

## From Hilda

Hello, my name is Hilda. I was born into a Christian home and am the sixth of twelve children. I grew up with my mother and father in the home [The typical slum home consists of one room made with corrugated metal and with a dirt floor] but sometimes we have aunts and cousins who come to live with us. In our neighborhood there was always turmoil. Often times we could not even sleep and we had to run for our lives.

We weathered a lot of storms but God's grace has always prevailed. I don't even know how God brought me to the Rescue One program. Because our family values education but cannot afford it, I believe this is the greatest opportunity that God offered to me and my family.

In the Rescue One program, I have found another caring family. I have met another mom called Gla [the coordinator of the program] who filled us with love. Thanks to this program, I have completed high school in a good educational institution (Maranatha Christian School) and hope, God willing, to very soon become a university student. I hope to study accounting.

I want to thank all the supporters of this program who are always there for us even though we are facing difficult times. I praise God because you didn't give up supporting us not only with education but also with health care, food, summer camp, spiritual nurturing, etc.... May God continue to bless you for that and surround you with his love.

Today, I can attend some meetings and activities with other people that I never dreamed of. One of my goals since I was a kid is to start an orphanage as well as a small business. If I ever achieve my dream, it is also because of you.

**I want to thank God and all the supporters of the Rescue One Foundation for all that you have brought into my life. With all the joy I have in my heart, I want to thank you. May God continue to bless you, protect you, guide you, give you good health, and be with you in all that you do.** I love you so much and this love in my heart will never die.



## Prayer Corner

Thank the Lord for recent graduates like Hilda and Alfred and for the devoted staff in Haiti who work tirelessly to make sure the children are cared for.

Pray for safety for the staff and for the children as they strive to maintain life under very difficult circumstances. Pray for peace and stability in Haiti. Plead with God to have mercy on his people there.

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