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Bon Timoun Foundation (Good Child)

Valuable education and a meal for 580 children in three schools in the capital of Haïti

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Gang violence has been going on for years in the Haitian capital and the fight for power and money continues. This week, the airport was closed again after gangs shot at airplanes.

On October 17, on the street where one of our teachers lives, all the houses and cars were burned down during a fight between gangs. Fortunately, Teacher Kerby was able to save his mother from the burning house and they were unharmed. They and many others lost everything! After sleeping outside for two nights, his mother was able to flee to the countryside with the help of some donors, and Teacher Kerby found shelter with a friend in another neighborhood.



Three days after the fire, Teacher Kerby went looking for the children of the Saturday Human Values Club, which he had started in April of this year, to see how they were doing. Even though he lost everything - his personal belongings, the Club equipment, etc. -, he was able to organize the Saturday Club for the neighborhood children again on November 2, with the support of Bon Timoun. He borrowed the inflatable pool from our partner school 'Les ABC de la Vie' and had a tanker truck come to fill it. It was a great success, 43 children came to relax, meet friends and play games. And there was a snack of course. The Club has resumed its activities and now around sixty children attend. Being together is an important time of the week for everyone.



Last summer, our foundation helped Teacher Kerby and five volunteers to organize a summer school with classes and activities three days a week, for three months. 100 children came, including many children who had not been able to go to school during the school year because of gang violence and forced displacement. A great service to the community thanks to the volunteers, and to the parents who participated.

On November 11, the gangs declared that schools in the capital had to close and that everyone had to stay home. Going out on the streets meant getting shot or kidnapped.

People can't buy food, or earn anything... Most schools have been closed for a long time because they depend on school fees. Our schools are not businesses and fortunately they can stay open because Bon Timoun pays teachers' salaries and provides school meals. Faced with the threat of the gangs on November 11, when it was too dangerous for anyone to go out on the streets, our schools had to close too, and reopen as soon as the situation allows. For children, school is an important place that offers an environment where they feel safe, where they can see friends and relax and where, in addition to education and a meal, they can also be children again in this terrible situation.



Christmas special

Please help us to give these children a real Christmas by sponsoring a meal for the pupils of the schools and the two Saturday Human Values Clubs, the staff and several parents. Or, shoes for the children who do not have any and cannot come to school because of this. A small gift for the little ones, reading books for the big ones, or a sports outfit so that the girls can also fully participate in the sports class at school.

Thank you! The more difficult the situation, the more important our support!

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