

Friend Ships June 2006 Activities Report

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Greeting Friends. It has been an extremely busy and productive month.

MISSION HAITI 2006



In early June we completed the second week of medical outreach in Haiti, seeing hundreds of patients every day. We had an awesome medical team join us each of the two weeks of the outreach and we were able to examine, diagnosis, treat and dispense medicine to 2,854 patients. We were also able to distribute reading glasses to 2,122 patients. 222 patients were treated by the masseuse and/or chiropractor.

66 dental patients were treated, most having two teeth pulled. 4,269 people were fed and there were hundreds and hundreds of salvations!



Although there were delays in being able to offload our cargo, in the Lord's timing, just as we completed the medical missions, we were able to discharge the rice, beans, medicine, toys, fire fighting equipment, clothing and vitamins we brought to deliver to *Smile of a Child* and to St. Vincent's Handicapped School. In addition, we delivered a huge generator for the hospital, a beautiful drill rig owned by Haiti Missions that they

will use to drill water wells, two 5000 gallon water tanks and many other wonderful items.

Smile of A Child (SOAC)

sponsored all of our expenses and we worked together as an awesome team. In addition, SOAC has decided to



generously sponsor the cost of building ten additional twenty foot medical procedure container clinics. We will be fabricating these new units over the upcoming months.

Friend Ships *Hope* and *Mersea* sailed home from Haiti, arriving at Port Mercy on June 17th. The season's first tropical storm was making it's way directly into their path so the ships went to anchor at beautiful Montego Bay, Jamaica for 36 hours, giving the storm a chance pass by and giving the crew an unexpected but delightful shore leave!

PORT MERCY, Lake Charles



On June 26th - July 1st, we hosted the first Friend Ships Disaster Relief Training Session. We had 47 guests from ten states and our full time crew from four countries attending the sessions. It was a very productive and enjoyable time as we studied strategies of Christian disaster relief, basic fire, maritime, helicopter and mission safety, first aid, disaster relief mental health and ministering spiritually to people as we meet their physical

THANK YOU FRIENDS FOR BEING OUR SUPPORT TEAM. TOGETHER, WE ARE TOUCHING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE IN NEED, BOTH AT HOME AND OVERSEAS.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

FRIEND SHIPS HAS ONGOING NEEDS FOR:

Prayer - Join “Special Forces”, our team of prayer warriors.

Crew - long and short term individuals and teams.

Cargo - see website or request a brochure on how you can pack boxes of supplies to be shipped.

Finances - to support general operations and help purchase Port Mercy.



needs. We reviewed what to expect while working disaster relief on a Friend Ships mission and how to prepare and lead a team. We were able to offer daily hands on experience with heavy equipment, emergency radio broadcasting, food service, site support, house to house ministry, ship support and roofing workshops.

One of our special guests Dr. Roger Siratt taught us about the power of worship music and how to love people, even complete strangers!



Next, our focus will move to the upcoming mission to Israel. Directors Don and Sondra Tipton are in Jerusalem coordinating arrangements for the next voyage, which we hope will include a medical outreach to both Israeli immigrants and Palestinians.

ROATÁN, Honduras

The team in Roatán continues to sponsor exciting local church seminars almost every weekend, as they carry on the routine operations of the facility.

STOREHOUSE ONE, Los Angeles

The team in Los Angeles continues to prepare and ship equipment from the west coast to Lake Charles as they regularly collect food and distribute it through local churches and ministries.

Isaiah 58: 6-11 Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.