

# Friend Ships May 2006 Activities Report

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## HAITI MISSION 2006



*Outreach delivering medical care and aid to the people of Haiti.*

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Friend Ships *Hope* and *Mersea* sailed together for Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The voyage was beautiful with calm seas and an awesome crew.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 100 miles out to sea, Friend Ships Executive Director, Don Tipton, who was traveling aboard



*Hope*, along with pilot Tom Rupp, took off in our helicopter from the helipad aboard *Hope*. The flight was to Port-au-Prince so that Don could finalize arrangements with the Haitian government for the arrival of the ships.

*Hope* and *Mersea* arrived May 9<sup>th</sup> and anchored until permission to go into port was given.

Because we arrived as an interim administration was leaving office and a newly elected President was being inaugurated, we experienced unexpected paperwork delays. However, on May 15<sup>th</sup>, we were able to open our "doors" at the Friend Ships medical clinic with all medicine and mobile clinics in place.

We've now completed the first week of medical outreach and were blessed to be able to treat and minister to almost 1000 patients, providing them



with their needed medicine, lunch, spiritual food and love! We had medical doctors, dentists, a masseuse, chiropractors and personnel to check vision and distribute reading glasses.



One story from week one, is from DJ who is issuing eye glasses. At the end of one day, an interpreter sat down in the chair and said, "Do me!" DJ replied with, "What do you want me to do?" He said, "Pray for me." So DJ asked, "What do you want Jesus to do for you today?" He said, "I want Jesus in my heart." She led him in the sinner's prayer and he prayed in Creole. Hallelujah!!!

While waiting for treatment, patients watched the powerful movie *God's Story*, saw puppet shows, mime presentations, sang songs, heard Gospel messages and received much prayer.



This week our team is preparing for another session of medical outreach beginning on May 29th, and a trip to a remote village this coming Sunday to assist U.N. doctors. We hope to offload the cargo this week. We are also helping with construction of the *Smile of a Child Hospital* and doctor's quarters. Building contractors Wes Ingram and Fred Boettcher are overseeing the current phase of hospital construction. They are rotating in men with skills such as plumbing, electrical and air conditioning, as needed. We are privileged to be able to assist in these areas, as well as to clean and paint while our team is in place. About June 4<sup>th</sup>, both ships will sail for home.



Jan Crouch and others from *TBN/Smile of a Child* visited the hospital while we were conducting the clinic and greatly encouraged the team. *Smile of a Child* is constructing the magnificent hospital for needy children of Haiti and contributed the fuel for this mission.



Our first team of medical providers flew home on May 20<sup>th</sup>. They were such a blessing! Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome another team to join those who are with us for the entire three weeks.

Thank you, friends, for supporting this effort. Hundreds of people are being ministered to physically and spiritually. God is being glorified.



### **PORT MERCY, Lake Charles**

Much work continues at Port Mercy. Many projects have been undertaken while we have an opportunity to do them.

We continue to prepare for Disaster Relief Training that we are teaching on June 26-July 1<sup>st</sup>. Plans continue for an upcoming voyage to Israel.

We sent medicines to assist a clinic that treats the poor in San Benito, Guatemala. We are providing goods to be shipped in a commercial container to Jamaica in order to help a ministry that is working to help the poor. Friend Ships is contributing tarp, paper products, children's books and toys and clothing.

Storehouse One, Lake Charles is collecting and distributing food each week to local organizations assisting those in need.

### **ROATÁN, HONDURAS**

The Roatán team is keeping busy hosting church conferences and carrying out the day to day operations of Friend Ships Roatán.

### **STOREHOUSE ONE, Los Angeles**

The California team continues to shift cargo to Port Mercy, and to collect and distribute food each week.

*Friends thank you for your invaluable help. Because of people like you, we are able to help those in need in Haiti and demonstrate the love of the great God we serve!*

If you would like to be involved with supporting Friend Ships programs, we have ongoing needs for:

**Crew** - long and short term individuals and teams.

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

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

**Prayer** - Join "Special Forces", our team of prayer warriors.