

# Friend Ships April 2007 Activities Report

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## PORT MERCY, Lake Charles

This month we have worked toward preparing for hurricane season and the upcoming fall medical missions. We have concentrated much attention on the construction of 22 mobile medical super clinics and are making great progress on them. Many have received sparkling white paint on the exterior.



## IMPORTANT- EYE TRUCK



We have been making great progress on construction of the Mobile Eye Care Center that will house an awesome laser surgery clinic, representing the Lord, *Smile of A Child* and *Friend Ships* in countries wherever it goes. California Awning Company has made a special awning for the truck. It has a 4' x 8' all aluminum lift gate for wheelchair access. We've installed beautiful hardwood floors and all new fiberglass wallboards lining the entire inside of the truck. It has an operating room slide-out, which we are extending another five feet for extra space and have added four large windows to the side of the truck. The truck itself has hydraulic levelers and we are

replacing the Onan generator with a brand new silent 20KW.

## *Imagine this if you will...*

A poor, rural village like somewhere in Haiti. Up pulls a glistening white large semi-truck with chrome wheels and stainless accent. An old man approaches the truck. He is a grandfather, blind, led by a young child.

The patient is brought into the truck and proceeds to see one of two doctors awaiting him. He is examined and prepared for surgery as the other blind people begin to line up. The laser operation with new high tech equipment (*we believe the Lord will provide very soon*) takes only about 20 minutes.

The old man emerges to greet his waiting grandson, whose face he has never seen. For the first time in a long time, the man has full sight. He can read his Bible. He can see to walk without falling.

Our doctors can repeat this miracle 20-30 times a day. When our medical team was last in Haiti, we saw as many as 30 patients a day that with the help of this simple operation could have had their sight restored. With our portable tents and cooking trailer along too, this great eye truck and a ministering team can be tremendously effective!

The joy of the blind people receiving sight will flow through the villages as they join us in thanking God!

Our team has completed repairs and painting to the Kenworth tractor-trailer and it is ready for service! This month we have received wonderful donations of medical supplies and equipment, 2 beautiful cars and men's and women's clothing. Continued work has been done on the structure for the outdoor café and on the warehouses.

We sent school supplies to a missionary in Kenya and worked on preparation for a mission to Haiti, one to Nevis and one to Honduras.

Friend Ships Directors, Don and Sondra Tipton, have started a daily radio broadcast here from Port Mercy to Lake Charles and the surrounding area. The purpose is to encourage the listeners to serve God and to interview Christians doing exciting things for the Lord around the world!

Storehouse One Lake Charles continues to collect and distribute food. This month we received over 400 cases of milk and were able to bless the local community.



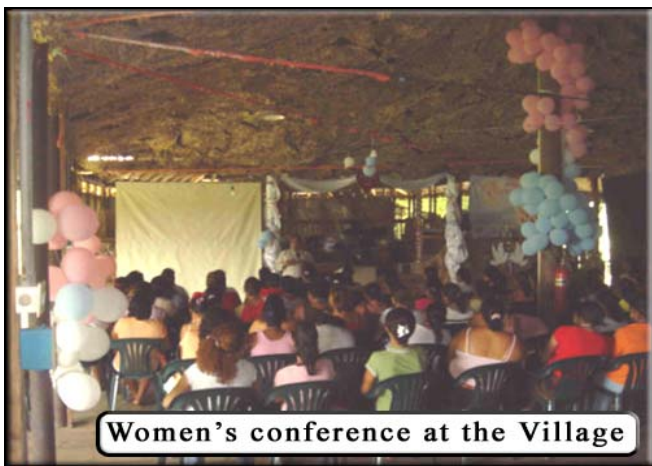
**A gift of milk**

**STOREHOUSE ONE, Los Angeles**

The food ministry in Los Angeles continues to bless many people each week. Our new team is on their way to Los Angeles to activate the expanded program.

*John 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other*

**FRIEND SHIPS VILLAGE, Roatán, Honduras**



**Women's conference at the Village**

The Village continues to host church conferences with 100-200 people attending each weekend. We distributed mattresses, delivered by a cruise liner, to those on the island that are in need. When a local church was destroyed by vandals, we were able to provide tarp material to reconstruct the facility and on its first day to re-open, 2000 members attended!



**Roatán, Honduras Convention Facility**

**Would you like to help?**

Friend Ships has 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.

*If you would like to help us purchase our home base, Port Mercy, please mark your gift "Port Mercy." We are collecting funds in order to meet a balloon payment of \$450,000.00 we have coming up in early 2008. For about 50 cents a square foot we can permanently own this invaluable property in Lake Charles, LA where we house our ships and crew, have warehousing and administrative headquarters.*

*Our current number of donors for this project stands at 86, with a total of \$37,168.00 given.*



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