

# Friend Ships May 2010 Activities Report

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*Three of the*  
**Friend Ships fleet**

Dear Friends:

Thank you for helping us reach out to people in need around the world. This month we would like to include photos to describe a little of life at our base in Haiti where we are encamped with Global Outreach and Samaritan's Purse.

It is a strange feeling living in a country not your own, in a field, in a pup tent just 10 miles outside of a major city where millions of people are living in rubble and sleeping on the streets. Therefore we feel honored and grateful to have our own little pup tent in which to sleep—a long ways from what we enjoy at home. The monsoon rains have now arrived and there are only a few trees left for many to sleep under as they have been cut to make campfires to cook over and to keep warm. Our next ship brings in another large tent to set up our new workshop to start building small houses sponsored by Smile of A Child.

Often parked just outside our pup tents is a jet ranger helicopter. Smile of A Child sent a technician to make our life in a tent as comfortable as possible with satellite phones to call or email anywhere, washing machines and dryers, a mobile container of private, individual bathrooms and showers and plenty of hot water, plus big army trucks that some ministries





my truck works the



Lady Hawk making another run



Razor wire around our tent compound helping keep us safe at night



Sea Hawks digging trenches



Tent city traffic



Big top tent in our field



Stitching & fixing - a constant job



Nighttime, a dining experience



Everyone gets their own private pup tent

## Would you like to help? We have the following ongoing opportunities:

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

**Crew:** Long and short term individuals and teams.

**Humanitarian Aid:** See website or request a brochure on how you can pack boxes of supplies to be shipped.

**Finances:** To support general operations or current projects.



One of thousands of small tent cities



Voodoo tower downtown Port-au-Prince



Our deuce & a half in the back country



Truck headed home after a long day



What weigh scales?



Typical buildings



Outside the tent, the Sea Hawks pose for a picture



Sea Hawks working the streets in the downtown district



The Lady Hawks ready to serve

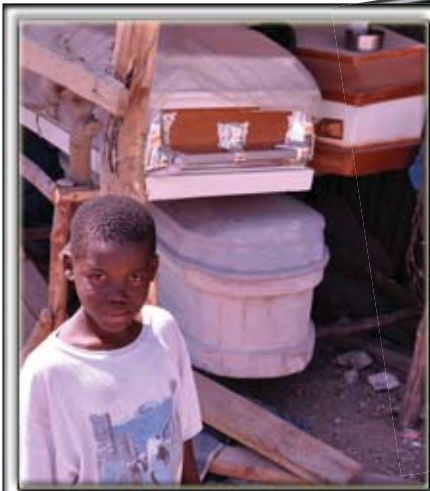
scoffed at us for bringing. But as the rains came and our six-wheel drive rolls on no matter what, no one is laughing now. We are truly the new mobile army as the Sea Hawks train daily to be totally physically fit in all circumstances. They eat well and pray hard. What a great and mighty God we serve.

To look into the eyes of the young Sea Hawks', led by our own incredible Colonel Murray Douglas, makes one proud that they have given of themselves so totally to these poor and hurting people, to bring not only words of Christ and His love, but action. They have trained long and hard through a basic military type training to prepare for a time such as this. They couldn't withstand what they do now without the preparation that they completed at Port Mercy. To watch them able to physically and spiritually rise to the occasion with joy, set jaws and full commitment is a wonderful thing. These are mighty among God's youth, trained and proven in battle.

At Friend Ships home base, Port Mercy, we are reviewing scholarship applications for the upcoming session of Sea Hawks, our young adults training program, which starts in August. In California, we have a small team working on and preparing two large sailboats and the mobile conference center for voyage to Port Mercy, hopefully later this year. Our ship Integrity will try to complete eight voyages into Port-au-Prince in the next few weeks then perhaps head to Lake Charles to wait out the hurricanes and head back to Haiti in November and continue.

Thank you for sending us. We couldn't do it without you.

With Love, Don and Sondra Tipton



Orphan boy helps sell coffins on the street cheap



Sweet faces of hunger



70% of the countries capitol city is totally destroyed

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