

# Friend Ships January 2010 Activities Report

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## ALL FOCUS ON HAITI

## Earthquake Relief



In mid-January, the nation of Haiti suffered the most devastating earthquake in its history and one of the worst disasters in our hemisphere. Millions of people are homeless, have died or are injured. There is an extreme shortage of water, food, medicine and medical supplies. It is a humanitarian catastrophe of epic proportions.

Friend Ships is in a unique position to be able to serve the victims of this earthquake because of our ships, infrastructure and operations are in full swing. Many of you have already sent support or goods. Your collaboration along with the partnership of Trinity Broadcasting Network and the assistance of the national Christian network, American Family Radio, is enabling us to put together a series of voyages with at least one and maybe as many as three of our vessels.

We have already sent out our newest ship, Integrity, and by the time you receive this, she will have arrived in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and be providing support for the organizations working to meet the tremendous material and spiritual needs. Daily, we receive phone calls and emails from ministries crying out for help as they have thousands of homeless, hungry or injured people camped on their properties. They are providing medical services, food and water but they running out of all supplies.

The goods aboard Integrity include antibiotics, 200,000 linear feet of heavy duty tarp material for temporary shelters, more than 70 tons of food including meals-ready-to eat, rice, beans, soy grits, meal replacement bars, juice and canned goods, tens of thousands of bottles of drinking water, thousands of blankets, 5 semi-loads of medical supplies, cots, water purification materials, generators, tents, sleeping bags and more, all "From Jesus with Love." We also have our base camp including tents, water purification equipment, trucks, satellite communications, an emergency broadcasting station, a bobcat loader, eight mobile medical units and our 206 Bell Jet Helicopter.

We are preparing now for a second voyage and will run subsequent missions from Miami instead of our home base in Lake Charles. This will save four days of sailing on each leg of the voyage and many thousands of gallons of fuel. Quality goods continue to flow in every day and the Port of Lake Charles has

### 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.

given us use of another warehouse facility to store the overflow. On the upcoming trips, we will be able to transport goods for the many wonderful Christian organizations and churches who are now gathering supplies to send to their outreaches in Haiti.

On the ground in Haiti, we will distribute humanitarian aid, set up a base camp to prepare for arriving medical staff and assist in the set up of an emergency broadcasting station.

In Miami, the port has opened its doors for us to dock and load without charge. We are coordinating now with ministries around the country and have scheduled loads of rice, a water drilling rig, tilt-up housing units and tons of other wonderful supplies for these follow-up missions. We even have been asked to pick up donated supplies for the Haitians from the people of Honduras who have collected six semi-loads of goods so far. This is so touching and amazing because Honduras is also one of the lowest income nations in our hemisphere. A wonderful team of Honduran fire fighters are standing by to serve as disaster response workers, should we require them.

We would like to continue running loads of supplies to Haiti for the next several months. We would like to take our ships Hope and Mersea to deliver supplies and then have them remain there as housing and a base of operations for medical, food service and relief personnel. If the Lord puts it on your heart to support these operations and pray for us, we would be very grateful.



*Integrity*

*Never was there a time when people needed our help more than the Haitians need us now. We have a great opportunity to demonstrate the love of Jesus and show His compassion to people who are as devastated as one can be.*

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