

Friend Ships November 2010 Activities Report

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Warm greetings. We have much to report this month from our four active locations!

HAITI

Shawn and Tami Hall, our mighty team in Haiti, have been busy distributing goods to help meet the needs during a recent cholera epidemic and preparing for Hurricane Tomas. Fortunately the storm stayed offshore and caused minimal damage compared to what could have been.



Haiti: Supplies, wheelchairs, and food...

We were able to distribute rice and other food products, water, clothes, toys, cleaning and paper products, blankets, collapsible water containers and water treatment chemicals, kitchen supplies, charcoal and wheelchairs to Victory Christian Center who is helping orphans and children rescued from child slavery.

Global Outreach, a wonderful organization that provides water wells to Haiti, was able to receive needed supplies. We distributed wheelchairs, bedding and building supplies to Samaritan's Purse who will continue to construct the vinyl homes we have been building.

Here is a report from Remember the Children, a Haitian ministry that received 100 wheelchairs contributed by Giving Children Hope and delivered by our disaster relief vessel, Integrity, for victims of the massive January earthquake.

“You are precious. We are grateful for the donation of wheelchairs to Remember the Children. Friend Ship staff came to Remember the Children on a Sunday afternoon to deliver the wheelchairs and train our staff volunteers to assemble them. We have distributed 60 chairs to individual handicaps on the streets we met, plus to people, Pastors, and community leaders escorted to our premises to help them. We also went with a team to give away 12 wheelchairs to General Hospital Emergency room where they were distributed.

We have given them to men and women, old and young who came to RTC without support, handicapped, amputated, (one leg or two legs) and captured the donation on picture as you can see. Handicaps are neglected and practically ignored as useless and hopeless population in Haiti; so your organization to supply such chairs met a great need in our Haitian society. As aftermath of earthquake we have over 300,000 people young and old handicapped. They need all the support they can get, training to become useful citizens, food, clothes, money, and hope. Your contribution of wheelchairs has done such a tremendous impact in the people's lives we touched.”

The Halls are doing a great job in Haiti and we look forward to the day we join them or they are able to return home to Port Mercy.

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

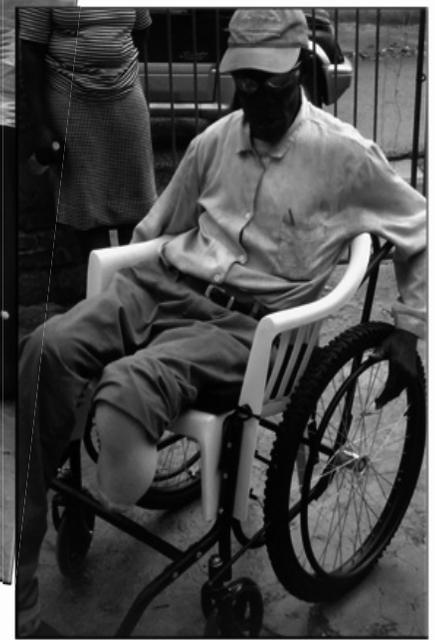
Prayer: Join “Special Forces,” our team of prayer warriors.

Crew: Long and short term individuals and teams.

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

Finances: To support general operations or current projects.

Haiti: Some of the people receiving wheelchairs...



ROATAN

Our awesome team in Roatán also felt the effects of a major storm—Hurricane Richard. Our property received some roof damage and we lost many small trees but damage was minimal. This month, we hosted a women’s retreat at the Village and are making progress on increasing our food production in anticipation of birthing a Central American Sea Hawks program.

US-GULF AND WEST COAST

At Port Mercy in Lake Charles, Louisiana, the crew made significant progress on various construction and warehousing projects. We had terrific help from groups and many precious individual friends throughout the month, who came in to push us toward the goal.

The Sea Hawks, our youth trainees, continued with classes in mechanics, food service, and physical training including basic soccer skills and drills. Plus they assisted in community outreaches such as aiding at a children’s ministry event, helping with a fund raiser for Alzheimer’s and singing worship with a local church. One Sea Hawk team headed off to Los Angeles to help the crew there with engine and deck projects to prepare our boats, Pearl and Divine Wind, for the voyage to Port Mercy.

Storehouse One Los Angeles continues to collect and distribute beautiful food. Storehouse One Lake Charles is bringing in and sending out up to 5000 pounds of food a week to feed our team of almost 100 people and at the same time distributing to organizations helping the needy in the Lake Charles community.

Friend Ships big-rig driver, Arla, has continued to run our Kenworth truck and trailer to carry shoes and other valuable items from Los Angeles and deliver them to Port Mercy. We helped Global Missions load three containers to be shipped to Haiti for various outreaches to needy children. A wonderful friend of Friend Ships harvested his rice field and gave more than 60,000 pounds of rice to us, which we were able to load in these containers along with building materials and other items for immediate shipment to Haiti.

We hope you don’t mind that for the time being we are going back to printing these reports in black and white to save funds. We’ll return to color as soon as we can!

Thank you for helping us help so many people in need. As we lean on the Lord who promises that those who help the poor will lack nothing, we pray and believe the same for you—our amazing support team. We are all so very fortunate to serve the great God of the universe who provides all that is needed in every area.

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