

Friend Ships July 2011 Activities Report

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Friend Ships Director Don Tipton delivers the Commencement Speech

Dear Friend Ships Family:

It has been a great month! On July 16th, we held graduation for 37 young men and women who completed their challenging 11-month Sea Hawk course. They have become physically fit, grown spiritually, gained disaster relief skills, learned how to cook for hundreds of people, helped the community, assisted tornado victims in Alabama, prepared for flooding in Morgan City, Louisiana, conducted evangelism outreaches in New Orleans, Lake Charles and Tyler, Texas, prepared two large boats for service in the mission field and learned a wide variety of other skills. We have come to know and love each one of these precious students and it has been an honor to work with them. Fortunately 2/3's of them are able to return in August to help us with next year's session that begins on the 15th. We will then move to our base in Honduras to include Central American youth.

Here at Port Mercy, we continued to receive and distribute food each day throughout the Lake Charles organizations that assist those in need. We held a women's conference with our female Sea Hawks and were so blessed to have Sallie Siratt from Texarkana Christian Center and Dr. Debbie Norman from New Life International to minister wisdom and love to our team. We also heard from some of the more mature Friend Ships ladies who spoke to the young women about servant hood, tenacity and things to consider in selecting the right person to eventually marry. One highlight of the conference was etiquette classes conducted by Friend Ships own Teri Shields and an opportunity to try out our new skills with an elegant lunch. Thank you, Pastor Norman, for this great treat!

We were blessed to receive donations of teaching videos, fitness equipment, office and camera equipment and food products. Chick-fil-A even graciously donated lunch for 80 people on graduation day to help us accommodate our many guests!

In Los Angeles we are getting near to the completion of the necessary work on Divine Wind and Pearl. At the Village in Roatán, we hosted a large women's conference with 320 ladies attending from throughout Honduras to train in evangelism. We also hosted a youth event and a prayer and fasting session.

For the upcoming month, all focus will be on our new Sea Hawk recruits who will start boot camp and prepare to sail on the mission to Honduras.

Thank you for your love, support, prayers and gifts. We could not do it without you!

Love,

Don & Sondra and the Friend Ships Team

Dr. Roger Siratt prays for each student
as they move to the new phase of their lives...



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Graduating Sea Hawks sport
their new Sea Hawk Jackets >>>



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