

# Friend Ships November 2011 Activities Report

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Dear Friend Ships Family:

Thank you for your continuing support through your love, gifts, friendship, service and prayers. Our work is made so much more effective because of you.

The current focus at Port Mercy and in Los Angeles is the upcoming missions to Honduras. We hope to sail with Friend Ships Integrity this month. One goal of the mission will be to respond to the needs created in the provinces of Choluteca and Valles on the Pacific Coast by torrential rainfall that caused floods and landslides, damage to roads and loss of crops. Sixty thousand people have been affected; many displaced from their homes. We'll be bringing in temporary shelters and food for distribution to this region and working with the Honduras fire department and disaster relief services. We plan to send a team of Sea Hawks to the affected area in order to assist the residents who are starting to return and reestablish their homes. Some of the items we will bring for this effort are being sent by the First Lady of Honduras and the Honduran Embassy in Washington D.C.; they are supplying food and school equipment. There are so many supplies to be shipped that we are considering a second voyage, if that is what the Lord has planned for us.

The second major focus of the mission will be to birth the Central American Sea Hawk program at the Friend Ships Village on Roatán Island.

In order to prepare to sail, the crew and Sea Hawks are readying Friend Ships Integrity and the supplies that we will deliver. The Sea Hawks assisted with the deck work (chipping and painting) and getting items ready for the upcoming trip to Honduras. We are performing final repairs and maintenance to the vessel's equipment. Food is being palletized and made ready for Roatán.

We have been very blessed with corporate donations this month in preparation for the mission. Alexander/Ryan Marine & Safety Company inspected our life rafts and donated a new life raft to replace one that had come to the end of its useable life. We received a donation of flares, which are required for Integrity, from Datrex Louisiana. Stine Lumber Company donated 470 pounds of grass seed for Roatán's soccer field and our youth outreaches. A security guard station for the Village in Roatán was engineered, constructed and donated to us by Safe Haven Enterprises, LCC in order to house our guards in a building that is resistant to forced entry and blasts. Two pallets of pinto beans were delivered through Rick Caywood Ministries. Earth Friendly Products and Ecover donated cases of dishwashing liquid. Five pallets of bleach from Kik Corporation and thousands of eyeglasses from Harahan Christian Church were contributed. Crossroads Church and Isle of Capri donated personal care products for the crew. Alpha Fitness Equipment donated a weight rack, dumbbells, leg machine, ab machine, Olympic barbell and much more. Sam's Club donated flour and sugar and Charles Kerr Enterprises, Inc. gave us a book and CD as tools to contact maritime companies. A former crew member works at Lake Chelan Community Hospital and they donated slings, splints and braces. New Pig Corporation donated absorbent pads for oil and water spills and, on a weekly basis, Hong Kong of Lake Charles donates their surplus food to Port Mercy. We met with D.R. Strategies, Inc. who will be building disaster relief kits that will temporarily house up to ten people with all they need to survive in

the aftermath of a hurricane, earthquake, flood or other calamity. They have offered to contribute many of the kits they build to Friend Ships for distribution to those in need.

The Lake Charles StoreHouse One program received and utilized or distributed 18,043 pounds of food.

The Sea Hawks completed the "Hell House" Halloween outreach in Tyler, Texas where they saw 272 first time salvations and 209 rededications. While they were in Texas, they also assisted several needy families from the local churches. Upon their return to Lake Charles, they helped the Alzheimer's Society with an annual walk event and went to a local nursing home and ministered to the residents by reading the Bible to them and singing.

In Los Angeles, the sailboat Divine Wind, which will be used for transporting Sea Hawks on missions, is being updated to hold additional bunks, the pilot house is being restored with new paint and varnish and the shore boat has been completely restored for service. The mobile conference center, Pearl, is having final repairs and maintenance. Her hull is being painted and a new gangway has been completed with new hand rails and brackets.

The Village in Roatán hosted a fasting retreat and on another weekend a Women's Service where 40 ladies came to know the Lord! We (*Don and Sondra*) made an advance trip to Honduras in order to solidify many of the arrangements for the upcoming mission.

Thank you for helping us to reach out to Central America with the Gospel and the love of Christ. Please pray for an effective and fruitful mission.

Love,

*Don, Sondra and the Friend Ships Crew*

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

*Matthew 28:18-20*

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