

Friend Ships October 2011 Activities Report

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Dear Friend Ships Family,

We have had a busy month here at Friend Ships. Thank you for helping us to continue the work of the Lord. Your support, your love, your friendship and your prayers are the fuel that keeps us going!

The Captain and his team, who have been in Nashville, Tennessee, returned home triumphant. They disassembled and are in the process of trucking back to Port Mercy two very large warehouse buildings that were serving as twenty airplane hangars at the Nashville airport. These buildings will be set up at Port Mercy to provide all the warehousing we will need for years to come and will allow us to keep our equipment and supplies clean, organized, secure and protected from the elements. Thank you, Jesus!

Both 1st and 2nd year Sea Hawks have been busy. They had a prayer walk to seven key locations in downtown Lake Charles. The 1st year Sea Hawks studied the Way of the Master Evangelism and then put it into practice. Lady Sea Hawks walked for the American Cancer Society and participated in a 5k run for Breast Cancer plus did administration and painted faces. The Gentlemen Sea Hawks assisted with a health fair that same day.

The 1st year Sea Hawks completed the last week of their boot camp class rotation and then went to camp out on the beach for several days where they enjoyed lots of running, push-ups and sprints in the waves. They did team building exercises and the whole thing was topped off with an 8 mile run. Meals consisted of yummy military field Meals Ready-to-Eat. The following week, Dr. Roger Siratt was here to teach a Bible Study seminar and a wonderful time with the Holy Spirit was had by all! The last two weeks of this month, all Sea Hawks have gone to Tyler, Texas in order to take part in an effective evangelistic outreach called "Hell House." This outreach is presented in Tyler annually and many, many people come to the Lord as a result. We are honored to have the opportunity to participate.

Work on the great ship Integrity continues with painting of the hull and deck. We are also in the process of preparing pallets of supplies to be loaded aboard the ship for the upcoming voyage to Honduras. We have started the approval process for the goods to be imported into the country. We have lots of great supplies and equipment to take on the voyage including temporary emergency housing, solar energy equipment, a fire truck, grass seed and sports equipment for the soccer field and soft ball outreaches to youth, food for the next year and many other fantastic items.

This past month StoreHouse One, the food ministry in Lake Charles, received 18,327 pounds of food. This nutritious food feeds our team and is also distributed to many organizations in the community helping those in need. We received a donation of over 500 gallons of motor oil that we needed for the ships, hundreds of pounds of grass seed for the youth outreach soccer field in Roatán, 35 pallets of

bottled water, two pallets of cleaning supplies, 114 rolls of vinyl and three truckloads of washcloths, sheets, towels and duvet comforters. We were blessed with an office full of high quality, like-new computers, monitors, filing cabinets, and desks and we received a shipment of medical braces, splints and medicine.

Ten 2nd year Sea Hawks traveled to California to do the final preparation of Pearl and Divine Wind for their sail to Honduras, hopefully in November. The team there is varnishing Divine Wind, the engine room is being painted and various wood projects continue. Pearl is being sanded, painted and varnished. The engine room has been cleaned and painted and brackets for her gangway are being fabricated. StoreHouse One Los Angeles collected and distributed 15,000 pounds of beautiful food. We received a large dry goods donation of 3,000 pounds (40 crates) of canned goods, sausage, pasta and many other things we can use at all of our facilities.

At the Village in Roatán, the rainy season hit us early and hard. A lot of work has been done on the roads to fill in the ruts and keep the roads from washing out. We were able to get a much needed new weed eater this month and we are seeing good progress on the grounds.

A local church held a two day men's meeting at the Friend Ships facility with more than sixty men attending. They had a great time of prayer and various activities to disciple the men and help them to grow spiritually. Another local church is holding a prayer and fasting weekend at the Village. We had a great breakthrough on our immigration procedures for our crew this month; actually discovering that a blanket exemption we were issued in 2002 is still in place and all of our crew are able to renew visas without charge, without a hassle and without a time limit.

It has been a wonderful month of preparation and getting ready for what is ahead. Thank you once again for all of your love and support.

All our love,

Don, Sondra and the Friend Ships Crew

Remember that according to Proverbs 19:17,

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.

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