

# Friend Ships October 2012 Activities Report

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Local suicide prevention walk



Dear Friend Ships Family:

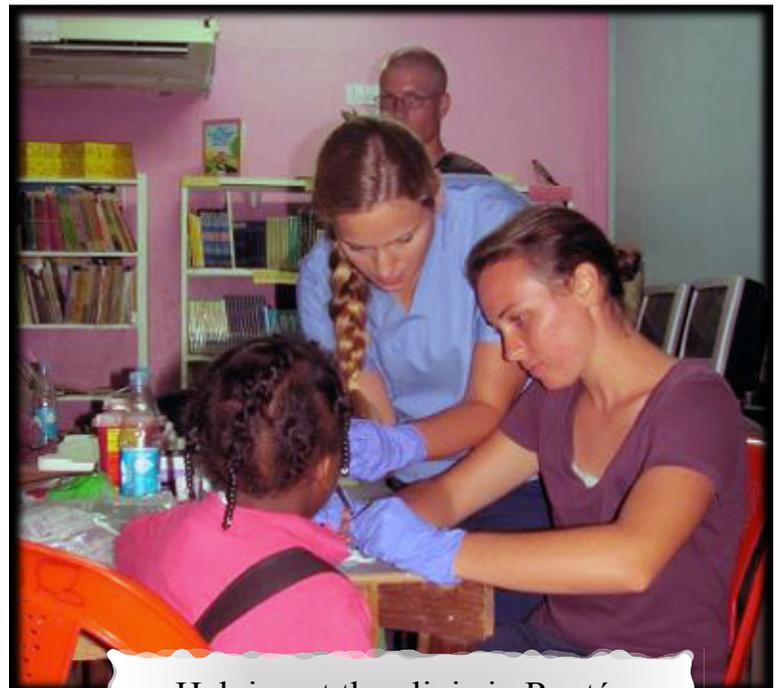
Wal-Mart run

Thank you so much for your support that helps us reach out to people in need. Without your gifts of funds and goods, your prayers, volunteer help and love, our work would not be possible. Thank you for listening to the Lord as He moves you to help those in need.

Our young trainees, the Sea Hawks, returned from their deployment to help victims of Hurricane Isaac in Jean Lafitte, Louisiana and continued with their fitness routines and various classes. They assisted with a local suicide prevention event, worked on Port Mercy construction projects, and spent a week camping at the beach engaged in team building exercises. Then they departed for Tyler, Texas in order to assist a Christian-based Halloween outreach that regularly leads many people to know Jesus Christ.

At Friend Ships Village in Roatán, the team has been able to harvest so much fruit, okra, squash and avocados that we have been able to provide food to a distribution program in the island's French Harbor area and the local orphanage.

One of our alumni Sea Hawks is now working with a mission's organization that takes teams on a series of month long outreaches around the world. They selected our facility in Roatán for the month of October and together our teams have been ministering to the children at a near-by orphanage and helping with construction projects there. They assisted Clinica Esperanza with Sickle Cell Anemia



Helping at the clinic in Roatán



Roatán fellowship at meals



Roatán cleaning & painting

testing, helped clean and paint the food pantry for the new French Harbor food ministry, served breakfast and lunch and ministered to the women and children who came.

The team helped with construction of a new church housing project for people in need and visited the girls' home for a time of prayer, scripture study, conversation and recreation! At the Village, they hosted a church couple's conference and a young people's weekend with music, prayer, teaching, and relaxation where twenty young men and women came to know the Lord.

Here at Port Mercy we continue to stand by for hurricane relief. In the upcoming months, as we carry on with outreaches, we will also concentrate efforts on improvements to our equipment and base of operations. The Disaster Relief Seminars, that we are preparing to conduct in coastal communities aboard Mobile Conference Center Pearl, will give us the opportunity to teach strategies, principals, guidelines and logistics that we have learned over the years. We will work with church group interested in being able to share the love of Jesus when disaster strikes. It will also help us build a network of prepared volunteers who would like to work alongside Friend Ships when we respond in the aftermath of hurricanes, fires, floods and earthquakes.

We are accepting applications now for a February 2013 Sea Hawks class. If you know any young people between the ages of 18-25 who may be interested in spending a year growing closer to the Lord, becoming physically fit and training to be ready, willing and able to help people in need both physically and spiritually, please ask them to check out our website at [www.friendships.org](http://www.friendships.org).

Once again, our sincerest thanks for standing with us and for all that you do for the Kingdom of God.

Love,

*Don and Sondra Tipton and the Friend Ships Team*