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May 2012 – Activities Report

Dear Friend Ships Family:

Thank you for your help to Friend Ships! It's our pleasure to report this month's activities to you. Mobile Conference Center *Pearl* and Motor sailor *Divine Wind* made a smooth transit through the Panama Canal and by the time you receive this will have completed their journey from California to Honduras and joined the team in Roatán. *Divine Wind* made rudder repairs in Panama as the two boats awaited their turn to go through the canal and the Sea Hawks continued with seamanship courses taught by Captain Stan Langaker. We are scheduled to host several days of conferences for Pastors and for their wives on Roatán Island.

At home base, Port Mercy in Lake Charles, we are working on the redesign and activation of a 41' mobile kitchen and a truck with sleeping quarters to pull the kitchen. We hope to have the rig ready soon to be able to respond effectively to help people who are victims of natural disasters and require food service. This month *StoreHouse One* Lake Charles and Los Angeles collected and utilized or distributed more than 32,000 pounds of food.

Sea Hawks Director, Murray Douglas, has been introducing the Sea Hawks Program to many of the local churches here in Louisiana, letting them know about the training scholarships available for their young church members. The pastors are excited about Sea Hawks and generally ask him to present the program to their youth groups. Many say they have been looking for just such an opportunity to help their young members to transition from youth into strong, mature men and women of God. The next session starts in August.

There continues to be lots of action at Friend Ships International in Honduras. The Sea Hawks have been very active in evangelistic outreaches to local villages in Roatán: street ministry, participation with local congregations, prayer visitations to the municipal hospital and eyeglass distributions to school children. The garden has been producing wonderful fruits, vegetables, herbs and seeds, enabling food service to create tasty meals as we prepare to be able to feed our incoming Central American students as well as teach them to produce and prepare food to sustain them and help others.

Here is a report with more details from Roatán Director Sheray Morrison:

Pastor Hector's church had what is called a re-encounter the middle of April with men and women from his church. They are re-kindling the fire of the Holy Spirit and wanted to rededicate themselves to the spread of the Gospel. The Assembly of God Royal Rangers held a camp. They worked hard and played hard all weekend. Pastor Sherman has been

bringing a group of people every Monday morning to spend the day fasting and praying for the island.

Sea Hawks have been very busy. They continue to do their Friday night and Saturday afternoon outreaches for local villages. In May, we added a hospital prayer outreach on Tuesdays and a school eyeglass distribution on Thursdays. Some children have come to know the Lord during the eye glass ministry and we have gotten good reports from the hospital ministry where one man said his knee was healed and he was out of there! One woman reported to the doctor that she had been ministered to when she was listening to the Sea Hawks talk to her sister. The doctor called us that night to let us know and thank us. The doctor said she had been very discouraged and the Sea Hawks had given her encouragement.

Local and mainland pastors invited Sea Hawks to an outdoor street ministry service at Wendy's in the Mega Mall and passers-by got saved. Some of the Sea Hawks also led worship for a Friday night service in French Harbor. Local pastors are coming on Monday nights to minister and/or pray with the Sea Hawks. Pastor Efraim brought his whole family and everyone had a great time. One of the local youth pastors came out with his wife and spent the day working with our food service department making pastelitos and tortillas.

The grounds department has had a big job with the tilapia ponds and property growth but has kept up with it very well. In the garden department, we continue to harvest our own vegetables and fruit; seeds and plants are being propagated to keep the produce coming. God is good! The food service department has been making guava jam and guava butter, squash bread, banana pancakes and cucumbers in sweet brine. We have been able to have gumbo with our okra and various other vegetables – what a blessing. The landscaping department continues to build benches for tables in the new picnic area. We're seeing lots of sunflowers and are hoping for lots of sunflower seeds. The herb garden is doing well and there are now lovely places on the property to stop and sit and enjoy God's creation. Sailing classes continue with the addition of very creative games that are making the information and skills stick in our minds as well as adding a lot of fun.

Love from the Roatán Crew

Thank you again for your love and support. As we go forward with disaster relief, Sea Hawk training and humanitarian aid outreaches, our primary goal is to advance the Kingdom of God, allowing people to know and to see the love of Jesus and who He really is. You help us tremendously to do this and we are eternally grateful.

Love,

Don & Sondra

Don and Sondra Tipton and the Friend Ships Crew