

# Friend Ships November 2013 Activities Report

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Dear Friend Ships Family:

Thank you for all you continually do to help us with the work the Lord has set before us. We hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family. At Friend Ships, we have so much to be thankful for.

As the year nears a close, we want to express our thanks to each of you who is with us in heart and spirit. Your love, prayers, support, help and friendship mean the world to us and we couldn't do it without you. For more than 28 years now, the Lord has guided our path, filled our hands with fruitful work, stood beside us and worked with His people to provide all that we need. Every single day of these 28 years we have woke up in the morning to a team of 50-100 people, who spend the day working with all their hearts, not for a paycheck or any material reward but only for the love of Jesus. This large team has eaten three meals a day, had shelter over our heads, and everything else we required. We have sailed ships across oceans delivering millions of pounds of goods to people in desperate circumstances, provided meals, medical aid, commodity distribution, home clean up and repair, spiritual support and many other services in nations around the world. It is amazing really. Without any sort of formal fund raising or endowment, often without means for more than the day, God's people have continually responded to His leading and come through to meet our every need and help us to continue year after year. Thank you Jesus for your never ending faithfulness.

Integrity on her way...



This month from Port Mercy two crews have sailed for Honduras. First our sailboat, Divine Wind left with a crew of 12 for Roatán to help with a transitional stage we are going through in our operations there. The boat sailed through high winds, pulled into a harbor to repair a torn sail and was delayed by an uncharted sand bar. Friend Ship Integrity sailed into assist and then follow on to Roatán with a team of 36 to help operations there.



Excited crew...

A destructive typhoon made landfall in the Philippines and we are working now, hopefully to send a 40' sea container full of shelter materials and other emergency supplies. We were contacted by an Australian Pastor who worked in the Philippines for eight years and still continues to minister there. His church is active now in the relief work and we are hoping to assist their efforts by sending in heavy duty tarp and whatever other items are needed to help the people recover from their devastating losses.

The Sea Hawks who started their year in August graduated this month from boot camp. They are an amazing group of young people from diverse backgrounds, all working together as an awesome team. Next month, the Sea Hawks who arrived at the start of last year graduate from the program. They too are young men and women to be admired. We are so proud of their character and growth this past year. Some will stay on with Sea Hawks for a second year while others go on to pursue their dreams. All the students have continued with their studies, work and outreaches to the local community on the weekends.

Don't forget that Jesus & Company, Parts 1 & 2, plus the audio version of Part 1 are available as a Christmas gift package at [www.friendships.org](http://www.friendships.org). May your celebration of our Lord's birthday be a richly blessed one. Thank you for remembering people in need.

Together in Christ,

***Don & Sondra Tipton & the Friend Ships Teams***