

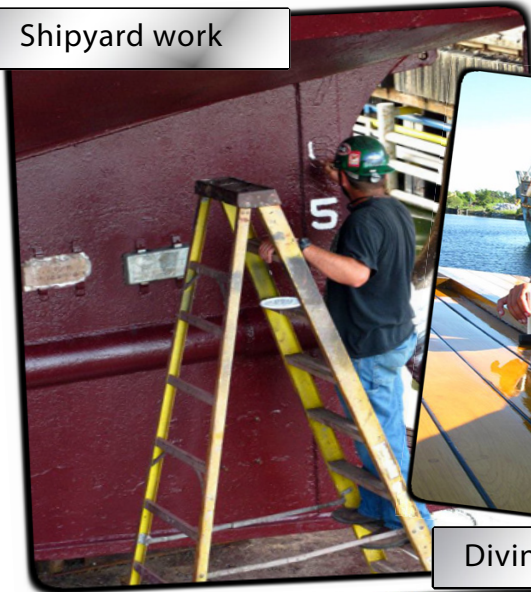
# Friend Ships September 2013 Activities Report

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Dear Friend Ships Family:

Thank you for helping us carry on the work of the Kingdom. It has been a busy and productive month. We are happy to have been able to send Friend Ship Integrity to the shipyard for routine maintenance and repairs. The bottom of the ship was cleaned and painted with new zinc anodes attached and she looks great! Thanks to you, our support team, we were able to have this important work completed. Now with a few minor repairs, the ship will be ready to resume missions when needed. Also Sailboat Divine Wind has been getting a lot of attention and is just about ready to sail for a mission to Roatán, Honduras with a team of 12.

Shipyard work



Divine Wind - varnishing



Integrity in dry dock



Divine Wind prepares to sail



The Sea Hawks have been very busy with classes including maritime, self-defense, church history, Bible Study, cooking, sailing, physical fitness and mechanics! And each weekend the Friend Ships Crew and Hawks go into our community to love on and minister to children and their parents. After almost 30 years of operating in relief missions, we are thrilled to have a continual team of young men and women here with us who are passionate about the things of God. We are able to pour much that we have learned into them and help them on the road to an exciting and productive life dedicated to following Jesus! Thank you for helping us offer this program as a full scholarship.

In the cargo department, we had the opportunity to distribute blankets and food to a ministry for Mexico and to a shelter for homeless veterans in a near-by community as well as our weekly food distributions to several local ministries in Lake Charles and Los Angeles.

As we stand by to respond in the event of a damaging hurricane this season, we are working to prepare our team and equipment to be more effective each time we deploy. To this point, we have been prepared best for very large outreaches by ship that requires thousands of tons of supplies and equipment. The next photo is what we



set up a few years ago on a medical mission to the West Indies. This set-up is also available for use on disaster outreaches, either overseas or here in the U.S. when the situation calls for a large, long-term response. Every service we perform is accompanied with prayer and spiritual encouragement.



Disaster relief set-up

Pictured here for medical outreach is a set-up that includes a large receiving and waiting room, patient evaluation station, eight clinics, chiropractic and eye exam areas, food preparation area and serving cafe, children's puppet show and play space(including bounce castle and trampolines), a prayer tent and helicopter landing area for air support. In addition to the above, the disaster relief camp serves as a base to provide emergency broadcasting and set up distribution of commodities including heavy-duty tarp, food, water, hygiene items, linens, and other needed items. The helicopter has the capacity to be used for search and rescue, reconnaissance, transportation of medical and other key personnel, air ambulance service and more. When required, we are able to construct and distribute temporary shelters from the base camp. In the initial days and weeks, all power is out in the communities and in addition to food service, we plan to be able to provide a place where residents are able to charge their phones, other mobile devices and research avenues for the assistance they need. The site also serves as a base to dispatch teams house-to-house, searching out elderly people, handicapped or ill house-bound residents in hard hit areas in need of commodities and services.

We are also working on preparing a variety of possible services to offer when we respond on a smaller scale, for example, to a U.S. based flood or fire emergency. If we deploy without the ship, we need to have alternative housing. We are in the initial stages of converting buses for housing and acquiring additional military trucks that are capable of pulling in our rescue boats and other equipment while they are able to negotiate high water.

Please pray and stand together with us for all these things to be accomplished so that when we go to people in desperate circumstances we can be great comfort, encouragement and help to them; letting them know that the Lord cares and that He is with them.

Thank you for all the never-ending assistance and encouragement you give to us. We appreciate you so very much!

We love you,



Bucket jam...



Face painting



Local outreaches

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