

# Friend Ships October 2014 Activities Report

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Dear Friend Ships Family:

We have exciting news! The Lord has blessed us with a new ship! Our great friends at Coastal Transportation in Seattle, Washington, who gave us ships *Spirit of Grace*, *Hope* and *Integrity*, have just donated an incredible vessel that ran her last commercial voyage to Alaska only a few days ago. This is the 4th ship donated by this wonderful family and their company. May the blessings flow to them continuously!



The ship is fully equipped, in excellent condition with many modern features. Ready to go, it is ideal to help Friend Ships meet the needs of thousands of people. In early November we will bring the ship down the Pacific Coast, through the Panama Canal and to her new home at Port Mercy in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Our plan is to prepare the vessel for an extended voyage to Israel in order to birth a new aspect of the ministry - providing aid to immigrants who are struggling to have basic necessities; to help impoverished, elderly holocaust survivors, Christian Arabs and many others. We know many effective organizations to assist in Israel because of our previous voyages, organizations that help the elderly, children, those who are sick, new immigrants and some recovering from alcohol and drugs. They are throughout Israel- in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Mt. Carmel, Tiberius at the Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Bethlehem and beyond. We are very excited about the many possibilities this new ship brings to Friend Ships!

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The Sea Hawks finished up their work at Camp MeWe in Branson, Missouri, the home of a future Christian outreach to children. They traveled back to Port Mercy where they trained for two weeks in self-defense with Diamondback Protective Services. Then the team helped organizers in a march for breast cancer awareness before heading off to participate in an evangelistic outreach in Tyler, Texas. This program called "Hell House" is presented each year around Halloween and regularly draws hundreds of people into a relationship with the Lord Jesus.



*Sea Hawks - Self-defense*



*Breast cancer walk*

As we gear up for the mission to Israel, we will be asking you to pray with us for a first class load of humanitarian aid and all the fuel and supplies needed for future voyages, along with a very special, blessed crew who would like to work with our mission in Israel.

For as the Word of God says in 2 Corinthians 1:

*20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. 21 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, 22 set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

We can't thank you enough for standing with us and for serving the Lord. May you be richly blessed.

Together in Christ,

*Don and Sondra Tipton and the Friend Ships Teams*