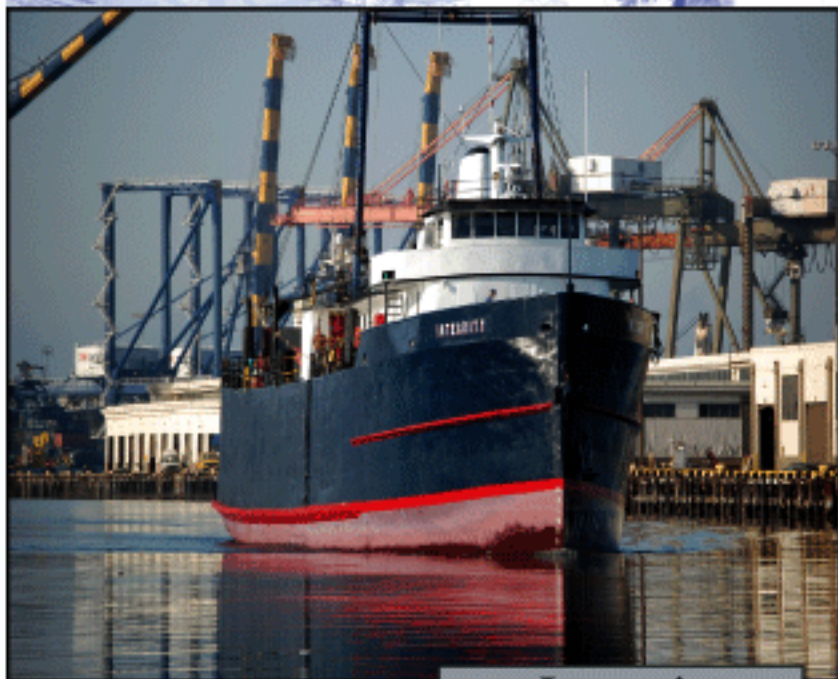


Friend Ships Annual Activities Report 2009

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Each December is a joy as we have an opportunity to look back at the activities of the past year and see what the Lord has done and what we have been privileged to accomplish with your help and love.



Friend Ships 2009

Integrity

VOYAGES

This year we took our beautiful new ship through dry dock and then brought MV Integrity home to Port Mercy. She is an amazing vessel that has been donated by long time and faithful friends to Friend Ships. This ship has many advantages that will allow us to greatly improve our ability to carry out disaster relief, medical missions and humanitarian aid programs for years to come; we are thrilled to have her.

On the voyage from Seattle to Lake Charles we decided to deliver thousands of new shoes, medical supplies and other humanitarian aid to the nation of Honduras, who was experiencing particularly tough times because of political turmoil.

We'd like to share with you testimonies about the mission from local Honduran Pastors as they expressed their excitement about the shoe distribution with us:

“One man told me, ‘Pastor I used to tie my tennis with a pair of string to hold the bottom up and I was praying to the Lord that He might bless me with a new pair. When this pair came into my hands, I gave thanks because it is only through Jesus Christ that we are receiving this blessing.’”

“One man in the church said ‘Pastor I was praying to the Lord for a pair of shoes because I didn’t have shoes to go to church and I gave thanks to God when I got them because they were black and just exactly like what I was praying for.’”

“For me the distribution of the shoes was a great experience and a blessing to my spiritual life because I felt a move in my heart when I was washing feet and putting shoes on old people, young people, everybody. It is a great blessing to the people here on Roatán Island.”

“Never before has a blessing like this come to the island and it was also a spiritual blessing that came through these tennis that were donated and distributed throughout the island... We have been blessing a lot of unsaved people with shoes in different communities and praying for them and many have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.”

“The distribution of shoes has been a wonderful blessing... One brother told me that he only had one pair of shoes and they were torn. He said, ‘I trusted God and asked him to bless me with a new pair of shoes. I know that Satan was making fun of me because I had torn shoes, but now I’m laughing at Satan because I have a new pair of shoes to go to church.’”

ROATAN, HONDURAS

While in Honduras, our team was able to join with local church leadership to create a soccer field at Friend Ships Village on Roatán Island to reach out to thousands of young people. We were also able to dig three large fish ponds to grow additional food. Some special friends donated and installed a beautiful new back-up generator system at the Village. This will be such a great asset on the many occasions when city power is down. We accomplished several much needed repairs and maintenance, and restocked food and supplies for the team there. The Village continued throughout the year to host church seminars, training programs, and prayer and fasting retreats plus Simply the Story and School of Faith training seminars.



Honduras Mission



Delivering Shoes



New Shoes



RAMP

PORT MERCY

In August, at home base Port Mercy in Lake Charles, Louisiana, we graduated our second class of RAMP and welcomed a new group of students, who are hard at work and in training for effective relief missions. We have been able to make progress on ongoing construction projects, including initiating use of our outdoor kitchen facilities to serve the crew and host a Simply the Story training seminar. We were able to join with Smile of a Child to send a shipment of humanitarian aid to Haiti and distributed items for missions to Mexico. StoreHouse One Lake Charles collected and distributed tons of food to many local organizations that assist those in dire need and provided food for our own volunteer team. We received wonderful gifts of a large mobile kitchen trailer and a mobile CAT scan trailer, both of which can be pulled with our Kenworth semi-tractor.

STOREHOUSE ONE LOS ANGELES

StoreHouse One in Los Angeles collected and distributed many, many tons of beautiful food as well as stocking up supplies for Friend Ships relief missions. We received truckloads of humanitarian aid there and sent supplies to Port Mercy for a shipment to Haiti. We loaded Integrity

Would you like to help? We have the following ongoing opportunities:

Prayer: Join "Special Forces," our team of prayer warriors.

Crew: Long and short term individuals and teams.

Humanitarian Aid: See website or request a brochure on how you can pack boxes of supplies to be shipped.

Finances: To support general operations or current projects.

for the mission to Honduras at StoreHouse One Los Angeles. Additionally, a tremendous amount of work was accomplished on the mobile conference center that will host seminars and perform advance work for other Friend Ships' missions.

NEXT YEAR

With missions to Honduras and Haiti planned, initiation of the soccer outreach in Roatán and standing by for disaster relief here in the US or overseas, 2010 promises to be exciting. We hope to complete work on the mobile eye clinic that is awaiting donations of the needed eye surgery equipment. Also we want to work on the mobile CAT scan trailer and new mobile kitchen as well as warehousing and housing construction projects at home base Port Mercy!



Mobile Eye Surgery Suite

THANK YOU!

Even with the depressed economy, the Lord continues to be on the move here at Friend Ships. It is a good time to be helping people in need. Thank you for your never-ending faithfulness! You keep us going in every situation. Your support, your love, your prayers and your friendship are the fuel that enables us to fulfill the call of God. May you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year! We look forward with great anticipation to advancing the Kingdom of God together in 2010 and beyond.

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