

Friend Ships April 2005 Activities Report

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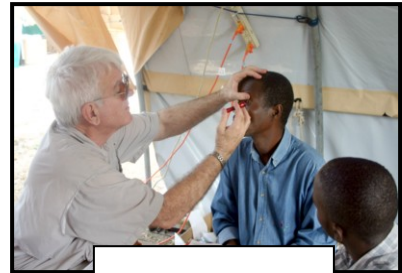


Ship delivers fire trucks

Spirit of Grace sailed for Port au Prince, Haiti on January 16th and returned home February 19th, mission accomplished! We spent three incredible weeks in Haiti. The first week, we served hundreds of pastors from around the nation in a conference to encourage and strengthen them to take Haiti for Jesus. We held the world premiere of "God's Story" in Haitian Creole and provided each pastor with a video and audio copy to take home and utilize in personal ministry to advance the Kingdom. During the conference the pastors were provided with free medical, dental and eye care. At the end of the week they were given clinic tickets to distribute to the neediest people in their communities. For the next two weeks the patients came in droves, surrounding the gate to the compound where we worked, they waited for hours to get a chance to see the health care providers. We delivered many tons of emergency vehicles, food, clothing and other needed items to our national partner, Grace International, for distribution to people in the parts of Haiti that need it most. We thank God for the team that He clearly brought together with Friend Ships: Smile of a Child (www.tbn.org), Grace International, God's Story Project (www.gods-story.org), Ministry OPS, ALERT Academy (www.alertacademy.com), Metro Ministries (www.metroministires.com), God Chasers Network (www.godchasers.net), many other groups and doctors, nurses, dentists, pilots and relief workers. W.O.W. Ministries (www.winningworld.com) also joined with us and provided beautiful puppets for children's outreach.



Distributing clothes & serving food



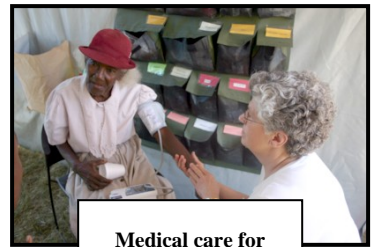
Eye & Dental care



Health care & English language classes



Distribution of Bibles



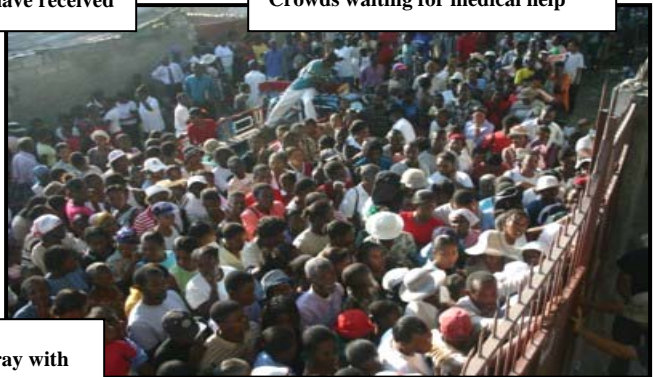
Medical care for old & young



Crowds waiting for medical help



Women wait for a ride home with sacks of food they have received



FS Mission Director & UN Commander



Local pastors pray with each patient

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All members of the team had a chance to use their gifts to glorify God. Even our UN Sri Lankan guards were blessed by what they saw happening. Several of them asked for Bibles to find out more about what we believe and why we were doing this mission. The Lord opened the hearts of Haiti to us. What an honor and privilege to be used by Him to bring hope and encouragement to our struggling brothers and sisters! Thank you all for your prayers and encouragement to us. Thank you for your gifts that made this possible.

Finally, another great miracle is our newest addition to the fleet, a



beautiful 206B Bell Jet Helicopter to be used for our work among the poor, given to Friend Ships by Paul Crouch of Trinity Broadcasting

Network. The last two years, we have been blessed to be able to utilize an R44 helicopter "Angel of Hope" in our relief efforts. The R44 is not now available for use but in its place, God has provided this beautiful blessing!



MISSION ISRAEL

Our upcoming mission is a return trip to Israel. The Lord is doing amazing things to fill the ship with top quality cargo including tons of furniture in excellent condition we are collecting from a military building that



Furniture for Israel



is being taken out of service. In addition, we also have household goods, clothing, paper products and school supplies to distribute to immigrants getting started in a new life, Arab people in need and others who require help. A

gracious donor has committed to match donations for fuel, providing half the diesel needed for the mission. If you would like to help this effort by sending supplies or giving financially, you may visit our website or contact us to request a brochure.

The Village at Roatán is preparing for the April session of the art school to begin, teaching single moms to create locally made souvenirs to sell to the tourists.

The Los Angeles base continues to collect items for relief shipments and provide food to local organizations to distribute to families in need.

At PORT MERCY in Lake Charles we are busy preparing for the mission to Israel and making improvements here at the facilities.



Stuart back at work

Many of you know that the Lord has recently given us a great miracle by healing crewmember Stuart Ver Wys from cerebral malaria. Stuart contracted this disease while with us in Haiti. His attending physician who is from Pakistan has seen

many cases of malaria said he has never seen anyone survive a case so advanced. NEVERTHELESS, because of Jesus, our Healer and a massive amount of prayer, Stuart is recovering completely and was released from the hospital after only nine days. Thank you, Lord. There is no other explanation but that this was the sovereign hand of God.

THANK YOU, FRIENDS, FOR BEING A GREAT PART OF THIS AWESOME JOURNEY, SERVING A GREAT AND MIGHTY GOD AND HELPING PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD!

If you would like to be involved with supporting Friend Ships programs, we have ongoing needs for:

Crew- Long and short term individuals and teams.

Finances- To support general operations and the Mission to Israel.

Cargo- See website or request a brochure on how you can pack boxes of supplies to be shipped.

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