

# Friend Ships March 2019 Activities Report

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Dear Friends of Friend Ships:

Thank you so much for the many things you do each month to help us fulfill what God has set before us. Much progress is being made in the Middle East to work toward our new humanitarian aid facility in Gaza. We have located and moved into a lovely house in Israel to serve as an offsite base only a few miles from the facility. And as soon as we rented this large, empty home, our friends Barry and Batya Segal of Vision for Israel provided a house full of furniture, appliances, bedding, dishes and more!



Part of the team has worked on preparing the house for service. The rest of the team has remained in the Golan Heights finishing up loading containers with our medical camp so that it may be safely transported south. The Lord has provided contractors to level the ground at our new location, install water, power and a security fence! As soon as the ground is prepared, we will start to build the tents.

Please pray for the people of Gaza who are suffering terribly. Many people there do not have clean water. Food and medical services are limited. Power is only available four hours a day and



unemployment is at a catastrophic level. We plan to be a light on a hill, a beacon of God's love! Our team needs to be strong and full of the Lord. Please pray for the 45 long term crew that serve at Port Mercy and in Israel and the hundreds of short-term crew members that will join us in Israel.

Please pray that (2 Cor 9) as together we give cheerfully what we have decided in our hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, (for God loves a cheerful giver), God is able to bless us abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that we need, we will abound in every good work! Please ask God, on behalf of our team( as it says in Col 1) to fill us with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that we may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that we may have full endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light!

The Port Mercy team continue to receive incoming donations, maintain the home base, run the main office and operate StoreHouse One, our fresh food donations to the local community. There is always much to do.

If you would like to be a part of the mission to Gaza by coming to Israel to serve, please go to our website [www.friendships.org](http://www.friendships.org) and fill out a questionnaire for the Middle East Medical Mission (we need medical and non-medical personnel). If you would like to pray for the mission, send us a note at [portmercy@friendships.org](mailto:portmercy@friendships.org) and we will send you a weekly prayer update. If you would like to contribute financially, we estimate our monthly expenses to be about \$9000 for medicine, fuel, travel, supplies and rent for the base house.

### Prayer - Project Conduit

Because this opportunity is so significant spiritually, we have initiated nightly prayers with our team at Port Mercy, in Israel and with many friends of the ministry around the world who are praying with us. We call it Project Conduit and are not only asking God for our needs but lifting up the many spiritual aspects. Let us know at [portmercy@friendships.org](mailto:portmercy@friendships.org) if you would like to receive the weekly prayer update for the new camp.

You may contribute online and indicate Middle East Medical Mission or of course, you may send in a check. Each one of these ways to help in INVALUABLE!

Thank you so much for helping Friend Ships.  
We appreciate you so much.

Warm Regards,

*Don and Sondra Tipton  
and the Friend Ships Teams*



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