

Friend Ships April 2019 Activities Report

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Dear Friends of Friend Ships:

Thank you for all you continue to do to help us. Your prayers, financial support, donations of goods and labor are such a tremendous boost to our efforts! It's an honor to report to you all that the Lord has done this past month.

The work in Israel has been exciting. The Lord has provided a donor to bring in contractors to blacktop the ground for our new facility in Gaza. They will also be installing water, power and fencing that will serve us for a long-term mission. What a massive blessing. Another donor has provided funds for tents and for shipping. We also met with a hospital in Israel who is willing to help us obtain the additional medical equipment we need and provide medical staff for the telemedicine operations. Very soon our team will be able to go into the site and set up our tents and equipment. Then we will be ready to see patients!

For now, the Middle East team carried on picking up surplus food, making preparations of the camp, studying Arabic, working on the base house and with their Biblical studies. The Sea Hawks were able to tour incredible historic sites and enjoyed celebrating traditional Passover and Easter in the Holy Land. This program is an amazing opportunity for young adults who want to draw closer to the Lord, become physically fit, learn and work in relief missions and spend many exciting months in Israel. A new session is starting in September. If you know of young men and women who may be interested, check out theseahawks.org or email us at seahawks@friendships.org for more information.

Sea Hawk Program



Next session starts September 2019
It will be a time of spiritual strength and growth...



Here in the US, we continue with collecting and distributing food to organizations in Lake Charles and Los Angeles who are helping people in need. We were very blessed to receive many truckloads of heavy-duty vinyl material we use for a wide variety of purposes in our work, many new tents and a donation of medical equipment. We had the privilege of loading out a truck to be shipped by Global Missions to Jeremie, Haiti. We were able to send food, thousands of doses of malaria medication and vinyl that will be used to secure homes from the weather. Global has established Christian orphanages and schools in this very needy area of Haiti where people are still recovering from last year's hurricane season.

Our team at Port Mercy continue to work on equipment that we will use this year for hurricane relief and for projects at Port Mercy. Our new Cessna 177 airplane is being completely rebuilt inside and out. When finished it will be a wonderful tool to send in advance teams when we need to check out a disaster area or other situation requiring aid.

Field Hospital Opportunity

For the Middle East operations, we have been given the opportunity to obtain a 4,500 sq. unused field hospital with a 114kw generator, 6-5-ton AC/Heater units, complete electrical distribution with outlets (proper regional current), lighting system and 50 portable hospital beds. It is currently stored in Jordan, just a few hours from our Gaza location. It would be a great addition to our set-up and we would like very much to obtain it. The value is \$450,000. The company will donate the facility but need to receive \$100,000 to cover some associated costs. If the Lord puts it on your heart to contribute to this need, we would be very appreciative. You can donate at friendships.org, click the "donate" button on the top right side of the menu, or on the Friend Ships mobile app.



Thanks again for all the love and support you give us here at Friend Ships. We appreciate you more than you could know.

Warm Regards,

Don and Sondra Tipton and the Friend Ships Teams