Friend Ships

Activities Report June 2022

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Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for all that you continue to do to help Friend Ships with the work set before us by the Lord. This month we have been blessed to be able to contribute food and other items to several ministries who provide for people in need. The Lord's Place in Lake Charles operates shelters for both men and woman. Port Rescue Mission in Port Arthur, Texas provides housing for homeless individuals and families. City of Refuge in Vinton, Louisiana specializes in helping homeless veterans. I Am Loved in Lake Charles helps woman coming out of human trafficking and prostitution. At home base, Port Mercy, we have been upgrading our electrical systems and repairing machinery.



A long time dream of ours has been to sail to Cuba with humanitarian aid so that the churches there are able to help people in desperate circumstances. It may be that a door is finally opening for this mission. We will be working on our ship Integrity to be able to run a mission or perhaps, multiple missions to Cuba. With the Lord's help, we want to make improvements to the bridge and housing areas, refurbish and

repaint the deck and hull, perform engine repairs and upgrades and go to dry dock for additional repairs and upgrades.

Friend Ship Integrity is also an amazing tool for disaster relief. The ship carries 1000 tons of cargo, is able to house a large team of workers, is fuel efficient, has global internet capabilities and has a rear ramp door, enabling us to offload in a wide variety of ways, including at anchor, onto smaller vessels that shuttle supplies to shore when the disaster hit area is not able to be approached by a deep draft ship and/or without cranes when port facilities are damaged and out of service.

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. Col 3:23-34

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Thank you so much to all the wonderful guest volunteers we have had at Friend Ships so far in 2022! Brandon from Louisiana, the Cummings family from Maine;, the Kurianski family from California, Toni and her son Drake from Kansas, Shannon and Travis from Florida, Glenn from New Zealand, Spencer and Merlita from Virginia, Dennis and Mary from Florida, Dennis from Alabama and Allen from Texas. Ravencrest Bible School team and Christian Campus House each sent incredible, large, hardworking teams. And in Israel, Brenda, Ben Bagley and Ben Fuller, all from New York came to assist! What a tremendous difference they have each made in helping us accomplish the needed projects.

With the help of the guest volunteers, in Israel, we organized and inventoried our equipment. At home base ,Port Mercy, we upgraded our electrical systems, organized and inventoried warehouses, repaired vehicles, did grounds work, made repairs to our office, built a greenhouse, gutted a hurrícane ravaged mobile home, cleaned and organized storm damaged containers and so much more!

Thank you guests, for the great attitudes, encouraging words and the tremendous labor of love in the work of your hands!

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