

Friend Ships

Activities Report July 2022

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for all you continue to do to help us at Friend Ships. It is so wonderful to have you alongside of us!



Please join us in prayer that we will have all we need to reactivate Friend Ship Integrity and make upgrades in order to create an even more effective disaster relief vessel that will be able to meet critical needs as they arise.

Integrity is not only able to carry hundreds of tons of goods, but also provides housing for teams, transportation for equipment to prepare and serve food, medical

clinics when needed - and is able to anchor offshore and distribute from there or be able to back up to a dock to roll equipment and supplies off quickly.

Over the years, the Lord has taught us a variety of ways to bring aid and comfort to people in the immediate aftermath of a disaster - in our country and in many others, in hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, tornados, fires and in the midst of warfare - bringing in food and preparing meals, providing drinking water and commodities such as tarp, paper products, hygiene supplies and clothing. At times, medical and pharmacy services are needed or emergency broadcasting, search and rescue, and even animal rescue. Sometimes debris removal or roof repair is critical for a return to some normalcy. Always, spiritual support is critical.

Imagine that you live in an impoverished country, recently devastated by a hurricane or earthquake. Your government has few resources to help and there is no safe water to drink.

Roads and bridges are damaged, there isn't any electrical power and it is sweltering hot. Your roof is damaged and it continues to rain. Crops are destroyed, livestock killed and food is extremely scarce. Your children are hungry. Your parents are sick. You are exhausted and discouraged.



One day, you hear that a ship is arriving, loaded with food, water, medical aid and people who are coming to assist and encourage you. It's a hard thing to believe but could this be an answer to prayer?

Soon, a ship does arrive and starts to offload hundreds of tons of beautiful goods, just what is needed. As the crew delivers supplies to the community, you ask, "Who sent us this blessing?" They tell you it comes from Jesus with Love and ask what they can do to help. Together, you thank God as you start to feel the hopelessness lift. . .

Thank you for helping us be an answer to prayer for people in these desperate circumstances.

PORT MERCY, Lake Charles, Louisiana. This month, at home base, Port Mercy, we have received an abundance of clothing and food (groceries and prepared) that we have distributed to local organizations helping the homeless and others in need. We continue to repair and restore our facility from the damage we received in the 2020 hurricanes. We hosted a lovely memorial service for our dear Colleen Meza who went to heaven in May. The team in Israel is standing by for our next assignment in the Middle East. Thank you for your prayers, gifts, love and service. What an honor we have to serve the Lord and be able to demonstrate His love and care to people in need!

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.