

# *Friend Ships*

Activities Report August 2022

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Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your continued support. Friend Ships recently completed our fiscal year and as we looked back over what we were able to accomplish in the past 12 months, it was such an encouragement!



We sent two 40' containers of clothing, personal care items and travel items to Romania to help the church care for the million and a half war refugees who have flooded in from neighboring Ukraine. One 40 ft container shipped to Haiti when a 7.2 earthquake shook the impoverished island nation. Over \$1,000,000 worth of medicine, food, clothing and hygiene supplies was distributed out to Gaza in the Middle East following an exchange of warfare with Israel. Six truckloads of food and disaster relief was sent out from Port Mercy to southeast Louisiana in response to Hurricane Ida. Ongoing food and other items were distributed to near-by organizations helping the homeless, veterans, human trafficking victims, poor families, animal rescue and the elderly. And we continued weekly donations to seven organization in Southern California helping the needy, a program in operation now for more than 30 years.

Our focus for this upcoming year is to reactivate Integrity for disaster relief in the Western Hemisphere, possibly with an initial voyage to Cuba, to establish a base and the Sea Hawk program in Israel, complete the restoration of Port Mercy and continue to supply local organizations and churches with goods to reach out to the local communities.

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In the fall of 2023, we will resume the Sea Hawk Training program for young adults, this time based entirely in Israel. This is a full scholarship program for young adults that instills core values and develops a strong relationship with the Lord through learning to study the Bible and prayer, living out God's principals and serving others. If you know of a young man or woman, 18-25 who may be interested, please have them check out Sea Hawks on the Friend Ships web page, [www.friendships.org](http://www.friendships.org).

Here at Port Mercy, our new greenhouse production has started. It is so exciting to see these fruits and vegetables grow! We are also very excited about the reactivation of Friend Ship Integrity. This month, we received a substantial financial gift toward the purchase of steel that we need to make the repairs and upgrades to the ship. The Lord has already blessed us with all the of the updated bridge electronics and safety equipment needed. Please pray that we get the proper personnel and funds needed for dry docking.



Finally, we would like to express our extreme gratitude to the people who support the work here at Friend Ships financially. Although having volunteer labor and many donated items greatly reduces our financial needs, there are many things that do require money and we could not carry on, day to day, without the funds to pay for them. It is such an honor that you take a portion of your hard-earned wages and send them to Friend Ships. We do not take this lightly for even a moment. Every single gift that arrives, large or small, electronically or by mail, is such a great encouragement and a tool to carry the work forward. Thank you. May the Lord continue to bless you and meet your needs.

2 For 10:3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.