

Friendships

May 2023 Activities Report

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your loving support! It is so good to have you with us as part of our team. This month we have been blessed to have a wonderful work group from Missouri State University who helped us with repairs to the office building and an RV that will serve as a home for returning long-term crew. The team organized incoming donations, improved the greenhouse and helped with groundskeeping, including providing a new (to us) riding mower to lighten our work. We were doubly blessed to receive a donation of a second beautiful lawn mower, an awesome Dixie Chopper, from



Pastor Dwayne Daigle of Church of the Promise in Iowa, Louisiana.



All throughout the month, we continued to take in hundreds of pounds of food and household goods, giving out goods to church community distributions, an outreach to the elderly and to Veterans who are homeless.

Taking applications now for Sea Hawks 2023. Basic Training will take place at Port Mercy in Lake Charles, LA and then move to Israel where Sea Hawks visit Biblical locations while studying the Word. They have the opportunity to participate in excavating a historical site while carrying out projects that serve the communities. Session starts in August. Please submit your application by the end of June. Go to www.friendships.org for more information.

Friend Ships



Friend Ships is offering *Disaster Relief 2023*. The training will prepare people to lead a response team when crisis strikes in your community or region. Section One classes teach skills specifically utilized in disaster relief including:



1. Safe And Effective Food Service (Serv-safe basics)
2. Commodity Collection & Distribution
3. Self-Defense
4. High-Water Rescue
5. Spiritual Support
6. Essentials & Options for Outreach to Disaster Victims

Section Two classes include *Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)*, a dynamic program developed by the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1985 that is now offered nationally under the direction of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. CERT is designed to equip community members with basic skills that enable citizens to serve as an essential part of disaster efforts when emergency service personnel are not yet available or in order to supplement their work. CERT teaches:

1. Disaster Preparedness
2. Team Organization
3. Basic Medical Skills
4. Disaster Psychology
5. Fire Safety & Utility Controls
6. Light Search & Rescue
7. CERT & Terrorism



Disaster Relief 2023 will take place from October 25-28 at Friend Ships Port Mercy in Lake Charles, LA. If you are interested in attending, please email us at portmercy@friendships.org.