

Friend Ships

July 2023 Activities Report

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for all you do for Friend Ships. Your help is a huge blessing to our work!



Currently, we are preparing for the Sea Hawk session that will start in late August at Port Mercy where students will have 12 weeks of basic training and then go to the Golan Heights of Israel where they will work with Friend Ships,, study the Word as they tour Biblical locations, excavate historical sites and more.

We are also getting ready to present Disaster Relief Training in October. The four day session will include an introduction to disaster relief food service, commodity distribution, high-water rescue, spiritual support, self-

defense, disaster preparedness, team organization, basic emergency medical skills, disaster psychology, fire safety and utility controls, light search and rescue and terrorism response.



Disaster Relief 2023 will take place from October 24-28 at Friend Ships Port Mercy in Lake Charles, Louisiana, free of charge. If you know anyone who may like to take the training and be ready to deploy with Friend Ships in a disaster response, contact us at portmercy@friendships.org to register.

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StoreHouse One, the Friend Ships food distribution program, is in full swing. Thanks to the Lord and many great organizations and corporations for this abundance. We are distributing food to local families through Greater St. Mary's Church, to the homeless through the Lord's Place, to needy Veterans through City of Refuge, to the elderly through Council on Aging, families and individuals in need through Biker Church who provide daily meals and a "store" for free of charge shopping. We have also been able to stock up our Disaster Relief supplies so that when a hurricane hits this season, we will have what we need to provide emergency food service.



Our volunteer engineer and building contractor, Fred Boettcher, left us this month to be with Jesus. We will really miss Fred, who was a wonderful servant of the Lord and great, long-time friend. Fred was a man who always, even when running a busy corporation, made time to put the the Lord first. Fred smuggled

Bibles into China, distributing them by boat to villages along

the Yangtze River and he worked on missions in the Philippines and Thailand. Among many other projects with Friend Ships, Fred engineered and oversaw building of our large multi-purpose facility in Roatán (above) that hosted Holy Spirit filled meetings with hundreds of local Honduran believers.

And he designed beautiful long-lasting temporary

shelters using the rolls of heavy duty vinyl we have on hand for Haiti (left) when an earthquake left millions homeless. Although we mourn Fred's loss, we rejoice in his homecoming with the Lord!



