

Friend Ships

March 2024 Activities Report

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Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for standing with us as we pursue the work set before us by the Lord. The project in Israel is in full swing. Our teams have been in high demand. There is an urgent need to help the small farmers who are located in the area adjacent to Gaza. They have few harvesters because as the war rages, people are afraid to come into the area and prior to the conflict, many of the harvesters were Gazans. It has been our pleasure to be able to help, not only to save the farmers from losing their crops and their farms, but also, this food is what feeds much of Israel.



From Friend Ships Director Teri Shields, who is coordinating work for the team: *“One of the much loved farmers in Shuva continues to request Friend Ship volunteers with promises of fun and spoiling them! We thank him for his thoughtfulness and tell him the pleasure is ours. After all we are here to spoil them. To God be the Glory!”*

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We helped setting up kindergartens for evacuees, and cleaning up grounds for the elderly, synagogues, women's centers, schools and low-income neighborhoods so that as people return after the horrendous experience of October 7th, the city is warm and welcoming.

The team has also been able to spend some time visiting the magnificent sites only in Israel including the field where David fought Goliath, the 5000 year old city of Ashkelon, the Old City of Jerusalem, Masada, En Gedi, David's Palace, Hezekiah's Tunnel, the Western Wall, the Garden of Garden, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Mediterranean Sea and so much more.



At Port Mercy, this month we were blessed to have the help of a wonderful work team from Ravencrest Chalet Bible School in Colorado. They helped tremendously in so many aspects of our work including food distribution, ship repair and warehousing.

StoreHouse One continues to collect and distribute food to families and organizations every day. We are so blessed to received an abundance of beautiful food to send out, from Jesus with Love! Currently, we are preparing for another work team, planning for hurricane season and carrying on with reactivation and repair work aboard the ships. If you would like to be a part of bringing help and the love of Jesus to Israel in their time of need, please contact us at portmercy@friendships.org. Or if you would like to serve here in the U.S., our greatest need is for God's people to join our ranks. The more our team grows, the more we can do. If the Lord is moving on your heart to serve Him, please consider Friend Ships.