

Friend Ships

August 2024 Activities Report

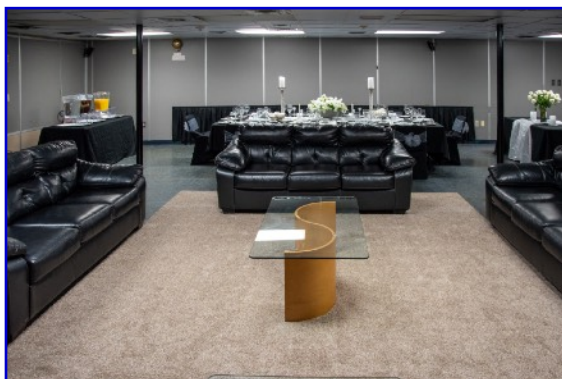
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Dear Friends:

Thank you for the wonderful help you provide to Friend Ships! We are happy to report what we have been able to accomplish this month!



MEETING ROOM ABOARD PELICAN'S NEST

PELICAN'S NEST. Work is progressing nicely on Disaster Ship Pelican's Nest. We have been able to obtain the parts we need for the generator repair and the crew are reassembling it. One of the assets of this ship is a huge meeting room. The team have been preparing this space for meeting, training, planning and more!



ETIQUETTE CLASS

SEA HAWKS A wonderful new group of Sea Hawks started the program in August. They will spend the first three months in basic training, acquiring skills to help them in missions work and in life! The students have hit the ground running with orientation, Bible studies, physical training, basic medical skills, food ministry, food service and etiquette class.



THE TEAM WORKING TOGETHER WITH LOCAL ISRAELI ORGANIZATIONS

ISRAEL The team in Israel has continued to work with local organizations to prepare as many as 3000 meals a day for soldiers and those in need and to distribute supplies. They helped elderly residents and continued to assist the city with maintenance projects. At present, our work is complicated by

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security concerns amid threats of increased warfare and flight cancellations. The team visited Nova, the site of the dance festival where Hamas tragically murdered and kidnapped hundreds of Israelis on October 7th. At the Heritage Center in Sderot, where we are based, they saw videos and heard interviews with survivors of the attacks on the police station where thirty-five people were murdered on October 7th.

STOREHOUSE ONE. Every week, the Port Mercy team collect and distribute food support, so important at this time with the state of the economy. These organizations receive food weekly: **The Way Training Center**, based in Crowley, Louisiana is a discipleship program for men struggling with addictions and they distribute food to people in their community. **Salvation Army** is providing housing, three meals a day for the homeless and hot meals to people in the community. **Greater Saint Mary's Baptist Church** distributes food to community members in need. **Straightway Baptist Church** serves and ministers to struggling families in their community. **Apostolic Temple** provides food to needy families within the church and a home for people recovering from addictions. **Open Door Biker Church** gives out food to the community and serves a hot meal for the homeless. **The Vineyard Church** distributes food boxes to an average of 20 families in need each week and **Sugar Mama's Kitchen** runs a restaurant serving meals to the homeless, elderly and sick. It is such a blessing to take what God makes available to us and assist these wonderful ministries!



For it is by grace you have been saved through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God has prepared in advance for us to! Ephesians 2:8-10: