

Friend Ships

October 2024 Activities Report

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for the ongoing help you give to Friend Ships! You are a huge part of what we are able to accomplish.



In October we responded to the devastating effects of Hurricanes Helene and Milton that tore apart communities throughout Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. In mid-October, we shipped a truckload of rolls of heavy duty vinyl to Tampa, Florida, where it is being redistributed to several communities with severe wind damage.



We had the opportunity to send air flights to the Carolinas from two local airports. We flew warm clothing along with other commodities. The shipments from Southland Field were distributed by two churches to those in need. We received a big thank you from the recipients for the much needed warm clothing and it's excellent quality as temperatures in North Carolina dropped to freezing. We'd like to thank Tim LaFleur and Southland Airport for helping to make this all possible.



Next, we prepared our trucks, a bus, bobcat and food service equipment to head for the island of Cedar Key, Florida in the Big Bend area of the state, that was severely damaged by the hurricanes. Our team is helping home owners recover and have also worked to clean up and restore a community garden, an island used by the University of Florida for marine research and training, the visitors center, museum,

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local airport and downtown area. The bobcat has been a huge help for those big jobs that the 10 foot storm surge and high winds created. The people are so grateful for the assistance and prayer our team offers.

Thank you to the many individual donors, churches and corporations who made our response possible including the Vineyard, Seaman's Corporation, Yesterday's Silkscreening, Image 360, Dr. Shrink, Stine's Lumber, Southland Field, Golden Nugget Casino and more.



Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
Job 42:2 "I know that you can do all things;
no purpose of yours can be thwarted."