November 2024 Activities Report

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Dear Friends: Thank you for your generous support to Friend Ships all year long. You are such a vital part of what we are able to accomplish. We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with friends and family. As believers, we have so much for which to be thankful! On Thanksgiving Day, our team had the opportunity to work with a restaurant in our neighborhood to offer meals without charge to people in need.



In early November, the crew returned from disaster relief in Florida and are now working on



completing the Port Mercy greenhouses before the cold sets in. In order to supplement the food we provide to the community throughout the winter, we will be reactivating our large greenhouse and we are also building one for trees so that they don't freeze when temperatures drop.

Thank you for standing with us throughout the year. Looking back over 2024, so much has been accomplished. In February, we initiated Project Tekuma in Sderot, Israel, providing aid to victims of the October 7th massacre. Our work included harvesting in the fields, working with city maintenance teams, helping the elderly and preparing food for soldiers.





In June, we began to concentrate our efforts at Port Mercy on reactivation of one of the ships, *Pelican's Nest*, that will serve in Disaster Relief to deliver goods, house our teams and host additional work groups.



The Sea Hawk class of 2023-2024 graduated in July and in August we welcomed a new group of recruits who have now completed their basic training. Sea Hawks are young adults, preparing for their futures by growing closer to the Lord, becoming physically fit, learning work skills and how to best help people in need.

Throughout the year, on a daily basis, StoreHouse One food distribution continued in Southwest Louisiana and in Southern California, collecting and distributing food to churches and organizations who help the homeless, elderly, those in recovery and the impoverished with their needs.

food rescue and greenhouse operations. We also

hosted many wonderful guest workers at Project

Tekuma in Israel.

their needs.

This summer, we were blessed to host several church and school work groups who helped us greatly with a variety of projects at Port Mercy including ship renovation, crew housing repairs,







During hurricane season, we provided humanitarian aid to Florida and North Carolina by truck and air shipments. And we sent a 21 man team to Cedar Key, Florida, who had been devastated by three hurricanes, to help the community recover.



In 2025, we look forward to our next major project in the Middle East. We have been asked to establish a Disaster Relief Center in Northern Israel by the border with Lebanon and hope to start working toward that end as

soon as evacuated residents are able to return to their homes.



We are excited about completing reactivation of *Pelican's Nest* and are hoping to have it ready for Disaster Relief by next hurricane season. We also plan to welcome a new group of Sea Hawks in August, and to continue to bless the local community each week with food.



As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, "Good News of great joy that will be for all the people", we would like to say thank you for honoring Him all throughout the year through prayer, service or giving to help people when they are in need.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year!