

Friend Ships

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May 2025 Activities Report

Dear Friends:

We are so grateful to God for your love, prayers, gifts and labor. Every aspect of support we receive is such a vital part of the wheel turning that keeps us moving forward. And moving forward we are!

This month at Port Mercy, we had a wonderful team from MSU. They accomplished much in the greenhouse, the container yard, crew housing and aboard Pelicans Nest. We were also blessed with a large donation of tools and we continued to collect and distribute food every day.



SPIRIT OF GRACE

Along with the food we distribute in the US, disaster relief and humanitarian aid deliveries, the Lord has given us a special assignment to the Middle East. It started in 2004. Some of you may remember that we loaded our ship Spirit of Grace and made two voyages from the US to Ashdod, Israel with thousands of tons of goods to help meet the needs of new immigrants to Israel, moving to the Jewish homeland from Russia, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Iran and other countries. In 2017, we established Camp Ichay, in Syria, just outside the

Israeli border. From there, we provided medical services, humanitarian aid and recreational facilities for children. In 2023, the horrific events of October 7th took place and we spent a year helping an Israeli community near the Gaza border recover from their terrible tragedy.

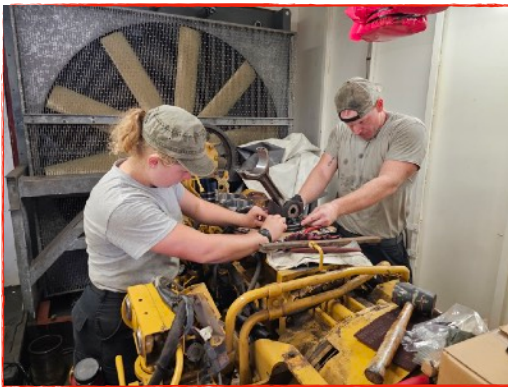
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This March, the door opened to return to Syria and we established a facility to provide medical care, distribution of goods and children's recreation. We are now being asked to replicate this model in other impoverished communities where there are at-risk minority groups.



This mission is a special opportunity and we encourage you to earnestly seek the Lord about joining in us there. Please pray and consider coming to Syria to help us, as the Lord leads you, for short term or long. See the enclosed flyer for more information. There are also financial needs for medicine, travel, food and more. If the Lord puts it on your heart to contribute, this is an important way to participate.

A new session of Sea Hawks, our training program for young adults



PORT MERCY



SEA HAWKS



DISASTER RELIEF

starts in August and we have volunteer opportunities at home base Port Mercy in Lake Charles, LA where we are in need of full time or short term volunteers and teams. For more information about working with Friend Ships, visit our website at www.friendships.org or email us at portmercy@friendships.org