

FRIEND SHIPS HEALTH CENTER

SYRIA



Opportunities in the Middle East

In 2017, while trying to find an effective way to send aid to Syrians who had been embroiled in years of civil war, Friend Ships established Camp Ichay, in Syria, just outside the Israeli border. For almost a year, we provided medical services, humanitarian aid and recreational facilities for children. When the war came too close to our location, we were forced to close but we believed our work there wasn't finished, that the Lord wanted us to continue to work in the demilitarized zone around Israel, showing Gods love.

In March of 2025, that door opened wide to return to Syria and we have established a successful facility to provide medical care, distribution of goods and children's recreation, similar to Camp Ichay. We are being asked to replicate this model in other areas where there are at-risk minority groups.



To take advantage of the opportunities set before us, we are asking for your prayer and consideration in becoming involved. A variety of skills are needed to work alongside one another, creating a warm and welcoming environment that displays the fruit of the Spirit and the love of our wonderful God. We work as a team. Some treat patients, another cooks, others clean, some care for the tents and machinery. Some visit with villagers as others prepare clothing for distribution and assist local women as they shop without charge for their families. Others play with the children as they enjoy the jungle gym, swings and trampoline after having lived years in the midst of civil warfare.



Please pray about coming to Syria and helping us. You may come for a short time or as long as the Lord leads. Fly into Tel Aviv, Israel and we will direct you from there. Housing is bunk house style in a local rented home or our tents. Other than travel, you will not have expenses except for what you care to spend personally.

If you would like more information in order to consider joining us, send an email to portmercy@friendships.org or fill out an international questionnaire on our website <http://www.friendships.org>.