

Friend Ships

August 2025 Activities Report

Dear Friends of Friend Ships:

Thank you for your love and support. We appreciate you SO much! Our Executive Director, Don Tipton and Director Sondra Tipton traveled to Israel and Syria this past month. They had meetings and began planning for an additional two facilities in Syria. The first medical health center is up and running with medical care, a pharmacy, a boutique for families to shop for clothing and children's recreation. TBN Israel reporters visited the camp in Syria and produced a story about our work there. If you'd like to see it, go to TBN Israel on YouTube



DON TIPTON WITH TBN NEWSMEN

and click on this segment: **BREAKING: IDF Reveals DEVASTATING Reality Of War-Torn Syria | TBN Israel**

The second facility will be similar to the first but in another location. The third site will be expanded to include language classes, sports training and activities and therapeutic programs for children emerging from a lifetime of war.

It's hard to imagine living in a community where every building is scarred by battle, every family has suffered hardship and loss, and where children have no hopes or dreams for the future, no incentive to learn and grow. Year after year there is only fear and hatred, violence and terror. After 14 years of civil war, Syria has an opportunity to change that now and live in peace. Please pray they will seize the opportunity.

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The Lord is leading us to help the Syrian children make this transition in a Godly, positive way, to help them become good citizens and neighbors, to develop young leaders who will love and support one another, help others, thrive and grow, reaching their potential and rejecting the way of violence and revenge.

By building a place to help to heal their hearts and minds and host Christian organizations from around the world who specialize in

various aspects of this vision, we hope to make a lasting and irreversible impact. If the Lord is with us, and we believe this is His plan, we know it will succeed. At our present operating facility we see daily the joy the children experience by simply being able to swing, jump on a trampoline or build a legos structure. These are simple pleasures they have been denied for most or all of their young lives.



At Port Mercy in Lake Charles, we continue the fall clean up to prepare for our 40 year celebration. Storehouse One collects and distributes food daily to local organizations helping people in need both in Lake Charles and in the South Bay of Los Angeles. And we are making slow but sure progress on reactivation of our ship Pelicans Nest for disaster relief operations.

Please pray for guidance, favor, safety and provision for Friend Ships.