

# *Friend Ships*

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## January 2026 Activities Report

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your faithful love, prayers and support. We hope you had a great Christmas holiday and New Year's celebration. We are very excited about 2026 and looking forward to accomplishing so much in the work set before us by the Lord.



Our Directors just returned from Israel and Syria where we are exploring the possibility of a second humanitarian aid camp. We toured the potential site in Syria and if a few vital things come into place, we will start work on creating a second facility for Syrians to receive medical care, commodities, trade training and participate in children's programs.

Our initial Syrian camp that has been in progress since April is doing great. It is very cold there now and what's incredible is that we were able, with the donation from one of the wonderful volunteers who observed the children's needs, to buy beautiful new coats and jackets for every child in the village. They thought Christmas had truly arrived! We are also receiving food and fuel to distribute as medical care continues.

If you are interested in joining us at the Syria Health Center, please fill out a questionnaire at [www.friendships.org](http://www.friendships.org). We can use medical personnel, cooks, mechanics, children's workers, housekeepers, warehouse personnel and anyone with a heart to serve.

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In Montego Bay, Jamaica, the container of disaster relief supplies we shipped in December has been received. It contains heavy duty tarp material for roof repairs, roofing nails, hygiene supplies, new clothing, lanterns, diapers, household goods and a power washer.



Storehouse One, our local food distribution program continues to distribute food each day to organizations that assist needy families, people recovering from addictions and the homeless.

We are working on our ships Mersea and Pelican's Nest to prepare them for Disaster Relief. We have a number of work groups scheduled to help us with this project in March and are taking applications for full time crew to assist with all aspects of the work here at Port Mercy. We are starting a new internship program for all ages. If you are interested, email us at [portmercy@friendships.org](mailto:portmercy@friendships.org).

We are taking applications now for the next session of Sea Hawks that will start this fall. It is an eleven month training program for young people between the ages of 18-24. Recruits study the Bible, become physically fit and participate in humanitarian relief. For more information, go to [www.friendships.org](http://www.friendships.org). In February, our team will have a booth at Missions Fest in Chilliwack BC, Canada. Please stop by if you attend.

*Those who give to the poor will lack nothing. . .Proverbs 28:27*