

Friend Ships

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August 2026 Activities Report

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your wonderful, invaluable support to Friend Ships!

We have had an exciting month in the Middle East. After being closed for several weeks because of the war and people unable to obtain airline tickets to fly in, we reactivated the camp and have had a stream of medical providers and other staff arriving. The first



team was able to see patients while also using our skid steer to improve the grounds and assist neighbors. The current team is seeing patients, updating the pharmacy inventory and entering patient records. We have



been able to open the playground and restart our work with the children as we await a larger team of medical providers to arrive. And we are bringing in a truckload of clothing to be distributed to the community. It is such an awesome opportunity that we have to be a part of this wonderful Syrian community. The Bible tells us not to weary in well-doing, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Amen!

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At home base, Port Mercy, we continue to collect and distribute food each day to organizations helping people in need as we are working on preparing for hurricane response.

Much effort has been spent locating a new ship for disaster relief and we have found one! This ship will be fast response for critical situations-quick to load and fast to arrive with what is required. According to the need, we will be able to sail with equipment and supplies to provide food service, medical services, spiritual support and commodities. A church team is coming in September to spruce up two of our mobile clinics so they are ready to go aboard ship, when needed. We have three hot dog carts and a mobile kitchen that will be next to receive repairs and maintenance for the "From Jesus with Love" cafe that we set up in disaster zones so people may come in for hot meals, conversation and prayer. We have a generous supply of heavy duty vinyl to distribute to protect roofs after a hurricane and equipment for an electronics charging station so people can keep phones alive when their power is out. In addition to the

Friend Ships crew, the ship will be able to provide a home base for church teams who come in to help homeowners. The vessel is currently in the shipyard for routine maintenance. More information and photos when the Motor Vessel JOHN HENRY arrives home to Port Mercy for her new assignment!



We are offering a 3 month session of Sea Hawks next summer for young men and women between the ages 18-24. Sea Hawks work in Friend Ships humanitarian aid as they study the Bible and become physically fit. There is no cost to participate. For more information, visit the Friend Ships website or email us at portmercy@friendships.org.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

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