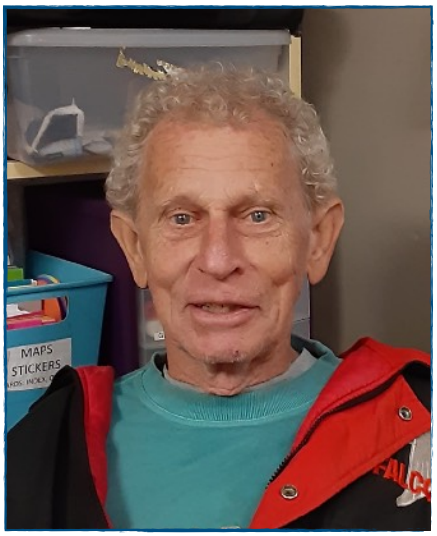
Friend Ships

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October 2026 Activities Report

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for the incredible support you give to Friend Ships, in so many ways!



In early October, our beloved crewman Stuart VerWys passed over from this world to be with Jesus. Stuart served the Lord faithfully here at Friend Ships for decades, traveling the world with us and blessing thousands of people. He ran his race with excellence and poured himself out for others. We are so grateful that the Lord sent Stu to serve with us and be a precious part of our team, our family. He will be deeply missed. Please pray for his family and all who love him.



After Hurricane Isaias made landfall, we were able to send a truckload of roofing vinyl to Milton, Florida, one of the hardest hit areas. Murray and Carla Douglas traveled there to coordinate the vinyl being received by Emergency Services. Local emergency personnel, fire departments, churches and organizations have been notified that they could pick up allotments there to help their community and it is currently being distributed.

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The Friend Ships domestic food program continues a daily distribution to organizations serving the homeless, elderly, ill and rehabilitating. As cold weather approaches, the groups providing housing for the homeless are critically needed.

We hope to expand the capacity of the health center in Syria in both medical and children's programs. We are in need of additional medical and support staff to do so, particularly those with long-term commitments. We are building strong relationships and bearing fruit in this wonderful Syrian community. If you know anyone who may be interested please refer them to http://www.friendships.org. We are also offering a 3 month session of Sea Hawks, our youth training program, in the Summer of 2027.





M/V John Henry is completing shipyard work and we are preparing to sail the ship home to Port Mercy equipped with a new paint job, new electronics and a new mission. Soon we hope to load and head for Havana. We are working hard to arrange the distribution and secure all necessary permits. There is much more involved than usual because Cuba is under a US trade embargo and its government designated a terrorist entity. Please pray it all comes together as the people of Cuba are severely in need.

1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.