



“SAIL AID TO HAITI”

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Endangered Planet Foundation lauds
FLORIDA YOUTHS RETURN SUCCESSFULLY FROM “FANTASTIC VOYAGE”
DELIVERING HUMANITARIAN AID

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Laguna Beach Calif., March 31, 2010 — #1

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The Tranquility and crew Conch Republic Navy boats delivering over 25 a "flotilla" approach to Tranquility became a Republic Navy, flying solo to their destination Volunteers from several coordination, voice and weather reports and non-governmental



were part of the Key West (CRN) effort, with multiple tons of needed supplies in separate destinations. SV "flagged" vessel in the Conch their CRN flag, and sailing in the final "wave" of boat. organizations, provided email communications, contact with the local Haiti organizations. Goals include

developing sustaining infrastructures for the local communities, while in the short term providing immediate relief. On the ground surveys by two CRN vessels, Tranquility and Haitus will assist with follow-on efforts in Haiti.

Coordination of this humanitarian effort reached many parts of the globe - from Cameron's father Mark Edwards-Murray in Hawaii, to Bridgeport San Diego where the shoes were painted and shipped to Miami, to deliveries of equipment and supplies in Miami, to Egypt - where Joanne and Fouad Tawfilis founders of Art Miles Mural Project and Shoes of Hope are directing shoe deliveries from Egypt, Joan - aka "Eye in the Sky" - who coordinated the significant logistics and weather coordinates etc..., Endangered Planet Foundation founder Charles Michael Murray in Laguna Beach to other brother Scott V. Murray producing banners and flags for the trip (yes - three brothers, and a total of seven Murray's involved...) et al... and special recognition to the human spirit of collaboration for humanity...

Written by: Joanne Tawfilis

STORY #2.....

Fynn and the Wind... and the Shoes and the Ship and Haiti and South Africa

"The wind is clocking around so we are about to set sail. We will have this for a few hours then wind will die and have to motor for a few hours as the wind shift comes thru."....

So go the words of Captain Cameron Murray...en route to Haiti and sailing past a weather front that kept them anchored and delayed by a day or so...I imagine Maya the Mermaid there...a little woozy from the rough and choppy seas,, and Fynn, the little brother, but big man on board preparing for an engineering debut in Haiti. In fact, he just might be the youngest engineer headed that way and at least the only one on board a yacht packed with Aid to Haiti....According to his Mother, Leighia...

"Fynn is our scientist and is excited to let off his rocket to show the kids some aerodynamics, he has plenty of construction paper onboard and is going to take that in to teach them how to make flying planes, he too is a very expressive little man, and loves to learn how things work, and come apart (he has his own electrical box and tools) and I have no working clocks left onboard."

As I sat here thinking about what to write and I could almost see Fynn on the yacht "Tranquility", tool box in hand gazing out onto the ocean and the likely incredible horizon of both dawn and dusk, and what goes through my mind at this moment, is how great it is to know that this young 7 year old boy is already on the "high seas" ready to go "fix something"! What he is about to experience, aside from the journey aboard ship itself, will be something that will be imprinted on his heart forever...but that will have to wait for another story...maybe from his own words...



His grandfather commented in an email that what they (we) are doing is only a speck of what is needed there...the CNN special on trafficking of children of Haiti rattled him...but for those of us who have seen the wrath and aftermath of destruction by natural and human disaster, we already know that all we can do is try to make a difference. 1,400 pairs of Art Miles Shoes of Hope for Haiti boxed into containers on Tranquility are not as big as Fynn's toolbox or the suitcase full of shoes Dr. Marty Rosenstein will take to South Africa in a few weeks...but what is more important is the hearts full of concern and care, and the idea of going someplace to help someone that will make a huge difference in their lives.

The thought of Ally Woodard, our 9 year old AMMP Shoes of Hope Ambassador gathering shoes and crocs for Haiti and also sending off shoes to the Philippines, Mexico and now South Africa seems like a giant cinemascope movie that certainly deserves an Oscar...the real award winner actors in life...

We are so lucky...to be able to put people together to help people together...so thank you Fynn and the Wind and the Shoes and the Ship and warm thoughts and soothing messages to Haiti and South Africa...

Thank you all for all you do, each of you...and Leighia, the only clock you really need on board is the one that tells you that your time and Captain Cameron's time is so well spent on the two young treasures you have on board named Maya and Fynn!

Joanne Tawfilis

March 22, 2010 - Egypt

STORY #3.....

Walking and Running on Water

Maya. The word in Arabic means Water. Somewhere in the Caribbean, and during this mid day as I work at my desk here in Alexandria, Egypt, looking out upon the Mediterranean Sea, there on the

other side of the world is a little girl named “Maya” who is sketching her thoughts for a mural design that she wants to do with orphans in a village in Haiti. Maya is on board the yacht “Tranquility” headed to Haiti.



In another location, not too far from the Florida coast where the Tranquility lifted anchor and headed across the seas, is another young lady whose name is “Ally” who is also busy sketching her ideas and thoughts onto Art Miles Shoes of Hope and how to get more, do more, send more, bring more. She traveled around the world this past summer creating and delivering shoes to orphans in yet another part of the world in the Philippines. (It was there she met another water bound family in Hong Kong, the Begbie family who collect and distribute barely used and new goods to people in need all over the world).

Still yet, in the glamorous city of Los Angeles, another girl-woman actress/activist, by the name of Tanna Frederick will be running this weekend in support of a mental hospital in mid America’s state of Iowa, as she prepares for the Boston Marathon and later this summer, for the Save Our Surf Marathon where she and other surfing celebrities are doing something that is also involving the treasured commodity we all need to survive...WATER.

The girls don’t know each other, but they have much in common. All of them are part of the Art Miles Mural Project and AMMP Shoes of Hope. All are making or have made journeys to deliver Art Miles Shoes of Hope or create and share murals that tell a story that everyone in the world needs to pay attention to.

Both Ally and Maya are very young and both have incredible parents who are teaching them about how life can be when love and kindness are in your heart. Both sets of parents are devoted to the idea of FAMILY. Maybe that’s why Maya’s family ship’s name is “Tranquility”. Could it be that Mr. Gandhi’s words, PEACE BEGINS WITH ME, also has application to a vessel that travels on the high seas delivering much needed medical, food items and energy equipment to survivors and orphans of Haiti’s disastrous earthquakes? And for Tanna, not forgetting those who need support to be ensured of their rightful place in society, she is like a real live mermaid with long flowing curly red hair and a giant smile that radiates and lights up the seas you can find her surfing on, or the pavement she wherever she runs.

Tears fill my eyes as I imagine Shoes of Hope journey...the Jack Feinstein and the Volunteer Bridgepoint Education and 1,400 pairs of shoes, and the the Vista Magnet Middle School that were shipped along with onto the Tranquility, where at this very moment. I think the arrival and pulling anchor instead was presenting her in a contest there in Florida.

I think of her joy in sharing sketching a mural design, and knowing that these young girls



the beginnings of this latest AMMP boundless energy and enthusiasm of San Diego staff...the employees of their incredible generosity of donating students in my beloved California from who painted, with love, the other shoes the others to Miami and then loaded Maya and her family are at sea en route of Ally who yearned to be there during time when the Murray’s left port, and speech about Art Miles Shoes of Hope

her “winning” results and of Maya I smile, drying my emotional tears and their families are teaching all of

us how to “walk on water”, and knowing that because of people like them, the children, the parents, and so many other good people who made this happen, including the great work of my dear friend, Dr. Carolle Jean-Murat, my grandchildren indeed, have a lot of hope for a brighter future.

And for Tanna, in training and hopefully sleeping soundly (3:48 LA time), in preparation for the run tomorrow....I know that all three of you have shown that you can not only walk, but run on water!

Joanne Tawflis
March 19, 2010

STORY #4:.....

“To See With Your Own Eyes”

“To see with your own eyes” is a statement that took on a new meaning to me today. I have been trying to juggle many things since my physical move to Egypt. Based on all the activities we have initiated in the past, and because of all things that have mushroomed into glorious super projects mostly because of the TEAM we work with, including family and friends and those in faraway places like Japan, Pakistan and Italy and France and Ft Walton Beach, Florida, and Samoa and...well...I could go on and on.

“To see with your own eyes” came from reading a description by the Captain of the Schooner Liberty that has already made an ocean journey delivering aid to Haiti and based on the devastation he and the crew saw are beyond about returning. In fact, the the sailing yacht “Tranquility” the 1,000 mile pre-rainy/ weather as I write, to bring formula, power generators and with it 2,000 pair of Hope, to those even more there.



For me however, little place by the sea also seeing many other

compelled me to sit down and write this. Some of what I am seeing is how through the past 12 years, is not only what Fouad and I have feel we have given, but also how much so many have given to the Art Miles Mural Project in terms of time, energy, personal resources, and most importantly love and passion. None of us are wealthy, some of us actually struggle and few of us are funded, (if any), relying mostly on donations of materials, time and service of others. And recently “with my own eyes” this phenomena has also happened with our Art Miles Shoes of Hope, Bridgepoint Education, Volunteer San Diego, Endangered Planet Foundation and for this “leg of the journey with shoes—both the Tranquility and schooner Liberty.

working from our humble in Alexandria, Egypt, I am things with my own eyes that

Looking at the tons of facebook photos provided by Volunteer San Diego and their extremely dedicated staff, “I have seen with my own eyes” what can be accomplished on another level. Imagine the immense task of organizing a corporate event where employees take the time to paint shoes...but then, I have seen “with my own eyes” up to 10,000 pair of shoes painted

Looking back, “To see with my own eyes” Dr. Rosenstein and his wife hand packing individual pairs of shoes in grocery store donated fruit/vegetable bags, loading them and taking them to another delivery point, was also a heart-warming feeling, and conjures up so many other incredible Art Miles Shoes of Hope images, that even with my eyes closed,

A young girl with dark skin and short, braided hair stands outdoors. She is wearing a bright yellow halter-neck top and blue shorts. She holds a pair of red sneakers with white laces and white soles. She is also wearing yellow socks and black shoes. The background shows a red metal structure and a person in a pink shirt.

To see with my own eyes, the realization that teenagers could be moved by the plight of child soldiers and those suffering in refugee camps, others dying with aids, and other illnesses, including war wounds, earthquake wounds, and starvation, gives both Fouad and myself encouragement to encourage moving this forward. And though we are focusing (or trying to) on breaking through the bureaucracy and apathy of government and corporate collaborative support for the MURAMID 2010 event, we see with our own eyes, how organic this whole project has become.

as the shoes themselves. It is that HUMAN connection of knowing someone cares. Knowing that through their eyes they have reached out and taken a few moments or an hour to trade places in their mind and offer words and pictures of hope and cheer.

Joanne Tawfilis
March 16, 2010

March 10, 2010

For Immediate Release: Art Miles Shoes of Hope Set Sail to Haiti

The Art Miles Shoes of Hope Project once again has sparked a remarkable “Sail Aid to Haiti” event in collaboration with Volunteer San Diego, Bridgepoint Education, Inc., Vista Middle School, the Endangered Planet Foundation and the sailing vessel “Tranquility” from TransMarine in Miami, Florida.

Inspired by the Art Miles Shoes of Hope, Volunteer San Diego and in partnership with Bridgepoint Education, employees and families painted 1,400 pairs of Art Miles Shoes of Hope to orphans in coastline village survivors of Haiti’s devastating earthquake. Vista Magnet Middle School and other Art Miles team members provided the other 600 pairs.

The painted shoes were picked up and will be delivered by the “Tranquility” directly to an orphanage along with medical supplies and food. This first shipment, will serve as a test run by the ship and other donors for consecutive drops of aid to Haiti. The voyage will be led by Captain Cameron Murray and First Mate, Leighia Murray, an outstanding young couple and parents of two children of their own, and who, despite their own involvement as busy young entrepreneurs and teachers, have passionately and generously responded to the need for “Aid” by land, by air and for them, by sea. It is their dedication and determinations that will ensure the shoes get through some rough seas to their final destination and onto the feet of the children.

Bridgepoint Education hosted a two-day shoe decoration project at their Kearny Mesa location on February 24 and their Sabre Springs location on February 25. Approximately 1400 employees participated in the project.

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Partners for this project include:

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“Volunteer San Diego is the premier provider of volunteer programs and services in San Diego County. Annually, Volunteer San Diego fills 51,000 volunteer slots, helping meet the needs of more than 700 community organizations. Volunteers of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are mobilized to feed the homeless, serve seniors, protect the environment, read to youth and change San Diego for the better.

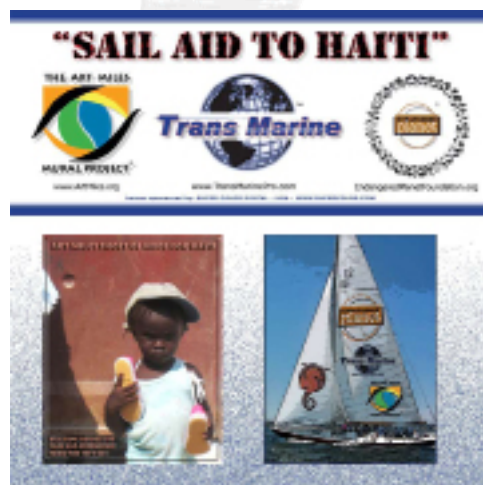
TransMarine is a renewable energy business based aboard a 56’ Steel Bruce Roberts sail boat (Tranquility) who is working on a project to take supplies to the Coastal Communities in Haiti. More than 35,000 pounds of food and 20 pallets of medical supplies will be included in this first destination of “Sail Aid” to Haiti.

Endangered Planet Foundation, founded by Charles Michael Murray, is located in Laguna Beach, California, and is dedicated to ensuring the survival of the Earth through the arts, education and dialog, the dissemination of knowledge and the recognition that advances in technology can provide many of the answers that will lead to a sustainable future.

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- Endangered Planet Foundation – www.endangeredplanetfoundation.org
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Sailing Vessel “Tranquility’s” Crew Consisted of -

- Cameron Murray – Captain & Renewable Energy Specialists
- Leighia Murray – Wife, Admiral & Teacher
- Maya Murray – Daughter & Swab
- Fynn Murray – Son & Engineer
- Ali Scheier – Deck Hand & Translator
- Meryl Sarty – Security Officer & Translator
- Sandy Sarty – Agriculturalists & Translator