

NEWSLETTER # 19

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Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way?" (Proverbs 20:24 L.B.)

Dear Friends, Hello from Loren & Georgia!

We hope you all are doing well and walking in good health. It has been a while since our last letter and we wanted to bring you up to date on our wanderings.

In Newsletter #18 we were in Hawaii trying to find land with Mike and Ann Robertson in order to build "**Zebulun**" and "**Wailani**" the two 96' aluminum sailboats for missions work. Now we are in Clarkston, Washington ready to build "**Zebulun**"!! The Lord works in mysterious ways and it is true that His ways are higher than our ways! What with the war starting while we were over there and then a Port strike on the West Coast, plus the "bones" on the property and then Mike deciding to wait a year before building his boat, we decided to go ahead and find a suitable place to build closer to our home of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. So here we are in Clarkson, Washington!

Clarkston is an inland Port. The Clearwater and Snake rivers come together right here and then go into the Columbia River which goes into the sea. When we launch "**Zebulun**" with the big Port crane, we will motor down the river through eight (8) dams, with locks, and then stand up the masts in Portland. There, we will provision the boat.

We live on the construction site in a 35 foot 5th wheel trailer which is so handy for all the things that come and go from here. The site is by the Snake River and contains a warehouse big enough to build "**Zebulun**" inside. We only have to knock one wall out to get the boat out!! Our landlord has given us lots of 'okays' about what we wanted to do with his warehouse. Blessings on him!

Another nice thing about this location is that it is close to family members who have already been down to help us prepare the warehouse and put on a training session for our latest board meeting. Our grandsons are learning to weld and our son-in-law in Montana is being healed of an injury from a welding accident and hopes to be able to help too. Friends near and far have been so en-encouraging to us with prayers and volunteer help. Neighbors have donated funds to help us and strangers have donated too! Churches have blessed us with prayer support and use of their facilities for mission party send offs and printing our brochures. A teacher friend at our local college used her class to do our news letters when we were far away in the Pacific.



Georgia onboard the “Petach Tikva” at Grenada

Our son-in-law, Jack Lawlor, in Idaho, designed our Web Site www.mursea.org where you can read all the past newsletters about the 19 years we have been do-doing small boat missionary work. Attorney friends have helped us get registered as a family corporation-oration in the State of Idaho and given us wise counsel.

Our sons-in-laws were a great help on our board of directors, but they have resigned so that our new board has room for four non-family members in order to comply with a new Internal Revenue Service ruling. The new board members are Tom Weadick, Dave Mather, Joe Joncas and Marlin Simon with Loren, Sophie and Brenda the remaining family members.



MurSea Missions, Inc. Board of Directors

Loren Murphy, Tom Weadick, Dave Mather, Joe Joncas, Sophie Crismore, Brenda Lawlor and Marlin Simon

Yes, we have now been granted a 501(c)(3) status, which means we are a not for profit ministry. We can receive donations and grants for the tax blessing it gives the donors in the United States of America.

We are still working on making the vision clear. Our daughter Brenda has designed our brochure which gives a thumbnail sketch of the MurSea Missions, Inc. ministry objectives.

We are presently preparing the warehouse for the construction of **“Zebulun”**. This has included building an office block along the north end of the building, installing wiring for welders and equipment, better lighting and workbenches. We have also painted the warehouse roof brilliant white to reduce the heat radiation, which was very effective. We have formed and poured a 90' long footing on the concrete floor to support the weight of the boat as we construct her. **“Zebulun”** will weigh 94-tons when we launch her and be 110-tons when rigged and fitted out.

I am now working in the office with the new computer taking measurements for take-off of materials and equipment. Also planning the building sequence and timetable of events.

As you can see there is a lot to do, but with the Lord and lots of prayers, asking for wisdom and calling out for help, we will take one day at a time!

Project Needs:

- We need a welding /fabrication foreman
- Skilled and qualified welding personnel
- Skilled riggers & installers
- Volunteer helpers
- High quality MIG welders suitable for aluminum
- Misc. shop equipment & tools
- 86,000# – 5086-116 Aluminum Plate
- 56,000# – Lead for ballast in keels

**“Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path.
For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.
Discretion will protect you and understanding will guard you.” (Prov. 2:9-11 NIV)**

We thank you all who have helped us along in this ministry adventure. God Bless You!

Love,

[Loren and Georgia Murphy](#)

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