# THE SEAFARER'S HOPE is Jesus



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The Anchor House mission is to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of international seafarers.



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# Ship captain responds

Picture at right: Captain
Pushpendar Singh Sirohi and
dedicated volunteer/driver,
Dave McIntyre, continue to
build a relationship at the
docks, in the van and at the
center.



Dear Tim,

On our return, after completing the voyage, we look back at the highlights of the events during the past voyage. Nothing stands more prominent than that of affection and assistance provided by the Anchor House.

Living up to its name, the "Anchor House" has provided seafarers a much-needed respite at Port Manatee. It is just not the physical aspect of the "Anchor House" but the affectionate welcome a seaman receives, when he enters the "Anchor House". The Volunteers of the "Anchor House" have tirelessly worked to making our stay most welcome.

Driving us all times to satisfy our shopping needs. Providing us an opportunity to purchase much needed necessities and a connection to the world i.e the Internet. I would say, we are embarrassed to ask for more.

Not the last, the "Anchor House" gifts (ditty bags and watch caps) has woken up a child in all of us. We had forgotten its existence. I could see the excitement the gifts brought about. Crew comparing their bag with that of others.

Small things make a lot of difference.

Trust we will see more of "Anchor House" and the familiar, never tiring, volunteers more often.

Best Regards

Capt. Pushpendar Singh Sirohi On behalf of Crew - M.V. Jacamar Arrow

### **Merry Christmas to all!**

Merry Christmas. Within these two words are a full measure of history, power and love. Within this seasonal statement is forgiveness, healing, direction, vision, help and hope. What do you think of when you say "Merry Christmas"? Do the words evoke images of presents and packages tied up with string; or tinsel and trees or family and friends? All of these are tucked Within the Christmas greeting. But let's remember there is **so much more** when we stop to ponder the Christ of Christmas and all He has done for us and the whole of humanity.

#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Another year is almost gone. It has been a stimulating year at Anchor House were we continue to have the privilege to serve the forgotten multitudes of seafarers, our port community, and the truckers that come to Port Manatee.

During the past year, Anchor House had God's Word we **personally** gave over 250 Bibles to seafarers of 25 different nationalities. In addition, we cannot measure the multiple conversations, testimonies, prayers and acts of kindness that were offered to a needy world through our doors. Hebrews 12 tells us that God's word is living and active . . . going forth to accomplish great things for the kingdom of God. This is the case here at Anchor House and for you wherever you find opportunity.

#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Particularly during tough economic times, we are extremely thankful for your support which allows Anchor House to continue meeting needs of the many seafarers at Port Manatee. We look forward to the New Year!

May the Lord Jesus bless and keep you in this special season and time of year.

#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

## **Prayer Requests**

Pray for the Gospel to make an impact at Anchor House. On Saturday night, I volunteered at the center. During one evening I spoke with gruff ship technicians from Greece, gentlemen from the Philippines and the Ukraine, a young man from Poland writing postcards and longing for Christmas at home. There were also seafarers from Bulgaria and Romania, and a young Ethiopian working as an electrician on his first voyage. It is amazing how the world is so vast, and yet so personal here at Anchor House.

# 2015 Year-end Giving

Anchor House depends on its family of faithful donors. Please remember us in your year-end giving. We know that many organizations (with great causes) are requesting help. Thank you for choosing Anchor House.

We are a federal qualified non-profit and all giving is tax deductable.

May the Lord Jesus continue to bless and watch over you.

2015 STATS Jan – Nov.	
Ships in Port	301
Countries Served	31
Seafarers in the center	4,125
Seafarers in port	8,428
Seafarers Transported	965
Bibles and DVD's	459