

THE SEAFARER'S HOPE *is Jesus*

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When urgency calls

Many of us reach for a vibrating cell phone as if our response was urgently needed. For the last few months the Lord has been putting one word on my heart: **urgency**. Not that things need to be done faster or that I need to be in a hurry. What I'm being impressed with is the need to be urgent with my faith for the sake of others.

My church had a guest speaker this last week. His message focused around *the wrath of God*. As a believer, repentant, cleansed by the blood, I don't need to fear the wrath of God as those who don't know Jesus or what he has done for us on the cross. But the absence of fear doesn't mean the absence of urgency.

Why do I need to be urgent? What do I need to be urgent about? Others - people - the lost - the dying. Those we read about in Romans to whom the wrath of God is revealed. My friends, most of us have lived and continue to live in a comfortable Christianity. We need to sense the urgency in God's heart for the lost and pray that our hearts would feel that too. As it says in Jude; we are able to "be merciful" and "snatch others from the fire."

In 2 Cor. 5:2 we read that we are *ambassadors for Christ, God speaking through us*. In the gospel of Matthew Jesus says, "*You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world.*"

I have taken these truths lightly in my life. But, being challenged by men of God and the Word has helped me evaluate where I stand in response to my faith and God's urgency.

I would like to challenge you to pray and ask God to help you determine your sphere of influence, those who you come in contact with. Let the love of Christ shine through you. Invite them, build relationships.

We need to be urgent with the message of the Gospel.

FREE T-Shirt – Don't Miss Out!

We are gathering supplies to fill out ditty bags for the Christmas season again. Any small personal hygiene items are great, especially fingernail clippers. Whoever sends the most fingernail clippers During September will receive a free Anchor House t-shirt.



Ditty Bags & Watch Caps at Christmas



Seafarers aboard the MV Southern Juice enjoy a Ditty Bag Christmas thanks to Anchor House partners.

Hurry! Hurry! I want it yesterday!

It seems like business today is *less time equals more money*. Some of our fruit vessels dock, unload 6,000 pallets of cargo, and go in less than 20 hrs. Sometimes accidents happen. One day, Ira, a longshoreman driving a yard truck and trailer and another man driving a dump truck slammed into each other. Ira went airborne on impact and hit the pavement landing him at Bayfront Medical Center. Michael and I visited him a few days later. He told us about the accident and how he thought he was going home to Jesus! As he spoke of his injuries which were not life-threatening, he gave God all the glory over and over. Ira spoke of the Bible that I had given him and how he loves to read it. We told him that God still has something special for him to do. As he tells others of his accident he continues to praise God.

Submitted by Chaplain Trish Alligood

Seafarers respond to worship on-board ship



Adam, a Filipino, came to me one day and said he was a born-again believer. He inquired about a worship service or Bible study he could attend. I called a volunteer, Pastor Dave McIntyre, to come and provide a worship service at Anchor House. Dave gave the message and two others (Bob and Gil) came along to assist with praise songs. Sixteen seafarers came to the service. We all enjoyed singing familiar and new songs. Adam's smile reflected the joy in singing songs he knew and loved.

Before the ship sailed the next day, I boarded to say goodbye. One seafarer, Joel, and I talked extensively about Jesus. As a Catholic, he knew about Jesus but had not surrendered his life to Christ. Hopefully as he sails the seas and reads his Bible, he will grow to a much deeper understanding of God's love for him and accept this truth.
- Chaplain Trish

"So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth. It shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

Statistics Year-to-Date

Countries Served	31
Ships in Port	154
Seafarers Transported	849
Seafarers in Center	2188
Meals Served	3538
Bibles Given	325
Jesus DVD Given	122
Seafarers in Port	3696

Loving the World into the Kingdom of God

We cannot measure significant ways we care for seafarers. Conversation, prayer, counsel, wire money home to families, free Christian literature, reading materials, hospital visits, transport to Dr., more prayer, purchase goods for those detained, share our faith, provide Christian music, bake a pizza, listen, free clothes, more prayer, contact legal assistance when needed, locate Chinese newspapers and bring to ships and anything else that arises.

NEEDED: Christian
DVDs and music CDs
to give ministering seafarers
leading worship/Bible study
on board ships.



Please collect and call us to pick up or send to: Anchor House, 13285 Eastern Ave, Palmetto, FL 34221

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Thank you for giving to missions and for including Anchor House. Bless you!!

Prayer Requests

- ➡ Muslim Filipino we shared with and gave a Bible to
- ➡ Health of our dedicated aging volunteers who we love
- ➡ Ministering Seafarers who share the Gospel at sea

Purge your entertainment center

Seafarers using the Anchor House internet can illegally download movies without knowing the risk to Anchor House. If you have DVD movies they can take when they leave port please donate them. Boredom can set in with 30 days at sea. We hope to curtail the use of the internet in this way. Sunday School or youth groups are encouraged to collect used DVDs.
We appreciate your partnership.

College and Career visits from First Church of Nazarene Brandon.

