

# 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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*Emmanuel*

ISWAN\*

International Seafarers Assistance  
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After a long wait the new roof is completed and beautiful. The white reflective material will help with our electric costs in the heat. All the stained ceiling tiles from former leaks inside are all replaced and it looks great. We praise God for the provision to get the roof finalized. Thank you to Southeast Roofing for a great job at a great offer!



We stopped the Anchor House van in front of Walmart. I caught the face of the young Filipino off the M/V UBC Miami in the rear-view mirror. Bittersweet, when juxtaposed with the other smiling shoppers pushing carts filled with gifts and food. He and two shipmates were on a mission for the captain, shopping for some things to celebrate Christmas in Mexico, where they will be docked. The three seemed grateful for captain's effort though modest, while missing their traditions and families on the other side of the globe. Two hours later they returned to the van smiling with only the few bags they could carry. Mission accomplished.

How are your Christmas preparations coming? Our traditions have changed some. We no longer host our family and kids due to distance. Tim and I will go to church, drive around the neighborhood and admire the beautifully lit homes, visit my father in Venice and probably Skype with our kids the following day.

The thought of seafarers sitting on a ship in a foreign land (they have no control of) making the most of a holiday makes me thankful for my church, friends, some family, familiar culture and a home. One wonderful truth about Christmas is that we *are* able to celebrate Emmanuel, no matter where we are. He is here with us. He is with you. He is with the crowds in Rome and Jerusalem. He is on that ship at sea on Dec. 25. -- Susan Huppert

Continue to pray for the many Filipinos whose families, friends and co-workers are affected by the disaster of Typhoon Hayian. Iswan\* informed us that 160,000 seafarers were directly/indirectly affected by the typhoon. The Huffington Post reports that Americans are not as interested in the typhoon aftermath as they were the Haiti national disaster. We have met many from the devastated area. Through the efforts of North American Maritime Ministry Association (NAMMA), International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN), TK Foundation and others, seafarers are receiving free phone cards and internet service. Please remember these men in your prayers, especially during Christmas.

*Emmanuel*

God with us

## Prayer Requests & Thanksgivings

This Christmas our prayer request is for you. Thank you for all your support, financial, prayer, personal encouragement and volunteer work. May God give you good health, sound relationships and all that pertains to life and God's good plans for you.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Ruby Tuesdays "Give Back" Program**, during November.

Thank you to all who sent **Ditty Bags**, watch caps and supplies, and to all who helped assemble them. It is an honor to be your extension of care to the people of the sea.

Thank you for your prayers for **Port Manatee** and its business climate.

Thank you to those who responded to our request for **DVDs** for the seafarers.

Please include **Anchor House** and our future vision in your regular prayers. May God continue to lead us in 2014.

## Year-End Giving

We appreciate your pledges and gifts throughout the year. If you are planning year-end giving, please post mark by December 31, 2013. We look forward to another year of working together at God's mission here.



### Christmas breakfast honors volunteers



Pictured L to R:  
Back row: Michael Alligood, Andy Brink, Ray Weesies, Roger Peekstok, Ron Dirkse, Donna Thorne, Janet DeGroff, 3<sup>rd</sup> row: Reatha Brink, Myra Weesies, Doris Peekstok, Ann Dirkse, Naomi Frushour, Betty Hughes, Bob Courter, Dave McIntyre, Helen Evanson, Jerry Van Oyen, Sitting: Sue McIntyre, Mavis Linder, Gladys Wenner, Trish Alligood and Tim Huppert.

Volunteers gather for a Christmas Breakfast at the Anchor House. We are so thankful for the many that come and give their time to serve others. Clearly, we could not effectively accomplish this ministry without them. Some of our longest standing volunteers are stepping back this year as their health or other conditions are limiting them. It is never possible to replace anyone, but we are asking the Lord for new volunteers to join us. If you live locally, ask God if you might be one.