

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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SET YOUR MIND
ON THESE THINGS:
*love, joy, peace,
patience,
kindness,
gentleness, and
forgiveness.*

Growing the Kingdom of God

The M/V Falmouth docks at Port Manatee on Tuesdays. The ship is here for only 6 to 10 hours so the turnaround time is short. This leaves minimal time to serve the seafarers onboard. There are 16 crew: Russian, Bulgarian, and Filipino. Edward is a Filipino with many spiritual questions. It is a joy to come across people who are interested in the Gospel and one searching for answers to spiritual questions, like "how to be born again?" I feel a little like Jesus might have felt when Nicodemus came to him searching for the truth and asking what is being born again?

The Bible tells us that we need to be born again in the Spirit. Jesus said that one cannot get into the kingdom of heaven without being born again. Nicodemus was puzzled and concerned, much like all of us who have searched for the truth. I remember the first time I encountered the living God and accepted the forgiveness He offered me. I was excited and still am, much like Edward is asking and seeking and accepting Christ as Savior. He wants to be baptized. When you receive this news we are already working out the details of getting this young Filipino seafarer baptized.

Pray for Edward and for his growth,

Chaplain Tim

⇒ God's Provision

What a surprise to go to the mail the first week of January and find a letter from Vancouver Washington. A community foundation forwarded a donation of \$3500 for a grant that was given to us by an anonymous donor! Praise the Lord for faithfully supplying our needs.

A big thank you to the *Community Foundation of Southwest Washington* state.

⇒ Business Options to Give

We are so thankful for all gifts that come to support Anchor House. Here is an interesting story.

Business owner, Susan Thomas has a second-hand (of sorts) shop on Anna Maria Island near us in Florida. Her express purpose is to raise funds to give to others. "Giving Back" blessed Anchor House with a gift of \$1,000 to extend our outreach to those at sea. We are grateful for her decision to support us. Check out her store. Help her cause. What a great business idea.

Prayer Requests

Pray for Eugenio (Geno) Velazquez who was in an accident at the port where he sustained a bad injury. Pray for his recovery.

Pray for Eddie to grow in his new found faith.

Pray for an unspoken request for Donny.

Praise God for His provision to the Anchor House. We ended this year in the black.

Pray for the passing of a bill in Congress for seafarers to have access to and from the ship.

Praise God for Andy Brink helping with the new flag pole and providing painting at Anchor House and for Dick Evanson for some upgrades to our small store.

Links to Life

YOU ARE INVITED

ANCHOR HOUSE ANNUAL BANQUET

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015

6:30 P.M.

PORT MANATEE



GUEST SPEAKER – JASON ZUIDEMA

NAMMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NORTH AMERICAN MARITIME MINISTRY
ASSOCIATION

2014 STATS

Ships in Port	340
Countries Served	35
Seafarers in the center	3715
Seafarers Transported	1972
Seafarers in the port	7820
Bibles and DVD's	996

Please Register to Join Us

Table Sponsor (8)	\$350
Half-Table Sponsors	\$175
Individual Guest	\$ 35

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