

# THE SEAFARER'S HOPE *is Jesus*

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## Church at Sea

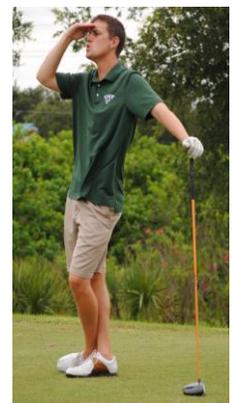
Second Officer Angelito Perez, is a *ministering seafarer* onboard the M/V Star Care, which transports bananas and pineapple to Port Manatee. I boarded the vessel, greeted the watchman and explained the services of Anchor House. Since the crew was Filipino, I could bridge our differences with common knowledge regarding their home and the mission in Manila. Then I meet Angelito. His face beamed with the typical Filipino smile. I told him I was from Anchor House and our conversation lead to talking about Christ and the mission in Manila. He knew my friend, Brother Vic, the chaplain personally. Angelito completed the "Church on the Oceans" ministering seafarer course and has been actively leading Bible study onboard the ship each Wednesday and leads Sunday worship. This is very exciting for us to connect with these Christian men who are at sea. Our role of support with Bibles and literature for Bible study, and continued discipleship through personal contact and prayer is a thrilling aspect of this global work. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 exhorts us to "encourage one another and build each other up." Please pray for Angelito and the crew. – Chaplain Tim

## Federal Marine Terminal Wins

# \$10,223

## 2012 "Golf for the World" Tournament

# Raised



**C**hen, a Chinese Christian, works on the M/V Port Elizabeth. I met him while bringing literature and Chinese newspapers to the ship. Chen was on watch. During our greeting he confirmed he was a believer.

“Yes, I also,” he said.

We talked for a few minutes and then Chen asked if I was in a hurry. What do you say? Of course not!



Someone needs time.  
Chen needs time.  
There was not an audible voice, but a prompting, a nudge, that still small voice spoke to me saying, “Give and it shall be given.” Chen and I

had a good time together although we were interrupted at times by his duty; someone coming on board, or the gang way needing to be moved. Yet the continuity of our conversation maintained despite the interruptions.

Here was a brother who was struggling with superstition in his life. It was eating at him spiritually. Have you been in that place where you need an answer? Where will you find it? For me, I can go to any pastor, book, Christian brother or the Bible. But Chen is on a vessel heading to Japan on a 40-day journey. Who is he going to ask - a Buddhist co-worker on his ship?

We talked together for nearly two hours.

“It is very cool,” he said in his Chinese English.

For this young man to be able to talk with someone who he just met, for two hours, from a different culture and engage in a conversation that leaves him very vulnerable (and think it is cool) is the work of God.

“Thank you my friend,” Chen responded.

We exchanged e-mail addresses and Facebook pages and hope to keep in contact.

Golfing photos: 1. Tampa Bay Pilots Assoc., Platinum Donor; Bill Oostendorp, Longest Putt; Dedicated Golfer ?; Sandra Bouwer, Longest Drive; Henry McCormick, youngest donor and Grandpa (Chaplain) Tim

Be aware of the time you have and the time you can spare for another. People need some of your time.

Luke 6:38 – “Give and it will be given to you, pressed down shaken together, running over will be put into your lap for the measure you use, will be measured back to you.

My friend, God wants to bless others through you. Think about it. Who does your time really belong to?

Pray for Chen, Second Officer on board the M/V Port Elizabeth for the Word to speak to him and give him peace.

## *Prayer & Praise*

**Praise God for our Platinum Sponsors: Awesome Orchids, Tampa Bay Pilots Association and West Bay Landscape; each supporting with \$1,000.**

**Praise God** for Christians willing to be the **Church on the Oceans.**

**Pray for Angelito Perez**, a Filipino ministering seafarer and Boson the M/V Star Care.

**Pray** for a former faithful volunteer, Art Vander Friend who has health challenges.

**Pray for** Chen Wang, a new Christian on ship.

**Pray** for our dear co-worker in Christ, Chaplain Vic in Manila for healing of diabetes.

**Pray** for seafarers’ safety and against piracy.

### Year to Date Statistics

Countries Served	25
Seafarers in the center	1,611
Transported	574
Jesus DVDs	103
Bibles given	230
Meals	2,939