

# 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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## Anchor House banquet provides \$7,200 in support

Thank you to all our table sponsors, silent auction contributors, volunteers and guests who attended the 2012 Anchor House Banquet. Through the partnership of many, God supplied over \$7,000 in additional support for this vital outreach and extended the awareness of seafarers to many new friends.



We appreciate the commitment of our guest speaker, Mr. Tony Sasso, Inspector for the International Trade Federation, for his address regarding the challenges seafarers face as he views the industry from a legal compliance and seafarers rights standpoint. Mr. Sasso has been working in the maritime industry since 1987 and currently serves on the Anchor House board.

*Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus:*

*I would like to offer a belated Happy Easter to you and your family. What a time of year when we can celebrate the most generous offering given for us.*

*A question was posed to me in the seamen center the other day. I was asked, "Why do they call it 'good' Friday?"*

*I thought for a moment and said because payment was given for our sin. The darkness and gloom of the crucifixion does not seem good, but the gift that Christ gave us that day surely is. The Christ who took the forty lashes for us. Who took the shame and the cross for us, because He loves us so is clearly good. Brothers and sisters, we need so desperately to understand this, it is the basis for our faith. Let us embrace the cross, embrace Jesus and celebrate together this Easter season. The good of this season should go with us,*

*Every day, all year long*

*Chaplain Tim*



## Notes from Seafarers

"Lord, bless my 2012 on board this ship. This soul and my family.

God be with you" – Felciano Bovatero, M/V Albion Bay

"Thank you for the warm welcome that I received from this wonderful seamen's center through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen" – Chief Cook Andrew Boni

"Lord, thank you for all the blessings and guidance that you have given to me and to my family including all my shipmates on board the M/V Orient Express."

"Thank you for the Bible you gave me. I promise to read it and take good care of it." – D/CDT of Balsa 83.

M. Mahinay Jr

(Often when seafarers visit the center, they jot down thoughts, greetings and prayers in our guestbook. These are just a few.)

## STATS Jan – March 2012

Nations Served	23
Ships in Port	62
Transported	218
Bibles Given	135
Jesus DVDs Given	33
Meals Served	1,510
Seafarers in Center	568



### Have to Share!

Our ten-year-old grandson, Carter, shot his first turkey. A 20 # Tom in the Wisconsin woods. – Tim and Susan Huppert

Don't miss the Third Annual "Golf for the World Tournament at Imperial Lakewoods Golf Club.

Sat., June 23, 2012 Sign-in at 8 a.m.

Call Tim at 813-675-7389 or 941-722-0764.



**Pray for** Pastor Bruce Quackenbush in the loss of his son in a car accident.

**Pray for** seafarers as they contemplate the Easter message and as they are away from home during this traditional season.

**Pray for** new business to come to Port Manatee and for God's blessing on our new port director.

**Thank God for** our new volunteers, Sam and Dotty Valkema, winter residents from NJ.

**Thank God for** his faithful provision through the Anchor House Banquet.

PRAYER REQUESTS