

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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Trucker Appreciation Day included opening of Truck Center

Port Manatee hosted a Trucker Appreciation Day which included the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Anchor House "Truckers' Center," outside the port's Access Control area. The building currently houses the scale house on the back side and now a center for truckers to take a shower, rest and get Christian literature/DVDs/music for the road in the former screen porch area. The additional outreach grew from research on needs among truckers by the Anchor House board. As many as 183 truckers pass through Port Manatee daily. This is about 4,600 per month. Reaching out to these men and women is an extension to our primary purpose of reaching seafarers.

Thank you to everyone who participated financially and prayerfully to help get this off the ground. The center will be manned by volunteer staff. If you have a heart for hospitality and personal evangelism, **please contact us** to become part of the team.



Ribbon Cutting

Pictured outside the new Anchor House trucker center are L to R: Anchor House board member/volunteer, Dave McIntyre; pastor of Elwood Baptist Church, The Rev. Tom Winter; Manatee County Commissioner, Priscilla Whisenant Trace; Chaplain Tim Huppert; Anchor House board president, Ron Sikkema; and Anchor House board member, Bill Oostendorp.

Farewell to a good and faithful servant

Pastor Howard Carter, a very dear Brother, who served on the initial Anchor House board, went home to be with his Lord this past week. His celebration of life service was held at The Bridge Church in Bradenton, Saturday, June 3, where he faithfully served for many years. (Howard is in the front with the vest)





Stats Jan - May



Countries Served	34
Seafarers Transported	640
Ships in Port	148
Seafarers in Center	1,346
Seafarers in Port	3,404
Bibles/Jesus Film/ DVD/Flash drives with Gospel messages given	573

Prayer Requests

Pray for Victor, a seafarer we have been studying the Bible with while in port. He is heading home and wants more direction for his future.

Pray for the ministry of the trucker center as it develops.

Pray for the seafarers with families and friends affected by tragedies in their home countries.

Pray for the Bible studies we have on board, that the word of God will continue to accomplish its purpose.

Pray for the Christians on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines where there is a clash between Muslims and the local population. The president has issued martial law in some areas.

Pray for the family of a worker who used to frequent Anchor House. She recently died of a drug overdose and leaves two children.

Note: Howard Carter's family has requested memorials for Howard be directed to Anchor House. An opportunity is available at www.anchorhousemission.com under the "Donate" tab.



Chaplain Tim



Talking with a seafarer

during a ship visit, it came up that the Jehovah Witnesses were on board with their information. I asked the seafarer how he felt about that. He said that he pressed them for "an answer on what they believed about Jesus."

He said, "I defended my faith."

The seafarer asked the visitors about the verse John 14:6, where John states that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. That no one comes to the father but by Him. I credited him for his defense of the Gospel. It was very encouraging to listen to this Catholic brother defend his faith in Christ alone.

Volunteer Notes

I meet a 22-year-old Filipino at the top of steep gang way - a cadet. He had just completed 30 days at sea, arriving from China. This was part of his first 6 months onboard with 6 more remaining until he would return to Manila. The smiling young man appeared so young, so far from home with so much responsibility. He took it all in stride.

Another crew mate was in the mess hall. While sharing a cup of coffee, I asked how we could pray for him. Our visit was shortly after martial law had been instituted in part of his country.

"Safety," he said humbly, "at sea and in my home country."

Always remember the people of the sea when you pray.

Both expressed thanks for the visit.