

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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Parcel Delivery Trucks Drop Ditty Bags



Thank you for all the generous donations to the Ditty Bag program and the Watch Caps for seafarers. We are sorting, assembling and preparing for our Christmas season giving. All of the gifts we give are possible because you care. Keep up the great work. God Bless you all!

Pictured to the left are Trish Alligood and volunteer Janet DeGross.

Ruby Tuesday Community Give Back Program benefits Anchor House

Ruby Tuesday will donate 20% of meals purchased on the following days: **Nov. 17, 24, 29 and Dec. 1 & 8, 2013.** Just photo copy the enclosed flyer and inform your server you are Anchor House participants.

Locations: Cooper Creek, 8306 Tourist Center Drive (941-360-3687)

Ellenton, 5802 20th St E. (941-721-6341)

Stretch your dollars by giving back to Anchor House through Ruby Tuesday. 100% of the giveback amount comes to us.

Clean or Christian DVDs Needed

Please mail your used DVDs

To: Anchor House

13285 Eastern Ave., Palmetto,
FL 34221

(see page 2 for details)

FREE T-Shirt –

Congratulations to **Girls in Action** from Silver Creek Baptist Church, Tylertown, Mississippi who donated 22 fingernail clippers for the Christmas Ditty Bags. Anchor House T-shirts are in the mail.



ISWAN*

International Seafarers Assistance
Network



Thinking outside the box

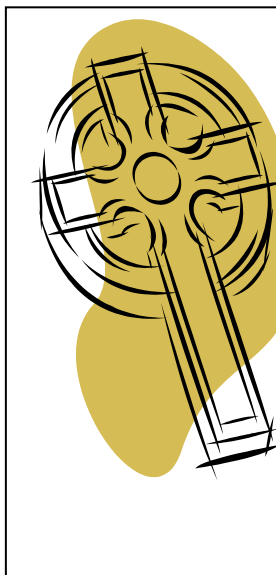
We have a dedicated board member and volunteer who loves the Lord Jesus and enjoys cigars. One night while driving the Anchor House van, he struck up a conversation with some Polish and Russian seafarers off the M/V H C Lara. Bob likes to communicate and it wasn't long before he found some common ground. They all enjoyed good cigars. Our volunteer ended up spending two evenings with these men. During the time they shared, God opened a fruitful conversation about Jesus Christ as the only way to God. Bob's words were absorbed more easily because he had found common ground (love of cigars) on which he began to build relationships with these men. You never know how God will work if you are open. Don't let your opportunities to share Christ go up in smoke.

(Disclaimer: Anchor House is not a supporter of smoking or tobacco products but approves the creative use of our lives to bridge a relationship which may introduce people to Jesus Christ.)

Red Light Districts &

Prostitution workers are often located near major ports around the world and in some countries allowed to board ships. Vulnerable men come from remote provinces to become seafarers unaware of the sexual risk spanning the globe. We need to educate them about dangers of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

Our goal is to remodel a small section of our center into an education area with information to keep them safe.



*ISWAN

is an international seafarer assistance network seeking to improve the working and living conditions of seafarers around the world. ISWAN receives calls involving seafarers facing difficulties. The most predominant are unpaid wages, repatriation issues and unacceptable living and working conditions. These calls have increased significantly since 2010. The *SeafarerHelp* team handled 931 **new** cases during 2012 involving 4,388 seafarers.

Pray for those indirectly and directly caring for seafarers.

This month a young seafarer came to Anchor House. He was assaulted by a coworker on a ship. A seafarer who comes forward to find help and support often risks his employment.

Statistics Year-to-Date

Countries Served	31
Ships in Port	187
Seafarers Transported	1,186
Seafarers in Center	2,987
Meals Served	4,725
Bibles Given	378
Jesus DVD Given	161
Seafarers in Port	4,488

Kirkwood Presbyterian hosts *Alternative Christmas Market*



Attend the opportunity to use your Christmas dollars to support missions.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

6101 Cortez Rd. W,
Bradenton

Sat. Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Prayer Requests

➔ Alejandro, a 19-yr-old cadet is on a ship until June 2014.

➔ Ministering Seafarers sharing the Gospel at sea

➔ Tuesday messages at Anchor House

➔ Safety for seafarers among pirated waters and seafarers facing trouble onboard

➔ Port Manatee Employees

➔ Additional port business and access to seafarers

➔ **Thanks** to visitors from Wisconsin for Ditty Bag transport and visit.

➔ **Thanks** to new volunteer Sue Riester for providing dinner at Anchor House.

YOUTH GROUP ALERT ♦ DVD DONATE

Last month when we requested used DVDs there was minimal response.

Seafarers using the Anchor House internet can illegally download movies without knowing the risk to Anchor House. We hope to curtail the use of the internet in this way. If you have DVD movies seafarers can take when they leave port please donate them.

Boredom can set in with 30 days at sea.

Sunday school or youth groups are encouraged to collect used DVDs. **We appreciate your partnership.**



May the goodness of God be your bounty this Thanksgiving season.

Anchor House Staff & Volunteers