

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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Friends at Sea

A few years ago, I met Anton, a Filipino seafarer. During our visit he asked me to pray for him as he was studying to be an officer in the engine room. As time passed, he called to see how my family and I were, and talked about his family.



A few months ago, after talking to his family, he called with urgency in his voice. His father had just passed away and he had to make a decision. He had just come back to the ship after vacation and couldn't afford to fly home. He needed to make money to pay the hospital and now the funeral arrangements. On top of that, he was grieving and felt all alone so far from family and close friends. We talked. We cried. We prayed for God's will in the decision he had to make.

Days later, Anton called saying he would stay on the ship and handle the decisions with his family by phone. The next time he called he told me of a dream that his dad wanted him to go to heaven with him. He also told me that his mom was in the hospital. I knew then that grief was consuming him. The ship was waiting for a berth in the port. They were anchored off shore, so there was no way to get one of our chaplains to him. I asked him to go and talk with his captain or possibly one of the crew that he was friends with. We prayed and I continued to pray and asked others to pray as well. Finally, his ship came to Tampa. I thanked the Lord and went to see him. He was doing much better. His mother was home and getting better and he realized his father didn't want him to follow him. In January he will go home to his family for 3-4 months. We had a wonderful time of sharing memories of his dad and Scriptures of God's comfort and presence in our lives.

I continue to thank God for all who are willing to give of themselves to the men and women that work on the sea. I thank God for the many people that He puts in our lives to bless and to be blessed by. Doing is a blessing! Thank you, Jesus.
Chaplain Trish Alligood

Thanksgiving

Thank you to Mrs. James Reeder for the donation of \$1000 of Bibles in multiple languages.

When we send the Word of God out on the oceans of the world, God uses his Word to bring salvation to the masses, one person at a time. Thank you for equipping us with the **living and active** word of God.

Year to Date Statistics

Countries Served	21
Seafarers in the center	2020
Transported	779
Jesus DVDs	166
Bibles given	348
Meals	3106

When Jesus called his first followers by the Sea of Galilee, Mark 1:16, 18 records that the men he called responded “at once” and “without delay.” They didn’t even wait to pull in their fishing nets to see what their final catch might yield before they left. It implies there was no “just a minute, I will be right with you.”

Everyone does not need to leave home to do something for God. But the calling of Peter, John, and Matthew is similar to God’s desire for us. How are you being called to follow him? Teaching others, having youth in your home, visiting the sick, befriending others who need support, in your secular workplace. . .

Ephesians 2:10 reminds us that God does have something in mind for each of us. This truth echoes in my mind. One of our prayer supporters recently told me that he is going to retire from his job at age 60, go to school and study for a Masters Degree in Divinity. After that he will see where God wants to use him. God has something prepared for you. I believe if we listen to the Holy Spirit in our hearts and through God’s word, and understand our giftedness (what we do well or enjoy) then all we need to do is say “Yes” and be about his work wherever and however it unfolds.

Always with you in our Kingdom work,

Chaplain Tim



George Charles Smith of Penzance, by Roald Kverndal

Is the third in his trilogy tracking the history of Seamen’s Mission. George Charles Smith is recognized worldwide as the founder of the Maritime Mission Movement. Non-Western participants in maritime mission readily discern in him the profile of a prophet.

Author, Roald Kverndal, belonged as a child to the Norwegian Seamen’s Church. He later served as a seafarer, maritime lawyer, and port chaplain. Dr. Kverndal cares about seafarers and records the history of the movement with diligence.

Receive a copy of George Charles Smith of Penzance with a \$20 donation to Anchor House. Designate “book” on your check memo.

Every Opportunity

The other day a man in his mid-30s came to fix the copy machine in my office. While he worked we talked. I learned that he had to flee his home to the mountains in Vietnam when he was 16 years old. We talked about what his faith experience was. By the time he left, my machine was working and he had graciously accepted a Vietnamese Bible and Jesus DVD. Make the most of your opportunities.



Prayer Requests

Pray for protection of seafarers from piracy on the Indian Ocean

Thank God for new air conditioner saving AH \$50/mo.

Pray for increased economy at Port Manatee

Pray for our nation

Remember to:

VOTE

Anchor House roof replacement

After 20 years, the Anchor House roof needs to be replaced. It has a history of faithful patches, but has reached the point of replacement. This is a one-time request for a specific purpose. The replacement cost is \$12,650. If you are able to help with this need, please designate your donation in the memo with the word, “ROOF.”