

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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Celebrating 25 Years of Ministry

Friday, March 23, 2018

6:00 p.m. Silent Auction

7:00 p.m. Banquet Dinner

Port Manatee former Cruise Terminal

Our guest speaker, Mr. Martin Doblmeier, is an Emmy Award winning film maker who has earned multiple prestigious awards in the film industry. He has taken an in-depth look at the work of chaplaincy in his film **CHAPLAINS** and has broken box office records with his film **Bonhoeffer**. His work has aired on ABC, NBC, BBC, and PBS. Don't miss this opportunity.



Tickets - Limited Seating is Available

Table of 8 - \$375

Half-Table - \$190

Individual Guest \$50 per person

Please RSVP with your ticket reservation, including guest names & payment to: Anchor House, 13285 Eastern Ave. Palmetto FL 34221 or to use credit cards, please call: 941-722-0764. Questions: email tim@anchorhousemission.com



Thanks to our visitors from Roser Memorial Community Church, Anna Maria, for the recent visit and for joining us as a supporting congregation.

A note from the Chaplain: 25 Years!

This is a special year for Anchor House. I am blessed to be here as we review our last 25 years and look forward to the next 25. I remember the day I received a call to come to Florida and begin an outreach to seafarers at Port Manatee. I had the privilege to be the first director and see this work come together from the first concrete blocks laid by volunteers from Bethany Evangelical Free Church, to the first international phone calls made by seafarers.

Anchor House has had the rich opportunity to touch thousands of lives. We have given thousands of Bibles in more than 40 languages. We have met needs from baptism to conversation. This has happened because of our many volunteers over the years. I am so thankful for the dedication of these people, particularly the more than 25 currently serving and the many individual and businesses who support Anchor House financially. These people are part of what we will be celebrating on Friday, March 23, at our anniversary banquet. I hope you plan to join us. - Chaplain Tim



Anchor House 2017 Year-end Statistics

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| Countries Served | 31 |
| Seafarers Transported | 1,680 |
| Ships in Port | 371 |
| Seafarers in Center | 3,553 |
| Seafarers in Port | 8,533 |
| Bibles/Jesus Film/ DVD/Flash drives with Gospel messages given | 981 |

One of our goals during 2017 was to provide more spiritual care onboard ships including Bible studies, worship services and communion. Often captains request this for their crew during the holiday season. Below is pictured one opportunity to sing, share and provide communion to these people who had not been to church for many months. A loaf of bread and jug of juice and God's Holy Word enables others to experience Christ.



Ditty Bags and Watch Caps

What a joy to go on a ship during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons bearing gifts for all of the crew. My friends, if it were not for caring people who give of their time and talent to make the hundreds of ditty bags and the homemade hat and scarves this program would not exist.

We were able to share more than 700 ditty bags with seafarers this year. Seafarers wearing the colored hats with the simple gifts in the bags light up their faces because someone remembered them at Christmas. Some of the people from countries who do not celebrate Christmas even smile and feel a sense of love or care from the many seafarer missions that share gifts with them.

