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WATERFRONT STATISTICS

SHIPS:	38
NO. OF VISITS:	31
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY:	358
NEW MINISTERING SEAFARERS:	0
NEW CORRESPONDENCE COURSE STUDENTS:	4

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Mission Statement

The Tacoma Seafarers' Center is organized to minister holistically, (spiritually, emotionally and physically) to seafarers who come to the Port of Tacoma. Our ministry emphasis is spreading the saving gospel of Jesus Christ world-wide to and through Seafarers.

HATS OFF:

To the **WA-AK Lutheran Women's Missionary League**. Four of the ladies from the LWML convention held at Pacific Lutheran University on June 28th, came down to our Center and gave the premises a good cleaning. This act of generosity was part of their convention. This was one of the service projects they undertook. We thank you very kindly ladies. Our Center looks and smells very clean again. God bless you for a job well done.



Pictured from left to right: Laura Mae Mursch from Fairbanks, Alaska; Lisa Davis from Grangeville, Idaho; Carol Price from Gig Harbor, Washington; and Barbara Rogers from Deer Park, Washington.

Praise the Lord for His **generous servants and supporters of our Seafarers' ministry**. We have received enough money to begin developing our new web site. One anonymous person has loaned us \$2,000 to get started. This loan does not have to be repaid for two years. We still need continued prayer support, as well as continued financial support for this project. We still need \$2,000 to complete the development of our 18-page web site. One person has committed to paying our site host fees of \$36 monthly, for one full year. God bless you.

As I mentioned earlier, this web site will provide 24-hour access to our ministry by seafarer and supporter alike. We pray that this web site will be a blessing to seafarers who need assistance from us

while they are at sea.

We also pray that this web site will stimulate interest in our ministry, from people who may visit our site and have not heard of Maritime Ministry before.

Gene Lawrence

SPECIAL REMINDER

We have not had any responses as yet regarding our BVC fundraiser. If you remember from last month, the **Book, Video & CD** fundraiser was mentioned. We ask for donations of old books, videos and CD's. Contact us at the Center at 253-272-0716 and we will come pick up the items, if necessary. Or you may bring them to us, mail them to us, or take them to your church and have them contact us for arrangements. These items will be sorted, categorized, and then listed on the agorastore.com web site for sale. A prearranged amount of the monies received will go into the Tacoma Seafarers' Center ministry for support of purchasing Bibles, Jesus Videos and the like. Thank you for taking the time to do this for the work of the Lord.

WORK OF THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

(Cont'd from July, 2002 Article)

This is the rest of the story of the Chinese crewmember from the ship *MV Sunny Royal* who went to church and then out for Americanized Chinese food with us. The Chief Master had duty so only the Seaman Hui went with us to church. I put him in between Phyllis and me. He had some questions and when he did not understand something he asked. Hui asked for a pew Bible and he received one. His English was very good. We went to Kings Chinese Seafood Buffet. Now I thought of all the food that was there, fifty plus items that Hui could try, but he surprised me. We walked around looking at all the food and what did he take but two pieces of pizza and a plate of noodles. The next time I do this, I am going out to Godfather's Pizza.

Lloyd Bovee

**"We must show them we care,
before they care what we know."
Rev. Ray Eckhoff**

many of the crewmembers. There was one seaman that came and said he was a Christian and was glad that we came. When you hear things like that, it melts a heart of stone.

In Christ,
Lloyd Bovee

ACTIVITY UPDATE FROM THE CENTER

Lito has been back East seeing family and I was top gun. Now I know why there should be two people at all times at the Center. **Hint: Are there any of you that would like to work with us?** We have a very good boss. He said, "Take my yoke, it is light!"

There are new ships in the Tacoma Port almost each day. We have the shipmates, longshore workers, and all the rest that work on the docks. If you want in your face ministry, this is where it is.

Nine people from the Slovak Church came with me aboard the Motor Vessel Packing ship at Schnitzer dock. The whole crew was Ukrainian and they met



Welcome Home



Rev. Lito Dicdican is back from his vacation, which took him ultimately to Florida. We are grateful to the Lord for Rev. Lito's safe return. We missed you Lito, WELCOME BACK!

PS – He said that he is glad to be back in Tacoma. The heat was a bit too much for him in the hot areas that he visited.

NEXT TSC BOARD & LADIES AUXILIARY MEETINGS – August 27, 2002

MINISTERING SEAFARERS RECRUITED THE PAST MONTH – 0

NEW BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE STUDENTS – 4



<u>Ship</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Comment</u>
MV LT PREMIER	Richelieu J. De Jesus	3/O	6/17/02	Tacoma	Book I
MV LT PREMIER	Louisito R. Boseo	D/A	6/17/02	Tacoma	Book I
MV LT PREMIER	Charles M. Jones	A/B	6/17/02	Tacoma	Book I
M/V MILLENNIUM FALCON	Jimmy L. Lao	3/O	6/16/02	Tacoma	Book I

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