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## WATERFRONT STATISTICS

SHIPS IN PORT:	58
NO. OF VISITS:	25
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY:	562
NEW MINISTERING SEAFARERS:	0
NEW CORRESPONDENCE COURSE STUDENTS:	6
BAPTISMS:	1

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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 **Doc Campbell family**, for buying many used but good conditioned clothing, especially the warm coats. The seafarers appreciate them very much.

To **Rev. Lito and Lloyd Bovee** for their tireless efforts in serving the seafarers as they fellowship on board with them. The quality and quantity of the fellowship hours spent with the seafarers helps to build that trust relationship that is so necessary before the seafarer opens his/her heart to the Word of God.

To **all of the volunteers at the Tacoma Seafarers' Center**, who without complaint, faithfully serve the Lord as we Tell the Good News about Jesus.

### BIBLES DISTRIBUTED:

Burmese – 2      Chinese – 7      Filipino – 7      Hindi – 1  
Russian – 3

### 'JESUS' VIDEOS DISTRIBUTED:

Burmese – 1      Chinese – 4      English – 2      Filipino – 13  
Greek – 1      Hindi – 2      Russian – 2      Ukraine – 1

service to both the seafarer and our supporters. I encourage you to visit our web site at [www.tacomaseafarers.org](http://www.tacomaseafarers.org). You will find many wonderful things there. You will also find the PAYPAL system, which lets you give donations by credit card etc. to the Tacoma Seafarers' Center. It is really easy to use and may be a real convenience for many of you who would prefer to donate by credit card; but, have up until now, not been able to do so.

Have a very Blessed Christmas as we celebrate God's gift to us.

In God's Grace,  
H. Gene Lawrence  
Executive Director

### TCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Tacoma Seafarers' Center Board would like to put up a carport for our vans and Rev. Lito Dicdican's personal vehicle. The harsh elements of the Port are seriously affecting the paint on the vehicles parked here for prolonged times. The cost of this project is approximately \$3,000.00. We are in need of donations for this project. Would you please pray for us in this need, that we may receive the necessary funds?

The Board is in the process of putting together a new presentation video of our ministry. We have need of a digital movie camera to facilitate this project.

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

### FROM THE DIRECTOR

I first give thanks and praise to almighty God for His majesty and compassion for us all. It is truly a humble privilege to serve such a Loving God. It is because of His love for us that we have this wonderful ministry to spread the glorious Good News about Jesus to the lost and unsaved. We will continue to do this with the blessing of our Lord and Savior.

As you know, we continue to grow in scope and go forward in vision. Among the many things that are happening, the computer age is especially exciting. We have seafarers coming into our Center to use the computers for e-mail and to get news from the Internet. The Internet has provided us with another means of

**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**

**CHRISTMAS BOXES !!!**

There are still some boxes left. Hurry before we run out! Call and let us know how many to set aside for you and when you will pick them up.

**REPORT ON THE WEST COAST PORT STRIKE**

The seaports on the West Coast have been significantly affected due to management's decision to lockout the longshoremen due to a labor dispute. The ports are opened up now; but, with so many ships in Port waiting to be unloaded, workload is backed up. With the ships in port longer, our ministry has a longer time period with the seamen to share the Good News of the Gospel. As an added benefit, we have also been able to share the beauty of the Northwest with the seamen who are waiting for their ships to unload and head back to sea. We recently took groups of seamen from India to Boeing's Museum of Flight where they got to experience a flight simulator firsthand. It was a fun experience for all, and I will never forget the Indians' attempt to land the flight simulator. They made a landing with the simulator; unfortunately, their landing was not on the runway, which would present a problem in real life. I had dinner with the Indians on two separate occasions and thoroughly enjoyed the delicious meats of lamb prepared with curry, and vegetable dishes with sliced red onions and jalapeno peppers (sliced lengthwise).

Recently, a Korean ship came to Port and I was also invited to dinner by the Korean seamen. The meal was terrific and I was served some true Korean kim-chee, which is decidedly spicier than what I have eaten in restaurants in the states. Having dinner with seamen from other countries has been a wonderful cultural exchange and we have had many opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the men.

It is the fall in the Northwest and we have an abundance of sweet Washington apples. We have enjoyed sharing the apples with the seaman that visit our Port. The

apples that we have are exceptionally sweet, and tree-ripened from local orchards. Winter will be upon us soon; we have received donations of warm clothes and coats to give to the seamen that visit us. We have found that the Gospel is spread like wildfire when we first meet people's basic needs such as food and clothing. Jesus first fed the masses, and then he preached the Gospel. Ears are receptive to hear the Gospel once you meet people's basic needs.

If you have read your local paper during the last several months, or 'USA Today', I am sure that you have read many articles that are pushing for the world to worship one God. However, when you closely read the article it becomes apparent that the God that they are referring to in the article is not Jehovah God. There are many world religions that say they worship God; but, there is only one true God, who created the Heavens and the Earth. As Christians, we believe and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ (the Son of God). Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it." (John 3:16, 17) The truth is simple and clear; the Bibles tells you exactly what you must do for salvation.

The ones I have asked you to pray for in the past are Rea, Phyllis, Cathy, Cai Xiao and now a new name, Donna. During your prayer time, please remember them to Jesus Christ.

Lloyd Bovee

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**NEXT TSC BOARD MEETING -- December 1, 2002 @ 7:00 am**  
**NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING -- NO DECEMBER MEETING**

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