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WATERFRONT STATISTICS

SHIPS IN PORT:	28
NO. OF VISITS:	36
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY:	395
NEW MINISTERING SEAFARERS:	1
NEW CORRESPONDENCE COURSE STUDENTS:	6
NEW BIBLE STUDY LEADER:	0

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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:

Once again I must say a thousand "Thank You's" to **Terry Krueger** of Community of Christ at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Federal Way, for his many tireless hours in addressing our computer issues. We now have three computers accessible to the Seafarers downstairs at our Center. All are networked and are internet and e-mail available. The system is simplified for all top use with little effort. I praise God for talent he has brought to our ministry through Terry.

A "HATS OFF" also goes to **Doc Campbell**, who has purchased a carport for our vans. A crew will be out to install the multi-vehicle carport on Saturday, April 26, 2003. This carport will help to keep the acrid pollutants from falling onto the paint of our vans parked at the Center. Hopefully, this will help us to keep our vans looking nice and clean.

I also want to thank Doc for his continued efforts as he brings coats and other clothing to the Center for the seafarers. They will know we have Christ's love, as we share with them.

Deacon H. Gene Lawrence
Executive Director

BIBLES DISTRIBUTED:

Bulgarian – 2 Burmese – 4 Chinese – 3 English – 3
Korean – 1 Polish – 2 Spanish – 1 Turkish – 2

'JESUS' VIDEOS DISTRIBUTED:

Burmese – 1 Chinese – 1 Korean – 1 Polish – 3
Romanian – 1 Spanish – 1

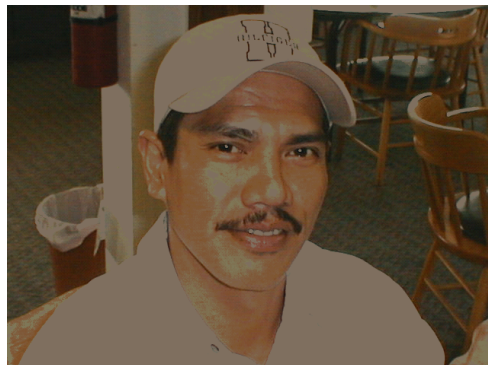
*"We must show them we care, before
they care what we know."*

Rev. Ray Eckhoff

WELCOME BACK!

Mar Deluna has returned to our ranks to serve the seafarers. Mar took a sabbatical for a number of months, but is now back on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Mar has a history of over twelve years service to our Lord through the Tacoma Seafarers' Center. Mar spent many hours serving along sided our dearly departed and beloved Rev. Ray

Eckhoff. Ray helped to instill a strong desire within Brother Mar to reach out to the lost and unsaved. Welcome back Mar, as we strive to work to the Glory of God, through the legacy Ray left for us. (Next month we will meet one of Mar's family who follows in her Father's footsteps).



A BROTHER IN CHRIST

For a couple of weeks, the bulk carrier MV Full Sources was at anchor, waiting for their turn to load grains at the grain terminal. The mainland Chinese crew and officers did not expect such a long delay, yet it was obvious that there were more ships at anchor – also, waiting to load at the grain dock, and had been waiting ahead of them! And, because they were not issued shore passes (perhaps no valid visas), no one was allowed to go onshore to visit the Center and shop for their personal needs, and things that may be brought back to their families once they sign off. Capt. H. Guo, the master, gladly received me and Bro Eric as we entered his office in the officer's deck – he expressed his desire to go onshore and shop for some supplies for the crew, but he himself was restricted also to go onshore. He asked if we could be of help on their circumstances? Certainly we offered our assistance to them, and started going over the list of items the crew requested, such as several boxes of noodles, bottles of vitamins, shampoo, perfumes, etc. However, we saw the opportunity that evening, to present the "Jesus" video to the crew in their TV lounge; praise God, since most of them gathered after dinner!

I did personally the shopping for their list requested the following day, and was back in their shop in the afternoon. I had the chance to talk to the 1/E (first engineer) G. Li while he was watching a Christian program in the TV (he had knowledge of English language), so I asked him if he knew

Jesus, "yes" he said. "I am a Christian," hallelujah! He was with the crew watching the "Jesus" video the previous night. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men to Myself." (John 12:32) He and his family are Christian, praise God! Bro Li and me had a good opportunity talk to the 3/OY Wang about Christ as he joined us in watching the Christian program – he received the Chinese NT that I gave him! Pray for Bro Li and Wang that they will have a continued sharing of God's word whilst onboard. After a prayer together, Bro Li was so encouraged to testify that his wife became a Christian, first before he followed her faith in Christ! Glory to God!



Bro Li at the right, with Y Wang at the ship's TV lounge.

SCATTER CREEK REST STOP

Would you like to see a cross-section of the American driving public? Try working a rest stop. There are three in the Tacoma area, one on the way to Seattle, and two south of Olympia.

We worked the one at Scatter Creek on I-5 north of Centralia last month. It is a good moneymaker for organizations and charities. Plus, it is a good time to talk with the driving public and fellowship with the people who are working with you. The only thing that we can pass out is coffee (no printed materials), but when they ask what organization we are with, the door opens wide for conversation. We can then tell them all about the Seafarers' Center.

We will be doing another rest stop next year for about four days in a row, 24 hours each day, and there is certainly a shift open for you! Don't worry, there is a lot of room to serve and the pay is great – all the fresh coffee that you can drink and all the cookies you can eat. What a deal!

Chaplain Lloyd Bovee

NEW 'CARD' AT THE CENTER

We have a new card that we are passing out at the Center (see below). I pick up used playing cards that are just like new from local casinos and place our new salvation card into each deck. When we go aboard ships with our local News Tribune and other handouts, there are now a few decks of playing cards that we give away. It is wise to give the cook the first one so you can get a cup of coffee. Now, I know how some people feel about cards, but a good game of bridge, whist, or rummy is not all bad. These new ships offer very little to do outside of work when they are out to sea.

When I first started looking for free playing cards, I knew the Casinos were the place to start. The large casino just outside of Auburn uses 750 decks of cards each day and if it is a busy day, 900 and up. WOW! What do they do with all these decks of cards? First, they cancel them, which means they all go back into the correct order and a side shave or corner shave is removed from them and they then go back into the box and are ground up. When I ask for cards, now I ask for whole cases, not just a few decks.

Chaplain Lloyd Bovee

<p style="text-align: center;">You May Go To HEAVEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Without Health • Without Wealth • Without Fame • Without a Great Name • Without Learning • Without Big Earning • Without Culture • Without Beauty • Without Friends • Without Ten Thousand Other Things <p>But You Can Never Go to Heaven Without Christ</p> <p style="color: red;">"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man comes to the Father, but by Me."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 14:6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THIS IS YOUR PART BELIEVE</p> <p style="color: red;">Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved, and your house.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Acts 16:31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REPENT</p> <p style="color: red;">God commands all men everywhere to repent.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Acts 17:30, 31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CALL ON THE LORD</p> <p style="color: red;">For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 10:13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONFESS JESUS PUBLICLY</p> <p style="color: red;">If you shall confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 10:9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tacoma SeaFarers' Center 1225 Alexander Ave. Tacoma, Washington, 98421 (253) 272-0716 FAX (253) 627-6758</p>
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NEXT TSC BOARD MEETING -- June 3, 2003 @ 7:00 am
NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING – May 27, 2003
Hostess: Potluck Devotions: Betty Hoffman Cookies: Iris Kramer

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