



# MOORING LINES



*A TIE WITH PEOPLE OF THE SEA*

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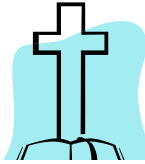
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## WATERFRONT STATISTICS

SHIPS IN PORT: 82  
NO. OF VISITS: 80  
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY: 505



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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.

## THANK THE LORD FOR STORMS

"Last night an angel of the God, whose I am and whom I serve, stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar, and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you. 'So keep up your courage men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.'" Acts 27: 23 – 25

Paul ministered to the seafarers going through the storm. Whether they were believers or not Paul brought his faith into their weathered lives and was a blessing.

Paul let the seafarers know that he belonged to God and that he served God. Paul gave the seafarers encouragement by giving them a message from God.

We meet seafarers after they come through the storms on the oceans. Thank the Lord for the storms, because then they are ready to listen. Let the seafarers know who you belong to and who you serve and give them the message from the Lord.

Recently the "Fragrant Island" with Burmese and Filipinos just barely made it through several storms from Japan to the USA. We went on board with a Burmese pastor, Filipino pastor and others and gave them encouragement by cooking them a meal on board. Then there were three messages given to 15 seafarers. One message was in Burmese, one in Tagalog and one in English. They had a picture on the wall of Jesus standing beside the seafarer in the storm. We encouraged them to put their faith in the Lord who can save us from the storms and from our sins.

Search for what the seafarers have been through, or are going through. Then be a blessing to them by giving them a good message from God.

HIM Devotional by Paul Peterson  
Week of January 11, 2004

## FEBRUARY – INFORMATION UPDATE

This is the first time that I have had a Muslim tell me that he could not change his beliefs because of the people back home. This seafarers' rate was that of a mess boy [the word boy has nothing to do with age]. His goal was to come to America and become a citizen. After a long conversation, I

said "Let's pray about it and ask God to lend a hand", giving him advice or whatever was needed. That's when it came out he was afraid to have me pray for him.

It is interesting to see how the ships function and how the captains command their own vessels. On ship Y in our Port it had a two-hour inspection by five inspectors and the only thing they found wrong was a Coke can in the garbage and not in the can container. He was a little upset, because that Coke can report will go all the way back to London, England. A few days later I relayed this to the Captain on ship X and his response was that little things become big things and it is the officer's duty to always correct these little things. I can understand both of their positions, but have sympathy for the first captain to have had a two-hour inspection and be reprimanded for a can in the wrong container.

Praise the Lord, we still have T-shirts to pass out. Ed told me he would be picking up 17 more cases – that will equal more than 1200 shirts. We now have ships in Port that are on their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> go around getting these shirts. We only have one size now, extra large; but a hot wash and a hot dryer will make them just the right size. I also was given several hundred very fine ballpoint pens for the shipmates. As you know, we do have a ship's store where we sell T-shirts and ballpoint pens. The store doesn't make a lot of money, but the volume is what keeps it going.

Please keep praying for our new location and that we move in 2004. The Port now has two shifts working on Blair waterway and the new Evergreen terminal. Our street is going to change and we should move before it changes.

Again, thank you for your faithfulness.

Chaplain Lloyd L. Bovee

## REMINDER

### Coffee Stop – Coming Soon!!

Scatter Creek – Northbound I-5 (MP91)

3/8/04 thru 3/13/04

Please consider signing up for a shift.  
It can be a great time for fellowship.



**A 'THANK YOU' FOR THE CHRISTMAS BOXES**

Recently, I was transporting a Seafarer from Bulgaria to the Tacoma Mall. He expressed his gratitude to everyone involved with this seasonal remembrance to the Seafarers'. He wanted to let everyone know how thankful he and his fellow crewmembers were in having a very special Christmas 2003.

After our delivery to the ship of the Christmas boxes, the Captain kept them out of sight until Christmas Eve. The Captain called the entire crew to their dining room, and at that time he handed out the boxes. The Seafarer from Bulgaria expressed to me that none of them had any Christmas gifts at all until receiving the Tacoma Seafarers' Center Christmas boxes.

Tom Harris



**A VISIT WITH A NEW SHIP AT TEMCO**

On February 19, 2004, we received a call from Lila Smith, the ITF Inspector who was invited to look at the LOCH LONG (a brand new ship) moored at TEMCO. This ship happened to be on her maiden voyage from the shipyard in Japan to Tacoma, WA. Lila advised the Center the crew did not have any books for their library. We put together a box of donated books and I took them to the vessel on Friday.

Along with the books, I had brought the cell phone and phone cards for their use. The Officers were from Korea and the 16 member Crew from Mynamar (formerly Burma).

Unfortunately, the men from Mynamar who were seeing the shores of the United States for the first time were unable to have shore passes, due to political reasons. They invited me for lunch and all of us had a wonderful time getting to know each other.

When it was time to leave the ship, I gave the Chief Cook a 'Jesus' Video in Burmese and received a "Bear Hug" in return. By the expression on his face, and the others, this video will be well viewed!

Tom Harris

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**NEXT TSC BOARD MEETING – March 2, 2004**

**NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING – March 23, 2004**

Devotions: Oliva Gill

Hostess: Our Savior Lutheran  
Cookies: Louise Walston

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