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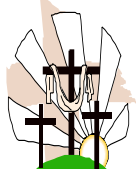


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APRIL 2005

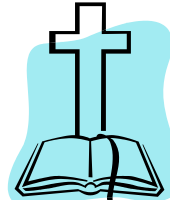
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WATERFRONT STATISTICS

SHIPS IN PORT:	72
NO. OF VISITS:	70
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY	601



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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.

UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We have been talking about our satellite center on the other side of the waterway from our main base of operations. I have some good news about how the Lord has been blessing our endeavors. I was able to obtain the site from the Port of Tacoma for an unbelievable price. All I can say is that it is like getting it for free. This site is temporary, with the understanding that we will probably have to move within 3 years. However, this gives the seafarers an opportunity to walk to our facility which is now centrally located for them and close to their ships. As some of you may remember, the seafarers were able to walk across the 11th Street Bridge to visit our Center. That came to a halt when the bridge was removed from across the Blair waterway.



We have been blessed with seven (7) complete computers from the Southern Baptist Association for free. We also have been blessed with the opportunity to completely furnish our needs for this new location, free of charge, thanks to the generosity of *The Gathering Project*, in Tacoma. (A special thanks to volunteer George Stokes for introducing me to David Corner, President of "The Gathering Project.") Since many of the items were very heavy, Mr. Corner provided free delivery. We had also previously obtained some items at bargain prices from the State Surplus Program.

Pastor Paul Peterson, of our Center, brought a group visiting from Parkland Baptist Church, of Clovis, New Mexico to see the Port and to visit our Ministry. These good Christian men and women washed and polished the walls of our newly acquired building, washed the windows and trimmed hedges outside the building. On parting company, they presented me with two years rent monies for our new location.

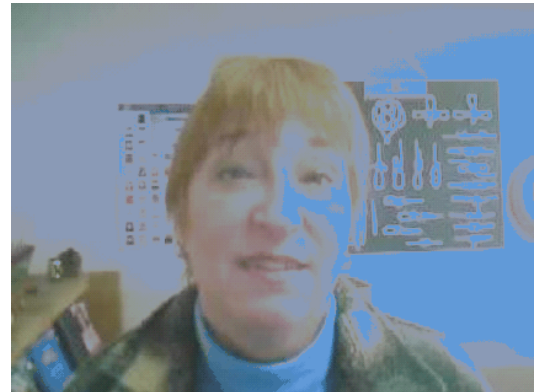
I wish to say, "God bless you all for your generosity. We will use all these gifts to the glory of God as we reach out to serve the visiting seafarers."

In Christ,
Deacon H. Gene Lawrence

WELCOME TO KAREN JEFFREYS

Karen Jeffreys comes to us after reading the December 24, 2004 article in the News Tribune about the Tacoma Seafarers' Center. Her work history includes a legal

background at the Attorney General's office and six (6) years in court reporting. Her talents are wide ranging as she drove truck for five (5) years, worked as a maritime apprentice at the Bremerton Shipyard, worked in sales at the Bon Marche and sold auto parts for NAPA. Her current job, working for the State Surplus Program, has already proved to be a blessing for us.



Karen is a Tacoma native with one grown daughter, Adrienne. Karen loves gardening, photography, art and sewing. Karen attended Aquinas Academy and St. Patrick's school in Tacoma. She has found a new church home at Miles Memorial CME Church in the hilltop area of Tacoma. Besides the Lord, Karen says her main love is her little Mexican hairless Xolo dog named Cruz, who she says is defective and coated. Karen's "Day Off" is Monday, when she then works at the Tacoma Seafarers' Center. She is another example of how our God blesses us, by the people He calls to serve Him, through our Center.

LETTERS FROM OUR FRIENDS...



Dearest George,

Hi there! Maybe you'll get amazed why you got a mail from a wife of your friend named Ron Gallego--24 years old deck hand on Artic Enterprise.

Well, to start with... I'm Lyn Gallego. 22 years of age. I wrote you 'because; you make me feel so comfortable and very much overwhelmed re-reading your article regarding my husband. It's 2004 of May edition in Mooring Lines. I'm very much thankful too to hear the beat of your heart preparing all the lines of your article just to send the message of God. Your words were very much inspiring to us. You are one of

the people whom blessed by God with kind heart. Because, so far as I know, you molded my husband to be good at all times.....you just don't knew...how happy I am bearing a little baby girl with such a good and responsible father like him. George, thank you also for making all your words be possible. And please allow me to take this opportunity too to thank Tom Harris for being there when my husband needed some help....he's one of a kind too.

Lastly, we wish too that we could update your newest edition. We love to read every line in it!

Best regards...with love and care,

Lyn, Baby Cheyenne and my love Ron

I wish someday.....by God's plan.....we could visit your Center... Again thank you.

20 February, 2005

My Dear Mr. Bovee!

How are you Mr. Port Chaplain, Bovee and how is your family?

I am fine at all times and all my crewmembers are very fine and they are working on the vessel with happiness.

I have received your wonderful CD for Christmas Greetings and God's blessing at Kosichang, Thailand on 10 Jan. 2004 through our company. Thank you very much for your warm heart and kindness with a letter. All my crewmembers said hello to you.

We have called Chinese port, Russia, Thailand, Australia and Japan after Tacoma. We are going to Redwood City and Richmond, CA for loading steel scraps (ETA San Francisco pilot station 0800 LT/25-Feb) and next port is Mundra, India. I expect to sail about for 41 days via Singapore (only bunkering). I think it is my longest voyage in my seaman's life

We thank you again for your kindness when we was in Tacoma last time, you came to my ship in order to help my crewmembers and me.

We wish to see you again in future.

Please take care yourself and your family.

God bless you !

Capt. Jeong-Ok Hong
Master of M/V "C.Duke"

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

Rev. Ray Eckhoff



Chaplain Lloyd Bovee leading Bible study

I have been asked many times why there are so many translations of the Bible and in the publication "the Word for you today" there in one of the best explanations that I have ever seen and read.

There are two important reasons why there are so many translations. "First, the Bible was originally written using 11,280 Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words, but the typical English translation uses only around 6,000 words. Obviously, nuances and shades of meaning can be missed, so it is always helpful to compare translations.

Second, we often miss the full impact of familiar Bible verses, not because of poor translating, but simply because they have become so familiar! We think we know what a verse says because we have read it or heard it so many times. Then when we find it quoted in a book, we skim over it and miss the full meaning. Therefore, we have deliberately used paraphrases in order to help you see God's truth in new, fresh ways."

Now, for the one's that think K.J. in the only way to go, there are many others out there and this is a list of some of them: AMP, CEV, GWT, NAS, NCV, NKJV, NLT, NRS, PHPS, TEV, TLB, TM, ESV, and BECK.

As you may know, the papers have been signed for the property at 1118 Port of Tacoma Road, and there are plans for the Lord's best usage of the area. I am excited that we will be able to have walk-ins again at the Seafarers' Center.

Chaplain Lloyd Bovee

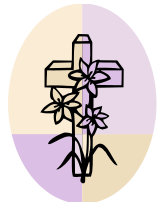
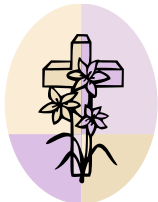
NEXT TSC BOARD MEETING – April 13, 2005

NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING – April 26, 2005

Devotions: Sue McCarty

Hostess: Addie Stearn and Barbara Gates

Cookies: Sue McCarty



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