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SHIPS IN PORT: 87
NO. OF VISITS: 80
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY: 615



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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.

Christmas Boxes

They are in, come and get yours. This is the time of the year that is exciting ... when we give out these gifts to seafarers who have, in many cases, never received a Christmas gift before. Of course, this also gives us a unique opportunity to share the Gospel message about the Christ that some seafarers have not met before. Praise be to God the Father for His Wondrous Love !



WELCOME ! WELCOME !

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new partner in sharing the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Steve Maxted of MGL/Multilingual of the South Asian Ministry heads up this wonderful Bible ministry where I purchase the many Bibles for the seafarer in their own language. Steve also has many gospel tracts that we use to plant the seeds of the gospel of our Lord. Steve and his family have been moving his inventory into our Center. Soon they will have a modular building on our property that they will mainly work out of.

We are blessed to have this wonderful Christian man and his family as our friends, as we reach out to the seafarer proclaiming Christ. Steve also supplies these Christian materials to many Christian agencies locally and around the World. May we both serve in joy and gladness as we reach out to the lost and unsaved with the glorious Word of God.

In service to Christ,
Deacon H. Gene Lawrence
Executive Director

UPDATE FROM LLOYD BOVEE

Our fall has arrived in the Pacific Northwest and our rains have started, but without the rains there would be no green grass and trees.

I have been saying a special thank you for my family members and friends that have given so generously to the Seafarers ministry where the Lord has placed me. I have done many things over the years, but this is by far the best. Thank you, it is a gift of validation for this ministry.

Now that gasoline has gone up and up, it hasn't been good for the budget. Our large van with 147,000 miles on it lost its transmission \$\$\$\$; the fuel pump went out that is located in the fuel tank \$\$\$; next the water pump \$\$; and then the brakes and four new tires \$\$\$\$. All I can say is help.

Now what has been happening down at our port? On the vessel *M/V Ever Gleamy*, the 3rd Officer, George, asked me to buy a blood pressure cuff for his daughter who is in nurses training in the Philippines and not one made in China (when he was here in August). For your information, there is not one to be had in Tacoma. I was telling my plight to Doctor Craig Romney, and he said she needs a "stethoscope more then a cuff and I have a new one in my office that she can have and it's made in America." When I came aboard his ship the next time in port and told him about all of this, he wasn't pleased. "I wanted a cuff and take that stethoscope back." I couldn't because it would be like a slap in the face to the giver and it was free and was worth over \$100. He didn't understand that until one of the crew explained it a different way and then WOW he got it and was all smiles. He then sent me out to buy the cuff made in China for \$16.99 plus tax.



There are many businesses in Tacoma that help us out down at the Center, when we go aboard a vessel and bring along gifts. There are three different stores that supply us with sacks.



We use them to carry magazines, the newspapers, playing cards, Christian literature and many other things. We have been given more then 8,000 decks of playing cards for the seafarers from our two local mini casinos (the large one in Fife and Tacoma have not given one deck). Our local

newspaper is always one of the first things out of the sack so they can check the sales ads. What is confusing to the seafarers are the rebates; the prices are good but not when you read the fine print, when you see what the price is initially out of pocket.

We also have been putting boxes of books and things on the ships for over a year now. We started adding dictionaries, when available, and I can find them at garage and estate sales, (not over 30 years old), in excellent condition and only at a fair price for them. I get a few, so you can all help.

The **M/V Irenes Reliance**, a Greek ship and was only 18 days old the first time it came to our port. The crewmember on the gangway at that time was Cheryata Yevgen. We had a very good visit. The ship was in port again October 16-18 and we renewed our talks on our way to shopping. He is a very fine man.



the time he returned in 35 days. He called me from Hong Kong and I still had no luck, but knew he'd be back in port on Sept 29th. Two days before his arrival, I found one in California and had it "over-nighted" to my workplace enabling me to meet up with Rajiv in time for his Tacoma visit, and his last with this contract. I was so happy to have completed this mission for him.

Karen M Jeffery



The Captain Theodoropoulos Panagiotis received a jar of Phyllis's strawberry jam when he stopped by our Center at 1118 Port of Tacoma Rd.

Chaplain Lloyd L. Bovee

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

Rev. Ray Eckhoff

SHOPPING WITH A SEAFARER

I've included a photo of myself with Rajiv Soni from the **Virginia Bridge**. When he was in port a couple months ago, he wanted to buy a projector for his home theater. Films are very big in India. We went everywhere searching for the particular NEC model he wanted. I told him I'd locate one by

A NIGHT VISIT

It was 5:30 pm. The shuttle van took the three-person family from the parking lot of the Pierce County Terminal to shipside of the **Hatsu Ethic**. Having climbed the steep-angled gangway, they were met at the top by the officer of the deck. While they were signing the visitors' log, the officer's two-way radio crackled with the message: "bring them to the ship's office."

The voice on the other end of the message was none other than Captain Lu King-Kong who had been watching the boarding process on the closed-circuit video security cameras. The deck officer escorted George, Lisa and her 12 year-old daughter, Dee Dee, as instructed. In the office, the dashing and smiling Captain in his crisp white uniform with knee-length shorts and over-the-calf socks greeted the family warmly.

The family had been invited to dinner. They shared the invitation with one of the Captain's long-time friends, Mr. Graeme McDonald, a board member of the Christian Harbor for Seafarers in Portland, Oregon. After dinner, the Captain took the visitors on a tour of the bridge where Dee Dee was introduced to some of the navigational technology and given a "test" on the use of a magnetic compass.

The food was delicious, the friendship was cordial, the tour was educational and the atmosphere was pleasant. A good time was shared by all.

George and Lisa Stokes



NEXT TSC BOARD MEETING – November 16, 2005
NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING – November 22, 2005
 Devotions: Shirley Muntz Hostesses: Sue McCarty & Marilyn Cowan
 Cookies: Marilyn Cowan



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