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WATERFRONT STATISTICS

SHIPS IN PORT: 99
NO. OF VISITS: 95
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY: 753



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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.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM SEAFARERS

From: Vsl Don Carlos
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2006 10:44 AM
To: Dong, Bill
Subject: FW: Tacoma Seafarer's Center

Hello Bill.

Will pls forward this to the seamans club.

Best Regards
Master
M/V Don Carlos
Sven-Ake Andersson
Wallenius Marine AB

Dear Tacoma Seafarer's Center,

Thank you very much for the service and gifts you provided for the crew of Don Carlos during her stay in Tacoma. It was much appreciated.

We are looking forward to see you soon again.

Best regards

Master Sven-Ake Andersson and the crew of Don Carlos.

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

Rev. Ray Eckhoff

EXPERIENCES OF THE 'NEW KID'

Being the 'new kid' (volunteer driver), I have learned so much in a very short time, having boarded 10 different ships in less than three weeks – a few experiences along the way. The Captain of the **Bum Eran** shared that he had been a Christian all his life, his wife was a professor and their two sons had graduated from Boston University with "high tech" jobs in New York. The Captain has been so impressed with the Seafarers' Center that when he retires they are moving to New York and the Captain is going to volunteer with the Seafarers' Center in New York.

The Pilot called to say the crew of the **Modern Peak** wanted 20 phone cards, but the ship wouldn't be coming into Blair Waterway until 10:30 pm (Center closed at 7 pm); but I decided to wait as the ship would sail the next morning before the Center opened. I'm so glad I did. Because not only did they get 24 phone calls, they got a Korean Bible, Filipino Bible and the 'Jesus' video in Korean, I and got to share the Good News about Jesus Christ and the one was a

Christian/Baptist. (Because of coming in at night, they had free time, so took them to the Flying J's.)

One night a fellow from the **Ace Century** wanted to go to a Baptist Church. Because Fred had shared with me that he was baptized, it was arranged Fred would pick him up that Sunday morning. Later he shared with me how much he had enjoyed going to church with Fred. Then one Sunday, I was taking a couple fellows from **Cornelia** and they heard the Christian music of 105.3 on the radio and wanted to get that kind of music. Because of the music on the radio, they shared how they were Christians; one for a long time and the other one a new one – a 'baby'. I made plans with them to take them to the evening service at Life Center.

Four of the officers of the **Cornelia** wanted to see Tacoma, so I dropped off the ones going to Tacoma Mall first. I had pointed out points of interest along Pacific Avenue, as we were headed there; one asked if we had a 'park', so instead of the points of interest, off to Point Defiance where they were thrilled with the sights there.

I got to return left bag of 'goodies', lost wallet, and a tip of \$100.00 that was a mistake; he thought it was \$1.00 and was thrilled to get his money back and gave a \$2.00 donation – the next 'tip' was correct, a \$20.00 bill.

So many experiences that show God's love and I feel that I'm the one that has been blessed over and over.

Sylvia Brandt

FAMILY BRIDGE AND MINISTRY BRIDGE

The **Valencia Bridge** chief cook's parents live in Angeles City, Philippines. The cook knew I was going to the Philippines so he gave me the cell phone number of his father and mother. On the first day that I arrived, they came and met me at the church where I was. We visited and I gave them a couple pictures of their son while he was visiting our Seafarers' Center. Now the next time his ship comes in we will give him the photo of his parents. Blessings abounded and will abound as we build these bridges across the ocean.



A ministry bridge exists with the Seamen's Christian Friend Society in Manila. On meeting with some seafarers staying at their center and ministry leaders, we agreed to send follow-up contacts back and forth. They will be able to bridge the gap throughout the Philippines for the good friends we make here at Tacoma Seafarers' Center.

Paul Peterson

BEING A BLESSING BEYOND OUR BUILDING

Tacoma Seafarers' Center endeavors to demonstrate our Christ like care and love for the seafarers in Tacoma. Sometimes we are able to pursue the seafarers with caring love beyond our building and port. Over the past year, 12 cadets (male and female) came to Tacoma on Evergreen ships. They began signing off their ships in the Spring. They went back to Keelung, Taiwan to finish their studies at National Taiwan Ocean University. Their graduation date was June 10. We decided it would be a big surprise and blessing to attend their graduation and to take them cards and gifts for their graduation. They were indeed very surprised to see me on their graduation day. A PowerPoint presentation we prepared was also played at the graduation; welcoming them to Tacoma Seafarers' Center again and hoping for God's richest blessings on their lives. The gifts we gave were a T-shirt, Chinese/English New Testament and the 'Jesus' movie DVD.



I am confident that their hearts were softened to receive the seed of the Word of God. It was a blessing to be a blessing beyond our building. Thank you for making this trip possible.

Chaplain Paul Peterson

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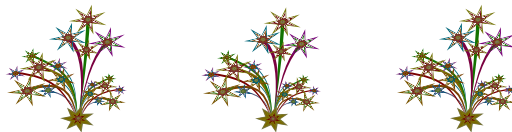
On Tuesday, the day after returning from Taiwan to Tacoma, we learned that a mainland Chinese crew member from a Taiwan ship was taken to the hospital. After shopping, I took 4 crew to the hospital to visit their chief cook. The shipping agent was their interpreter for the nurses. The cook was in ICU and had all kinds of IV fluids flowing into his body. Before leaving, I prayed for him. That evening he was moved down to a regular room and on Friday he was flown home because his ship had sailed. The agent emailed me and thanked me for visiting and praying for the cook.

Now you can pray for the rest of the crew, because the ship's oilier (fitter) is now the chief cook. The food might be a little greasy.

Chaplain Paul Peterson



NEXT TSC BOARD MEETING – August 28 2006
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