



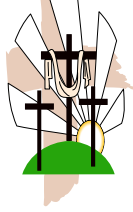
MOORING LINES



A TIE WITH PEOPLE OF THE SEA

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HE IS RISEN



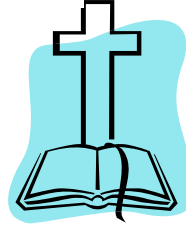
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NO. OF VISITS: 79
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY: 593



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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.

FACE OF OUR NATION

We are the face of our nation. We are one of the first impressions seafarers are going to have of our nation. We, at the Seafarers' Center, are some of the first citizens the seafarers will meet. What will be their opinion of our nation by the time they leave the USA? Will their attitude toward Americans change for the better having met us through our ministry for them? The seafarers see us and form their opinions of what our country is like.

One Chinaman on the way back from shopping told me, "I told my friend (new crew member) that Americans are the nicest people in the world." I asked him, "Why did you tell him that?" He said, "Because I have been to many countries around the world and only in America you give us free rides to shopping, free internet, free books, free use of phone."

We are glad that we can provide these services for free to give a favorable face for our nation and our God. Thank you for your support to enable us to be a good face to the nations for our nation and our Lord.

Chaplain Paul Peterson



was that they thought that the next voyage would be to Longview. There is no seafarer center there and no one to give them transportation to the market. Thank the Lord that we can provide for the seafarers.

Chaplain Paul Peterson

A COMMUNITY EFFORT

Friday, March 2nd, the Center received a call from the **M/V Ocean Pride** moored at TEMCO. They requested we pick up the cell phone and charger we had taken aboard a few days

earlier. The all-Chinese crew on this ship did not have shore passes. They were scheduled to depart within twelve hours. Our new volunteer Limuel Sim (by the way - a native of the Philippines and fluent in the Tagalog language) and I went to pick up the items and visit the ship.

While on board, the First Officer, Tian Lili mentioned the cook did not have vegetables for the return trip to the Far East. He asked if we could possibly help them purchase essential vegetables. We asked Tian to make a list and we would buy what was needed. Later, back at the Center, we received another call from Tian and he informed us the inventory of corn they were loading had run out and the ship would be re-positioned in Commencement Bay until late Monday evening with a departure of noon on Tuesday. He was concerned whether we would be able to deliver the vegetables before their departure time.

On Saturday, I went directly to the produce department at **Fred Meyer Marketplace**, Gig Harbor and discussed the list and timing of the order with Josh Davis. Incidentally, the order was in kilograms which had to be changed to pounds. Josh was helpful with the conversion. He said he would put the order together over the weekend and we could pick it up early Tuesday morning.

Tuesday morning the order was boxed and ready when I arrived at the store. Fred Orton and I delivered the vegetables to the ship. There were smiles all around, from the captain, the cook and crew members.



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

Rev. Ray Eckhoff

FRESH FRAGRANCE

The **Fragrant Island** once was all Burmese, but now all Chinese. No matter the nationality, our goal is to spread the fragrance of Christ. We were able to do that by taking the Chinese crew to East Asia Market to buy vegetables and rice and more rice and more rice.



At the Vietnamese market the Chinese bought Thai rice. One night they bought twelve 50 lb bags of rice and on another night twelve more. The reason they bought so much



Without the outstanding help of Josh at **Fred Meyer**, we probably would not have been able to deliver the vegetables as planned. Sometimes it takes a Community effort to help Seafarers moored at the Port of Tacoma.

Tom Harris

A BIBLE IN CHINA

After Fred and I delivered the vegetables to the *M/V Ocean Pride* (see article "A Community Effort"), we had an opportunity to talk, in some length to the First Officer, Tian Lili. He was a very knowledgeable young officer and spoke good English. He was impressed with the "friendliness" of the American people and mentioned meeting warm-hearted people in Portland, OR, Houston, TX, Tacoma, WA and other places. Somewhere in his ports of call in the United States he had received a Bible and learned of **JESUS** from one of these helpful people. We asked him if he still had that Bible and he said it was with his family in Tientsin.

Our behavior and conduct as volunteers is certainly noted by crew members from foreign lands and praise the Lord we

can be helpful to them as they arrive and depart from this Port of Tacoma.

Tian was interested in keeping in contact with us and we exchanged e-mail addresses.



First Officer Tian is to the left of Fred

I have sent pictures via e-mail that I took while Fred and I were on the vessel. It will be interesting to receive a message in return from Tian.

Tom Harris

BIBLES FOR THE WORLD

The Chinese have two kinds of script: *traditional* used by those from Hong Kong and Taiwan, and *simplified* used by those in China. One Chinese asked, "Can I have a Bible?" We looked in our resource room. I told him, "I'm sorry; we only have the traditional script, we don't have anymore in simplified script." He said, "It's OK, I can read it." He was so hungry for the Bible that he was willing to take anything close. Yes, he can read it and figure it out, but it is not the same as having the Word in your own heart language.

It's nice to have a facility where we can have Bibles to give away. We do not have a display case with Bibles; we have Bibles on display to be available for seafarers to take to their cabins. And that, not to keep for show on their shelves on the ship, but to be read and digested for the seafarer's soul. Our resources of Bibles and New Testaments are short.

Do you have a burden in your heart to see God's Word in the hands of those hungry to read the Bible in their own heart language? We do at Tacoma Seafarers' Center. If you want, you can partner with us to send seafarers sailing on their merry way with a Bible or New Testament in their mother tongue. Filipinos could all read English or Tagalog, but their heart language may be Cebuano, or Bicolano, or Pampango.

For whom does your heart beat? Which people would you like to see reading God's Word with their heart. Here is our **current** wish list and the cost it would be to put the Bibles into the hands of eager seafarers with ready hearts.

<u>Language</u>	<u>The Word</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost Each</u>
Bicol (Philippines)	NT	20	\$3.00
Chinese (Simple)	Bible	20	\$5.00
Cebuano (PI)	Bible	20	\$5.00
English	Bible	24	\$5.00
English	N.T.w/Ps.	100	\$2.00
Hilyganon	NT	20	\$3.00
Ilokano (PI)	NT	20	\$3.00
Pampango	NT	20	\$3.00
Russian	Bible	20	\$5.00
Tagalog	NT	20	\$3.00

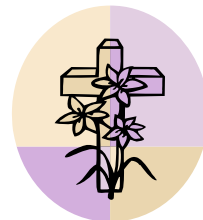
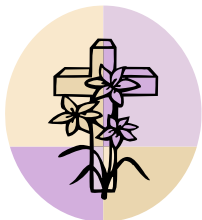
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NEXT TSC BOARD MEETING – **June 11, 2007**

NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING – **April 24, 2007**

Devotions: **Addie Stern**

Hostess: **Linda Richard, Frances Liebert**
 Cookies/Snacks: **Louise Walston**



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