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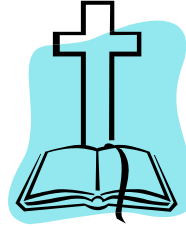
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SHIPS IN PORT: 83
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SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY: 789



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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.

HATS OFF

A big **Thank You** to **Steve Maxted and his family** for the "Spring Cleaning" of our main building at 1225 Alexander Ave. A big **Well Done** to my brother, **Roger Lawrence** and my grandson, **Zachery Lawrence** for the great job done in mowing our extensive lawn. God Loves you, and so do I.

Gene Lawrence, Executive Director

All of the volunteers at the Tacoma Seafarers' Center are unselfish, hard working, dedicated people. All are willing to give of their time and resources in order to minister to the sailors that call on the Port of Tacoma.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the man who works at my side every Friday. Even while recovering from shoulder surgery he stood his watch.

Tom Harris has been my mentor and partner for as long as I have been a volunteer at the Tacoma Seafarers' Center. He has been a joy to work with. I can always depend on him to go the extra mile, and to help in any way he can.

His happy smile and genuine concern for others is contagious. The sailors know that he truly cares for them. That is evidenced by how many come into the Center and ask for "Mr. Tom". The emails he receives from those at sea also attest to the impact he had on those he helped in one way or the other.

Thank you Tom,
Fred Orton

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

Rev. Ray Eckhoff

IN THE NAME OF JESUS

The Greek Captain was explaining the meaning of different Greek words like *thank you*, and *grace*. I asked, "How do you pronounce the name *Jesus*?" Other nationalities were in the same van at the same time, so I asked, "How do you say *Jesus* in Romanian, ...in Ukrainian, ... Tagalog." In whatever language, *Jesus* is still our Saviour. Since we knew there were Romanians on board, the next time we saw them, we offered them the New Testament in their language, which they gladly received.

Chaplain Paul Peterson

TURKISH DELIGHT

Turkish Delight, lokum, is a confection made from starch and sugar. But, let's talk Turkey. A terrible past history between Christians and Muslims in Turkey has made the people resistant to any good news about the Christ of Christianity. Strict enforcement exists in the country against Christians worship and witness.

To our surprise and delight, a ship with Turks aboard came to Tacoma and they all had shore passes; so it was possible to take them shopping. On the first of five days here they were delighted with our service. I asked one officer, "Do you have a VHS player on board." He said, "Yes." Then I showed him our only Turkish language *Jesus* video. "Would you like this? It's in Turkish." With excitement he answered, "Yes." Then I showed him the New Testament in Turkish. "This is about Isa (Jesus). Would you like it?" "Yes, I want to know more about Isa." Two days later after another shopping trip, Fred offered 2 New Testaments and both were accepted.

On Sunday, it was the last day in port for this ship, and we only had 4 Turkish Testaments left in stock. I had four Turkish seafarers in the van (one a lady cadet). After they got out of the van, I said, "I have a gift for you." I showed them the Injil (New Testament) and asked, "Would you like it?" They all said, "Yes," except for one. She (the lady cadet) said, "I already got one" (from Fred on Friday). The Chief Engineer had started walking away already with his Injil and then came back. He asked for the remaining one.



We were delighted in their acceptance of the *Jesus* movie, and New Testaments. Their ship, at the scrap metal dock, carries old scrap overseas and it is turned into something valuable. As these Turks trekked through the trash metal to their ship loaded with scrap to be turned into something valuable, they already had something valuable to treasure in their hands; Testaments in their Turkish tongue. We treasure your delight to make God's Word a delight to the seafarers. Keep praying.

Chaplain Paul Peterson

GOD'S SPIRIT SPEAKS TO THEIR HEARTS

It was a busy Thursday evening. My husband, Herb, was out driving seafarers to stores as was the other driver for the evening. A ship's crew members, from the People's Republic of China, were at the Center with me and didn't speak much, if any English and I speak no Chinese. I was planning to give them each the gospel of John in Simplified Chinese when they left.

One man standing alone was looking through a catalogue from one of the Bible societies. As I approached him, he pointed out the picture of a Chinese Bible. The Center had just recently received a shipment of beautiful Bibles in his language, so I got that and showed it to him, trying as I could to ask him if he would like to have it. He seemed pleased and soon sat down and began looking through the Bible.

It must have been half an hour later and he was still reading it when I approached him, wanting to see if he would indicate whether or not he was understanding it. I had a hard time getting his attention, he was so focused on the Bible! I gave the other men the gospels of John. They all thanked me when they left.

We depend upon God's Spirit to speak to their hearts. Thank YOU for providing these words of life!

Sue Bauer

BRIGHTENED BY A BIBLE

We recently received a partial order of our specialty language Bibles. We immediately put them out on our free literature table. Here is what Donna and Paul witnessed with one seafarer.

Recently a Filipino walked over to our Seafarers Center with other crewmen on one of our rare, bright sunny afternoons. After a phone call to his home, he was browsing the Christian literature table. As I (Donna) joined him, his eyes were drawn to a new and very colorful whole Bible in his own Filipino dialect (Cebuano). He picked it up, smiling and asked, "Can I have it for my own?" I said, "Yes you may." He then held it over his heart and said, "I will cherish this Bible because it is the language I grew up with. "Even though I also read English and Tagalog, I can understand this much better. Thank you very much."

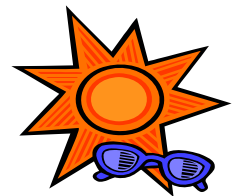
I (Paul) saw him a little bit later with a bright face holding his new found Cebuano Bible. "Oh, you must be from Cebu," I guessed. He replied, "Yes, I can't believe it is in my own language."

This day the sun brightened our day and the seafarer was brightened by a Bible. And, you brighten all of us at the Tacoma Seafarers' Center with your love, prayer and support.

Submitted by
Donna Eckhoff and Paul Peterson



NEXT TSC BOARD MEETING – June 11, 2007
NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING – August 26, 2007



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Message dated 5/20/07

Dear Mr. Harris,

It's been long time since I saw you last at Tacoma on December. I am Y.C. Lee, last Captain of **MV Greenwich Bridge** currently calling Tacoma every 35days. I am very sorry for very late 'Hello' to you. I am really sorry. For some time, I travelled South-east Asia during vacation. You and colleagues there were very kind to me, crewmembers and **MV Greenwich Bridge**. I thank you at all times for your favor towards all of us.

In the meantime, has Mr. Fred recovered from operations? I hope he is going well in everything. Also, hoping you and your colleagues there in TSC keeping best healthy condition.

I am currently in **MV Granville Bridge**, trading from Far East to Europe, sister ship with last **MV Greenwich Bridge**. So, with same accommodation, most convenient for me to do everything onboard. Also, friendly crewmembers are around me. So far, so good and will be good in the future. After the long vacation at home, I joined this ship on May 10th. I was so happy with **MV Greenwich Bridge** calling at comfortable Tacoma Seafarers' Center, especially when with my wife on board. Thank you very much for your kindness having showed to me and my wife and special Christmas gift for only woman, my wife. I recall that it was a special ship to me with you in TSC and extraordinary time with good crewmembers.

Thank you very much Mr. Harris, and every volunteers there in TSC ! I hope that you will be in best state of health all the time and in happy hours during your volunteering there. Also, I really hope to see you again at Tacoma some day in the future re-boarding **MV Greenwich Bridge**.

With best regards
Captain Y.C. Lee

TREATS FOR OUR SEAFARER VISITORS

We at the Center want to treat the seafarers as though they are Jesus (Matthew 25:40). One of the many opportunities we have is making coffee, tea and snacks available to them. The Center buys the coffee and tea from our funds but the snacks (homemade or store-bought cookies and crackers mainly) are supplied by donations, from churches, individuals and the ladies' Auxiliary. The seafarers enjoy them greatly!

We almost always need supplies of these things. A few months ago, it became a matter of prayer and we saw God bring in special supplies, over 50 dozen cookies from **Trinity Lutheran Church** alone! Praise to them and **Covenant Church** members who have also helped out. We thank God for helping us in this way through His people.

Sue Bauer

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