



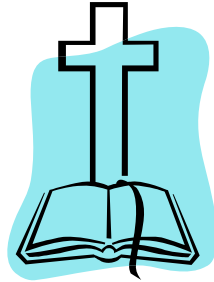
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WATERFRONT STATISTICS

SHIPS IN PORT: 75
NO. OF VISITS: 74
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY: 700



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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.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

How do you say thank you to someone who for almost two decades faithfully shows up to freely give of their time to help prepare for the mailing of our newsletter, the **Mooring Lines**? I have the pleasure and honor of saying "thank you" to two such caring and selfless people. I say **thank you** to **Eleanor Kronlund** and **Barbara Fisher**.

Every month they would come to the Tacoma Seafarers' Center to fold and insert an envelope into each of our newsletters. They would then staple the envelope into the newsletter then tape the ends of the newsletter for the Post Office to insert into their machines. They did this every month for the nearly 500 mailings.

Of course, there are a couple of other steps that are involved with the mailing process that other people volunteer their time to accomplish; however, I take this time to acknowledge **Eleanor** and **Barbara** because they are no longer able to drive the distance to our Center to continue doing what they have so faithfully done in service to our Lord. We will miss seeing them at the Center, but we wish them well. I hope they enjoy the restaurant gift card and reminisce of their time spent serving the Lord by serving the Tacoma Seafarers' Center.

Thank you Eleanor and Barbara and may God abundantly bless you.

Deacon H. Gene Lawrence
Executive Director
Tacoma Seafarers' Center

DO AND TEACH

"In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach..." Acts 1:1

Jesus taught essential eternal truths and did many miracles. Luke was led to write an account of what Jesus did and taught before and after His resurrection. The walk of Jesus was equally important as His talk.

Seafarers need to hear both of the life of Jesus and His teachings. Pray that we may proclaim faithfully throughout the year the sinless life of Jesus and that He came full of grace and truth. Jesus holds the words of eternal life which the seafarers must hear before they can believe. Pray that we may be that messenger for the Lord to the seafarers He loves.

Port missionaries have a two-fold ministry. One is to serve seafarers with a variety of acts of kindness. The second is to tell the Good News of Jesus. In port ministry it is easy to emphasize the doing but neglect the teaching of the way of Salvation in Jesus. Please pray that we may continue to show the life and love of Jesus by our acts of service (doing) and always include the proclamation (teaching) of Jesus' salvation message in ministry to seafarers.

Submitted by Paul Peterson

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

Rev. Ray Eckhoff

Anyone interested in filling this vacancy?

Please contact the Center to inquire about this great volunteer opportunity:
253-272-0716



WHEN ON A CRUISE ...

My husband, Herb, and I were privileged to take a cruise to Alaska early in May. At home, we are used to being on the serving side of relating to seafarers. That was reversed, of course, on the cruise. But, it was awkward, knowing the great sacrifices that each crew member makes to do his or her work. To a person, foreign seafarers are deeply grateful for their jobs, because they can provide much better for their families than if they remained at home, farming or in another job. But being away from their loved ones for up to twelve months straight has to be very difficult, both for them and those left behind. The schedules of seafarers are extremely difficult (in general, they would not be allowed according to U.S. standards, but are permitted by the foreign flags the ships sail under). There are many, many challenges each one faces.

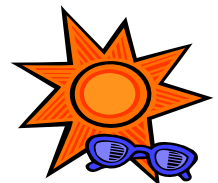
Because of our situation, we not only longed for each crew member to know Christ and be able to draw upon Him for help for themselves and their families, but we naturally sought opportunities to show them genuine encouragement and appreciation for their sacrifice and service. We asked God to help us be a blessing in their lives since they worked so hard to make each part of the cruise as pleasurable as possible for us. Some of their needs overlap with those of the seafarers on cargo ships and some are unique to their roles on cruise ships. We wanted to add some joy to their lives as we endeavor to do at the Seafarers' Center. We hope anyone reading this who might go on a cruise would seek to encourage crew members, too.

We always pray for the cargo seafarers who come to the Port of Tacoma; but now we also remember cruise ship crew members. We thank you for your part in praying for them, too.

Submitted by Sue McCarty



NEXT TSC BOARD MEETING – **June 9, 2008**
NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING – **August 26, 2008**



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

SEAFARERS COMPUTER ROOM

It was pointed out to me last week just how important our computer service is to the seaman. Last Monday, our driver had gone out to a ship to pick up five seamen. One of the seamen did not want to go shopping, he wanted to come to our Center to use the computer. He had never been to the Center before. This was his second trip to the Port of Tacoma; his first time here he was sick so did not leave the ship at all during their time in port.

He asked how much it cost to use the internet. I told him we did not charge the seamen for internet use. He was from Samoa. He said it had been a long time since he had any communication with his family, and was anxious to contact them.

Wouldn't you know that would be the day the modem connection decided to act up. About 35 minutes later, we got it working again. The young man was still on the computer a couple of hours later.

The Center opens at 12 Noon each day. The next day this same young man was back at the Center at 5 minutes to 12 Noon. With a big smile on his face, he headed directly to the computer room. His ship was to sail that evening, so this would be the last time for quite a while before he could have this type of communication with his loved ones.

Submitted by Betty Erichsen

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