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From Costco to Christ — by Teus Kappers

Shopping is *not* my favourite pastime. However, there are a few exceptions to this rule. For example, I do enjoy visiting well-organized garden centres and flower shops because they remind me of my childhood and native land of Holland. I also don't mind *crossing the line* via an outing with my wife, Maria, to Costco because of the many *men's toys* and free food samples offered. Regarding the latter, I don't even try to return a second time to any of the tasting tables as I'm sure that the lady attendant would say, "You have had your share!"

At the conclusion of our *big box* shopping expeditions we reward ourselves with a Costco lunch. On the past two occasions, a lonely-looking fellow sat at a table next to us. I remembered him because of his distinctive, longish-gray-curly hair. Most recently, he and I exchanged smiles while I was sitting down at our table; I think that he also may have remembered me.

During our latest encounter, my curiosity about my fellow diner was piqued by his activity of making entries into a small notebook he kept with him. It seemed to me that he might be a Costco employee taking occasional notes. So, to satisfy my curiosity I asked him if he worked for Costco. He responded with a big smile and said, "Oh no, I work the stock market. (I always thought that stock market personnel wore suits and ties but this fellow didn't.) I just use my phone to do transactions."

Not wanting to appear stupid, I pretended to know at least a little about my companion's field of work. "So do you do most of your trading on the TSX or NASDAC or the Vancouver Stock Exchange?" I asked.

"Wherever I can make money," he answered.

Wanting to sound clever, I asked the fellow if there was going to be a stock market crash this coming September, as there was seven years ago and, also, seven years prior to that.

"How do you know that?" he asked.

"I don't know," I responded and then added, "But I have read newspaper articles and listened to Warren Buffet about market crashes."

"How do you make your money?" he asked me.

"Well, I don't," I answered.

"How, then, do you live?" he further inquired.

My answer puzzled him as I told him that I ask my Father (to supply my needs) and that He is very rich and looks after me very well. This must have sounded very attractive to him because, after a few moments of silence, he responded by saying, "**Do you think your father would adopt me?**"

Maria, who had been silent up to that moment, responded with great enthusiasm: "Sure He will; we are also adopted by Him."

It then took us a little while to explain what God has done in our lives since we became followers of Jesus Christ and how our Heavenly Father has looked after us for so many years. At that point I am not sure if the stock market closed or not but, with a big smile on his face, our friend left us. Maybe we will find out what happened on our next visit to Costco.

What a privilege to have been adopted by our Heavenly Father Who we can call on in any time of need. (*Ephesians 1:5*)



Touched By the Word of God

- The following messages were received at Lighthouse in April and May of this year from a very happy seafarer—Praise the Lord!

hi sir [LHM chaplain] ... how are you its been a year since then... and do you remember the Vancouver bible you give me? at the ship you visited last year?? it takes time for me to understand His word... now i open the eyes of my heart and i saw it ...

and i want to say thank you for the Bible you gave me ... i start reading it dis january 2015... and He really loves us He still wait for me to have a time to read and to study his words... i wasted many years for nothing but he still faithful to us even if i wasn't, hope someday or something you share something about Him... i wanna hear some stories about encountering his love and how He show his love for all of us ... ive been blind for so many years. and i felt guilty for that ...

now i understand the day you said to me, "its better today than tomorrow [to consider a person's eternal future] or any another day" coz we really dont know until when we were here on earth, and every sec. we have here was a chance to save our soul ... so why spending time for nothing?? life is too short to just enjoy it, i realized not just to enjoy it, BUT also to spend time to Him and repent., and don't trade that short life here on earth to eternal life that waiting on us after death ... i just shared this short story to you brother,.. always take care ... thanks for everything ... specially the Bible you gave me ... God bless.

Hi sir... Good morning ... Ill be honest to you sir... This past few weeks... I got bc [busy]... Thats why... I almost forget sometimes to have a daily word... From the bible... and i think he's waking me up again through you...

But everyday i wake up i listen to pastors advise through youtube... So i can have a daily advise .. And i can apply it to my personal life.. Although he's also using those verses to explain and to interpret it wisely... And you [know] what sir?? I got marry after my contract this march... I god [got] marry this april ... And you know what i really thankful about that? My wife was not a christian before.. She believe in a graven image or a traditions of other religion, but after i encounter the love of God? God totally change my wife coz every day we having a chat when i was onboard she always listen to my advise and the way i share and she apply those thing personally... And by the day comes shes also a born again and shes active now even shes in singapore? She attend bible study and services there in fact shes much more active than me now ...

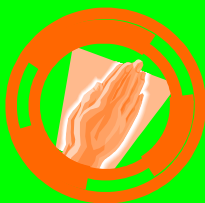
And i really thank God for that, and thats why o marry her coz she's also a follower.. And we decided also to marry her because i read in 1corinthians 7 were having a sin since the day we are in relationship, coz after encountering the love of God, i felt that He give the spirit to identify and to know what are those sin that this world hide on many people like primarital sex, fornication ... So were shocked about that and she also agree , and we decided to follow Jesus ... Thats why we are having a much more healthy relationship with God... And the center of our relationship is God... Its another sharing from me sir...

And after i have my breakfast ill check again those msg you send to me... And also thank you for reminding me...

God bless us and the church ...



Prayer Porthole



Please petition the Lord with regard to the following:

- Thank the Lord for His wonderful work among seafarers.
- For two Muslim seafarers, who were opposed to the Gospel, to come to Jesus.
- For D, a Filipino who is a new Christian to be strengthened in his faith.
- That Z (a sailor from an Island nation severely restricted to the Gospel) would respond to Jesus.
- For a Chinese Christian cadet to be guided in his desire to do ministry.
- That S, an Indian seafarer who was met twice by LHM ship visitors—to receive Jesus.
- That A, an Indian engineer to respond to the Good News he heard on the deck of his ship.
- For the Lord to give LHM guidance regarding His desire for existing and future ministry.

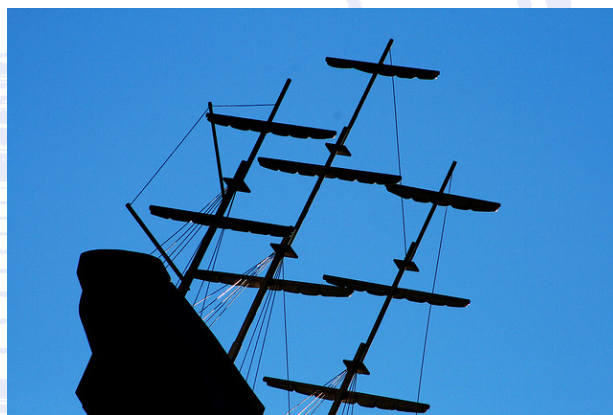
Dear R. [Lighthouse Chaplain],

How are you? I was in a long vacation at home attending safety trainings and also the wedding of my eldest daughter.

Thanks God I'm back on board. We are trading regularly on high risk area of Pirates near Somalia, and we are always dependent on God's grace to protect us. Though we have some navy ships, but sometimes the pirates are very clever, so we always need prayers. At present we are proceeding...thru the gulf of Oman. I just joined the ship in Qatar. Our environment and trading area are highly risky and full of corruption.

As we are proceed..., pls pray for us since my colleagues warned me how problematic it is to go to [country name]. They are always asking for everything to clear the ship. And my company warned us sternly that no giving of any kind, since it is corruption. I just rely completely on God's divine intervention..... That all things work for good to those who trust in Him...

Letter From a Christian Captain



Lighthouse Harbour Ministries is...

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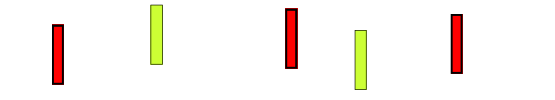
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Early Notice
2015
Lighthouse
Advent Breakfast
Saturday
December 5, 2015

From the Engine Room
 LHM would like to express its deep gratitude to its faithful supporters who keep the “engine of ministry” running.
 During the summer season the *fuel Supply* for the Mission can be a bit low, however, as people take vacations and travel. Yet, Lord willing, the Lighthouse ministry will *keep sailing*.
 Your prayers for the Lord’s provision over summertime would be greatly appreciated.

Lighthouse Harbour Ministries
Our Mission
To love and honour God by serving the seafarers of the world in Word and deed.
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Day of the Seafarer

June 25, 2015 is the International Maritime Organization’s *Day of the Seafarer*. This day recognizes the valuable contribution seafarers make to world trade. Please visit <http://www.sailorssociety.ca> for information about a B.C. celebration of the day.

LHM Stewardship Policy:
Spending of funds is confined to board approved programs and projects. Each restricted contribution designated towards a board approved program or project will be used as designated, with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met, or cannot be completed for any reason determined by the board, the remaining restricted contributions designated for such program or project will be used where needed most.

Contributions toward the Lord’s work at Lighthouse Harbour Ministries can be made by:

- Cash or cheque
- Visa and MasterCard
- Automatic debits to bank account
- Post-dated cheques
- Planned giving through wills, charitable bequests, life insurance etc

For more information regarding any of the above, feel free contact LHM at (604) 988-5084 or email: info@sealight.org. If you have access to the internet you can also donate on-line via our secured web site at www.sealight.org.

Thank you for considering LHM.



“The armies of heaven were following Him [the Word of God].”
Revelation 19:14