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The Weapons of Our Warfare

by Teus Kappers

Fortunately I've never had to kill anyone (although at times I've felt like it) but the television scenes that have recently infiltrated our living rooms have somehow made my "blood boil." I am referring to the very disturbing news of the beheading, torture and killing of many Christians in the Middle East, Africa, and the Ukraine by ISIS and other like-minded groups. Some world leaders have claimed that this is not a religious war of Islam against Christianity. However, as Christians, we know from Scripture that this is a spiritual war between satan and God's elect. The enemy goes around like a roaring lion seeking who he can devour (1 Peter 5:8). What a comfort to know that nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 8).

Just before she died in Syria, a young American lady wrote a letter to her parents in which she said "Some people find God in church, some in nature, some in love. I find God in the suffering eyes reflected in mine."

So what shall or must be done by us in response? "We cannot stand there with our hands in our pockets." (Dutch expression) Ephesians 6 gives us a short list of the weapons of warfare that comprise God's armour for us as we take our stand against the devil's schemes. Most of them are defensive, but two stand out for use in the offence: the sword of the Spirit (God's word - The Gospel) and prayer in the Spirit. So, with the Gospel and Prayer we will overcome and pull down spiritual strongholds - just like Jesus did on the day of resurrection.

Have a blessed Easter !

Teus Kappers

Great Privilege by Jeevan Matyus Padamuttum

It is a great privilege to go aboard ships on behalf of Lighthouse Harbour Ministries (LHM) to share the Gospel of Jesus with seamen.

I became familiar with LHM in early 2014. From what I learned, I imagined a ministry where an LHM ship visitor would preach to a group of seafarers gathered aboard a ship. The seafarers would then applaud and shout for joy. This made me want to go along.

When I actually went on board some ships I found things to be the opposite of what I had imagined. Instead of seamen waiting for us, we often wait for *them*. Seamen come to the mess room to have their meals and coffee breaks and, often, we only spend a short time with them. But, for the Holy Spirit to work, even a fifteen minute break is more than enough time!

Contacts with seamen often begin with questions about their lives. Within minutes, and with the leading of Holy Spirit, we then ask them

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Jeevan (r.) on board with seafarer



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Brothers at Sea – by Ray Hanna

In the last few weeks I have met a number of Christians onboard the ships that I have visited. It is unfortunate *for them* that they have all been on different ships. In this regard, a few of these fellows shared with me how tough it is for them to be a Christian on a ship. For example, they struggle with being away from family and friends, face many temptations and have few, if any, other believers to encourage them in the things of God.

As I departed from their ships, a couple of these Brothers followed me to my car, wanting every last minute of Christian fellowship and encouragement they could get. At the car I gave Bible study booklets, Christian music CDs and *Our Daily Bread* materials to these “hungry” fellows. We also exchanged e-mails and, of course, prayed together.

As I walked off one ship, one of the sailors reminded me of the saying, “Sin will keep you from the Bible and the Bible will keep you from sin.” We agreed that Christians should read the Bible in the morning to help them start their day on a good foundation.

Please pray for these Christian Seafarers and those of us who visit with them on the ships and in the centers. Please pray that we may be aware of their needs and be a spiritual help to them.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.” (2 Corinthians 1:3)



*“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”
(Ephesians 4:3)*

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about their spiritual life. From this, I have witnessed different responses toward God. For example, there are seamen who appear to be searching for the true God, some who think **THEY ARE GOD**, others who don't like to talk about God or have an apologetic approach and still others who are very rigid and closed. But the Holy Spirit alone anoints the visitors at that moment; He puts the words in our mouths to share the Word of God.

When I see a seaman respond to Christ I can see the power of the “Truth” that breaks the chains of bondage. For instance, I remember meeting a Chinese officer who, while I was with another ship visitor, proudly and loudly stated that he himself was the God of his life. While he was talking I was silently praying to God to open his heart. We responded to him with words that seemed to change his attitude dramatically; words something like: “Have you ever been in rough sea? Do you think are you still God in that rough sea?” Well, the God who *is* able to calm down the rough sea (eg. Luke 8:22-24) changed my Chinese friend's heart. He was quiet and said, “No I am not God.” Then my fellow visitor led him to a deeper level of understanding. The Holy Spirit's presence was very strong and the seaman was very emotional. He heard how Jesus humbled himself unto death to reach him. After this it was a great privilege to pray with him; the joy and light in his face was amazing.

From my time aboard ships I have met people from several countries. I now have seamen friends such as Cyril and Nyaree from the Philippines and Saran, an Indian seaman, who is from the same place in India where I come from. I am trying to influence these fellows for Jesus through the internet.

I am amazed at how God loves seamen and has raised up ministries like Lighthouse. The Lord cares for everyone. My heart rejoices when I think about going again to witness His Grace aboard the ships.



Prayer Porthole



Please petition the Lord with regard to the following:

- Praise for the Lord's great salvation.
- That Jesus would become real to P, an Indian engineer who denies the reality of God.
- For D, an Indian electrician to be blessed in his outreach to the lost in India.
- That J, a Filipino Christian captain would share the Gospel with his crew.
- For a Pakistani mess man to come to Jesus.
- That F, an Indian seafarer with no real conviction would come to experience the truth of Jesus.
- That M, a seafarer from a restricted nation would hunger for the truth in Jesus.
- For the Lord to give LHM ongoing zeal to share His wonderful news to seafarers.



Spring Luncheon 2015

Saturday, April 18th

12 noon

Broadway Church

2700 East Broadway, Vancouver

~ Freewill Offering ~

To reserve your place please contact us at: rhanna@telus.net or 778-246-4156



“Seafarers” New Testaments Needed

Although the majority of seafarers LHM ministers to do not speak English as their first language, it remains that English is the single, most common language used among seafarers. This is because of the need, among other things, for ships’ crews to communicate with shore-based officials around the world, other vessels and within vessels that have multi-national crews.

LHM is running low on its supply of specially designed English *Seafarers’ New Testaments* and would like to place an order for 10,000 more. If you might be interested in supporting this project, the Mission would be pleased to hear from you. Please designate your donation: 2015 Seafarers’ New Testaments.

Thank you!

“All Your words are true; all Your righteous laws are eternal.” (Psalm 119:160)



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Thank you for considering LHM.

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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“He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His Name is the Word of God.”

Revelation 19:13