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Keeping My Appointments — by Teus Kappers

The older I get the more often I get phone calls from secretaries to remind me of my medical appointments. However, when my cardiologist, my diabetic specialist, my dentist and others call me I wonder if these calls are for my benefit or theirs. Do they think "I am losing it" and need help to be reminded or are they afraid that they might be "losing" a valuable customer if I don't show up?

Have I ever missed appointments? Oh, yes! It has happened twice (so far): once in England and once in Canada. On both occasions I totally forgot to turn up for a preaching engagement. It was very embarrassing to me! I had no excuse for missing the engagements because they were listed in my diary and calendar! But, somehow, they totally slipped my mind.

I once had a school friend who told me that it was necessary for him to make an appointment to speak with his father. I never understood that situation; I could talk with my father anytime, anywhere.

The word "appointment" sounds very official to me and I don't believe that it is suitable in the context of a family relationship. However, Scripture tells us about an appointment we all have. Hebrews 9 verses 27-28 says, "And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ having been offered once to bear the sins of many will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him." This appointment date cannot be put in our diary, we can just eagerly wait for it. At any time of any day we may have our Appointment with our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. And we will then be with Him forever!

Maybe this article is your reminder not to forget.

The Value of a Good Name - Capt John Darilay

- by Ray Hanna

"A good name is to be more desired than great wealth." - Proverbs 22:1

About two year ago I met a Filipino Captain, John Darilay, at the Lighthouse Fraser-Surrey Seafarers Centre. After looking at our Bible and literature rack he asked me who we were and what we believed. John and I soon discovered that we both knew the same person: our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. From that time forward we have remained in contact "electronically" and personally when he is in port. The Mission has supplied Capt. John with much Biblical literature to help him with the Bible studies he leads onboard.

Since John's employer often has three or four ships in the Vancouver area, whenever I board one of them I always ask the crew if they know him. Since I struggle to pronounce his name properly, it takes a while for the seafarers to figure out who I am referring to. However, once they understand they all speak highly of John as a Christian. I have heard these comments about him: "He is a real Christian"; "He has Bible studies on his ships"; "I have been a Christian for a long time but it was in his Bible studies that the Bible came alive to me"; and "He is a good man."

The Lord has new plans for John. Due to his company's mandatory retirement policy, when John's ship arrives in China within the next few weeks, He will retire. Therefore, this captain is looking for the Lord to lead him in his next step in life. The possibility of teaching at a seafarers' school and perhaps also instructing the students



Capt. John with wife, Elizabeth



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From Seafarer to Pastor

- God's Word Bears Fruit in the Life of a Seafarer

November, 2015

From: Missionary Pastor Benedicto
Saving Grace Gospel Ministries

Good Day Sirs,

Peace and grace be unto you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Just sending to your office my thanks and appreciation to Lighthouse Seamen's Centre Vancouver. It was two decades ago [that] I [was] a Seaman Officer [working aboard ships] which call[ed] many times at [the] Port Vancouver.

Way back in 1991 during our discharging and loading at Vancouver, somebody visited our ship and gave us a New Testament Bible and other tracts. Through frequent reading [of] the word of God, I was saved and accept[ed] [the] Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. I became a member of Baptist Christian Church in the Philippines. But it is not easy to be a Christian. I met an accident in our ship that would force me to retire earl[y] (2002).

At first, I did not realize that God [was] calling me to be a Missionary Pastor. I spent 5 years in Bible School (BS Theology). By the Grace of God presently I'm working as Missionary Pastor in the province of Cavite, Philippines.

[Recently], I found my treasure: the NT Bible [you gave me] with your address included. That's why I'm sending you this kind of letter to express my gratitude for your priceless missions to every seafarer. For God's glory you've obey[ed] Christ's Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20, Mark 16:15).

On behalf of our church we will always pray [for] your ministries for the seamen. If God is willing, I will visit your office in Vancouver to help you as Missionary to every ship calling at Vancouver.

Lastly, many thanks again and GOD BLESS to all.

Christ's servant,

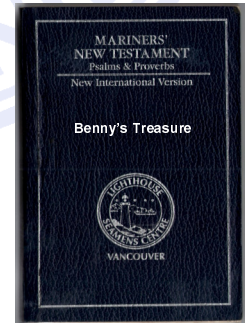
Pastor Benny



Benny as a seafarer in Vancouver



Pastor Benny as Preacher





Prayer Porthole



Please petition the Lord with regard to the following:

- Thank the Lord for the power of the Good News of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16).
- That the Lord would open the eyes of a captain from a restricted nation to the truth of Jesus.
- For an Indian chief officer, A, to humbly look to Jesus for salvation.
- For three Vietnamese seafarers to respond in faith to the Gospel message they heard.
- For M, L and N, three Chinese seafarers who heard the Gospel, to come to Jesus.
- That J, an Indian bosun would understand the Gospel and believe it by faith.
- For L, a Ukrainian cadet, to understand God's Word and put his full trust in Jesus.
- That H, a Muslim deck seafarer would accept the truth about Jesus and put his faith in Him.
- For S, a seafarer from a very restricted country, to read the Gospel of John he received.
- That the Lord would draw, Q, an Indian chief officer to Jesus through the Word he received.
- For A, a Burmese deck seafarer, to view a Jesus movie he received and respond in faith.
- For four Chinese seafarers, met at one of the seafarers centres, to come to Jesus.
- That a Christian, Indian engineer, A, would be revitalized to return to sharing the Gospel.
- For the wife of a Christian captain to come to Jesus.
- That the Lord would comfort LHM volunteer, J, in the recent loss of his wife.
- For the Lord to send out more workers into His harvest field among seafarers (Matt. 9:38).



The Word received with gratitude



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in the Bible is one idea John is considering.

May the Lord raise up other sailors like John; Captains who are not ashamed of the Gospel and the word of God and are openly willing and able to share it with their crew mates.

Please continue to pray for us at Lighthouse: that are we are able to spread the Gospel and encourage and disciple Believers onboard.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:3



Spring Luncheon 2016

Saturday, April 23rd
12 noon

Broadway Church
2700 East Broadway, Vancouver

Freewill offering

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

"Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good."
(Psalm 136:1)

Arrival of M/V Gloria



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- 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.

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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"And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God."

Revelation 20:4