



LIGHTHOUSE BEACON

Gospel Light for Seafarers John 8:12

Fall 2022 News

In All Things

After boarding a ship, a deck seafarer, James*, led me to a spacious meeting room. There I would soon encounter a young, engine room seafarer, Danny*, who was in need of encouragement. When he arrived, still mindful of James' presence, I asked him "I understand you're facing several difficult events in your life. How are you managing?" His reply revealed the reality of his faith in the Lord Jesus: "This Bible verse means a lot to me: '... in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose'" (Romans 8:28). "And much of the good God works to produce," I added, "is our gradual transformation into the image of His Son Jesus" (Romans 8:29). Danny's firm faith in God left a lasting impression on me, probably exceeding any encouragement I could have given him (Romans 12:8a).

After Danny reported to work, I engaged in quite a lengthy conversation with James. He too had suffered crushing family losses, including infertility in his marriage, causing him to ask God, "Why me? Where are You in all these things?" Wonderfully, however, the family's situation changed when his wife became pregnant with their first and only child. But, a crisis arose during the baby's delivery. The situation became dire with loss or brain



damage to the child seeming unavoidable. Panicking, Danny called a faithful friend for help. "Just place your hand over her womb, and the child will be born unharmed," the friend reassured him. When he did this, the child was born without further delay. Now, ten years later, the child, a son, is strong and healthy, the apple of his eye, and Danny is deeply grateful for him. "Would you give the life of your son, your only son, so that another person, even a vicious enemy, could live?" I asked. "No," he answered thoughtfully. "I would never do that." "That's exactly what God has done for you and all people everywhere," I remarked, segueing to the good news of salvation in Jesus, beginning with John 3:16.

- by Rob James (Ship Visitor and Lighthouse Director)
*names changed.

Lighthouse Celebration Luncheon

"Thus far has the Lord helped us." (1 Sam. 7:12)

Saturday, November 26, 2022

12 noon

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Planting and Watering for Jesus



In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter three, he shares about the Gospel work of planting and watering, everyone working for God's glory. I witnessed the reality of this recently when I visited a ship with Chinese crew on board. As I spoke with "K", the ship's third officer, he let me know that someone from Lighthouse had been on his ship a few days before. It turned out that Senior Chaplain Ray Hanna had been on board and given this officer a New Testament. K had the New Testament with him and quickly brought it out, showing me the point he had reached in his reading. In about four days, he had read twenty-five chapters in Matthew's Gospel and commented that the words he read were very good and touching. K had never heard of Jesus before receiving the New Testament and was excited to meet me and talk more.

K and I spent quite some time speaking on the deck and I let him know that the words he was reading were not fables or clever stories, but things that are true, often recorded by eye witnesses as 2 Peter 1:16 reveals. We talked about the God who created everything, including us and how we all do not honour God as we should. While there were some language challenges in our communication, for the most part I felt K understood my words and some of the message of Jesus. He asked me for another New Testament for his brother who was also on the ship and I was able to give him one along with a toque. Please pray for K as he continues to read the Bible and that his brother will also read God's word.

by C. Dorozio—Chaplain

...but
God
made
it
grow

1 Cor. 3:6



Encouraged & Encouraging

I had visited a particular ship a few times before my current call. While aboard, the vessel's chief officer and another crew member handed me envelopes with donations inside. One of the envelopes was from the captain and another had a message which stated: "from my heart."

I was very surprised by the crew's generosity; donations given onboard are rare but, on this one ship alone, I had received three. At Lighthouse, we sow the seed of the Word of God day in and day out, most of the time not knowing the impact of the message. Judging by the above-mentioned gestures, it appears that our visits are having a meaningful impact on the crews. The chief officer also told me about the Bible studies he is holding on the ship. It is great to learn about those who are an active testimony to the Lord on board.

On the same ship, the vessel's cook conveyed how much he enjoyed reading a book (*Freedom from the Chains of Sexual Sin*) that I had given him and also that he had prayed a prayer of repentance and acceptance of God's salvation through Jesus Christ. He had a hard time holding back tears and so did I. At one point, the cook retrieved the book he had referred to and also a New Testament he had received from Lighthouse. The book includes an explanation of what sin is and the truth that all people need a Saviour. Now sixty years old, the cook told me that he recognized his need to be baptized and plans to do so when he goes home. This caused my heart to overflow with JOY! 1 Peter 1:8 states: "whom [Jesus] having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory." Could there be any better evidence of a person's new life in Jesus Christ than a desire to be baptized in Him? After I showed an interest in watching his baptism online, he responded by saying, "You want to see me get baptized?" "Yes" I said. Then, more tears.

I referred the cook to Psalm 51 (please read it, if you are unfamiliar with it) and as he read it, at the end of each verse, he had to stop and gain composure as the mercy of God touched him. I am waiting for this ship to return again soon.

I have told this story to my wife and others and even as I write this I must state that it is hard for me to put into words the full joy of being part of leading someone to the only Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ. I count it a privilege and blessing to be an Ambassador for Christ. Thank you for your prayers and practical support that allows us to do this wonderful work of the Lord.

by Ray Hanna—Senior Chaplain

Onboard in times of struggle:

Ukrainian seafarers in Vancouver...





“I call on You, O God, for You will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer.” (Ps. 17:6)

Please praise/petition the Lord with regard to the following:

- ✂ Thank the Lord for the work of the Holy Spirit in touching many seafarers (John 16:7-11)
- ✂ For a Ukrainian third officer to step over the line of faith and come to Jesus.
- ✂ That a young Filipino deck seafarer will know the truth about life and purpose.
- ✂ For a Filipino chief officer to take his spiritual life seriously and trust in Jesus for life.
- ✂ That the Lord would provide more labourers to volunteer at the seafarers centres.

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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Soon to Come:

**“Worship
God!”**

(Rev. 22:9)