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## Maybe Next Year in Jeruzalem -by Teus Kappers, Chaplain Emeritus

I was born in 1950 in post-war Holland, a country in love with Israel. Daily, at the end of family meals, my father would read to us stories of this ancient nation. So I think you could say that, naturally, my family grew to love Israel and the Jewish people.

Before I was born, during wartime my mother and my grandparents risked their lives by hiding Jewish children in their home. My mom would tell us stories of how she had transported little children, one at a time, in a basket on her bicycle, to a safe house. This was done to make sure that the little ones would not fall into the hands of evil men. In 1995 my grandparents were posthumously awarded the *Yad Vashem* (an Israeli honour for those who aided Jews in need during World War II). They had become "the righteous among the nations." I prefer to think, though, that their names are written in the Lamb's book of Life.

Another favourite memory of mine comes from the early 1960s. As a family (and I think most of Holland did this) we would crowd around the radio and listen to a play entitled "Exodus." We were held spellbound as we heard of God's deliverance of His chosen people time and time again.

My love relationship with Israel and the Jewish people grew much deeper when in 1970 I personally trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour. Following that, my connection with Israel was not just an emotional one, but one deeply rooted in love based on the Scriptures and a personal relationship. When I consider Israel, I am encouraged in hope and assurance for the future. I know that we, who believe in Jesus, are safe and secure in His hands and that nothing can separate us from His love.

With the click of my computer mouse I am able to be transported "live" to the KOTEL in Jerusalem and to witness the devotions of Jews without Christ. I know that the day will come when many Jewish believers will worship the Lamb of God. God is patient with them because they are His Nation and His people. GOD loves them and that is why I love them. I love what God loves.

Whether or not I will be in Jerusalem next year is not clear, but I have been given the guarantee that I will ultimately see the New Jerusalem.

## Tug Boat Discipleship - by Ray Hanna, Senior Chaplain

Last April, a few of us from Lighthouse had the privilege of attending a Harbour International Ministry conference for evangelical seafarers ministries in Tacoma. At the conference it was encouraging to meet others who are also involved in Christian work among seafarers.

The speaker for the event, Peter Maiden, spoke about discipleship, a topic widely written about and in need of implementation in the Church. Regarding discipleship, I like to compare the labour of someone who disciples others to the work of a tugboat. A tug plays a very significant role in the safe movement of freighters in our ports. Sometimes a tug pulls a ship in harbour and sometimes holds it back. Other times one (or more) of these workboats gently guides a freighter or turns it. They



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The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being. (Heb. 1:3)

*Please pray/give praise to the Lord.*

- Praise for His ongoing work which is influencing many seafarers for Jesus.
- Pray for a young Sri Lankan seafarer who was treated in Vancouver for leukemia and heard the Gospel message during that time.
- Pray for digital copies of the New Testament (given to the Shan people of Myanmar during a recent trip there by two of Lighthouse's chaplains) to be used for God's glory.
- Pray for a seafarer officer from a restricted nation to read the Gospel of John he received in his language and come to Jesus.
- Pray for encouragement and empowerment for a retired Christian Filipino captain.
- Pray for more volunteer drivers and ship visitors. (Matt. 9:37-38)

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may even push large vessels sideways or just standby for assistance. Most of the time tugs work in pairs and they always communicate with the ship they are assisting. Tugs stay with a ship in port or in potential problem areas for only a short time. When their job is done they release the ship into the hands of a crew who guide it using such things as compasses, maps and good seamanship.

Discipleship is similar to the tugboat-ship scenario. It is needed to assist believers through growing times and potential problem periods in the Christian life. In the end, a disciple needs to be able to move out on his/her own with the guidance of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.

It is not easy to disciple seafarers. The reasons for this include: brevity of contact between Lighthouse workers and crew members, inconsistent communication and, sometimes, their lack of desire to be disciplined. We cannot force discipleship; we can only help seafarers who are willing to receive it. As I look back on my own life, I know I have not been very teachable at times, but the Lord was/is very patient with me. It is gratifying to see and hear of seafarers who are going on for the Lord, growing in their walk with Him and seeking to disciple others. Praise the Lord!

Matthew 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

*Lord, we pray for these dear men. Help us to point them to the only Saviour, Jesus Christ. Help us to disciple them, to be as a tug boat is to a ship, guiding them and helping them in their Christian walk. Thank you for those who have guided us. Thank you for your Word, the Bible, and for the Holy Spirit Whom You have left to guide us into all truth. Amen*



### Meeting Pastor Cruz...in Person!

In the Spring 2016 edition of the *Lighthouse Beacon*, a letter from former seafarer (now Missions Pastor) Benny Cruz was published. Pastor Cruz, who lives in Cavite, Philippines, revealed how his faith journey was significantly influenced through reading a Lighthouse seafarers New Testament. He had received this Scripture as a seafarer when he was in Vancouver in the early 1990s.

Pastor Cruz's story was very encouraging to many at the Mission and, by God's grace, this past May two of Lighthouse's chaplains (including Senior Chaplain Ray) visited this Brother in the Lord during a trip to Asia. The Lord blessed the visit and enabled Ray to deliver messages at two Churches that Mr. Cruz is involved with. Both Lighthouse chaplains felt blessed to meet Pastor Benny and to see his energy and zeal for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Ray and Pastor Cruz at Church in Philippines

## RECENT SEAFARER VISITORS

### IN VANCOUVER

### ARRIVING

### FROM...



### PHILIPPINE



### COLUMBIA



### MYANMA

**"Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession." (Ps. 2:5)**



## Two Firsts at the Finnish?

Recently an unusual event occurred for a Lighthouse ship visitor. He boarded a ship with a crew aboard that was mostly from Finland. It was the first time the visitor had been on a vessel with a crew from that nation manning it. However, this unusual experience became even more *unusual* when the visitor noticed that two of the crew looked Asian, but did not appear to be like any seafarers the visitor had previously encountered. In response to the visitor's query regarding the nationality of these two seafarers, they told him that they were Inuit. Perceiving the visitor's lack of clarity (and perhaps surprise) regarding what this meant in terms of their actual residence, they revealed that they were from Nunavut (CANADA!!!) It was the first time the visitor had met seafarers from Nunavut.

For a Lighthouse ship visitor, the above encounters were "two firsts at the Finnish..." ship!

## From Sea to See(ing) Again

In 2015 a friendly, young Burmese seafarer (Myo) was met aboard his ship in North Vancouver by a Lighthouse chaplain. The two got on well together and, at the time of meeting, the seafarer received Gospel materials and provided the chaplain with his contact details in Myanmar. This simple event provided the means for a later reunion...several thousands of kilometers away in Myanmar!

In May of this year, the seafarer and chaplain met again when the Chaplain was in Asia. What a blessing!



Seafarer Myo—in Myanmar and in Canada (background).

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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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### Heaven:

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

(Revelation 21:4)