



LIGHTHOUSE BEACON

Gospel Light for Seafarers John 8:12

Spring 2023 News

Haiti ●

About thirty years ago my wife, Maria, and I visited the nation of Haiti at the invitation of a young man named Daniel. His initial contact with us was a big surprise.

Daniel communicated with us to request (non-financial) help for abandoned seamen* in the capital city of Port au Prince. His father, a pastor, had died some years before and this had placed Daniel in the position of becoming his family's "breadwinner." But, in truth, there was no bread to be won.** Daniel spent much time on the waterfront and mixed with seafarers who were on board ships that had been abandoned by their owners. He brought them food whenever possible, sharing what he had, if he had anything to give. At the same time, he shared the gospel message with the seafarers. The bread he shared was both earthly and spiritual bread. What spoke to us most was that he shared from his poverty, not riches, and many sailors were blessed.



Daniel with Seafarer in Vancouver (2002)

The lessons we learned from Haiti and Daniel were many. His story reminds us of the poor widow that Jesus spoke about who put in two very small coins into the Temple treasury (Mark 12:41-44) or of the boy who gave his few loaves of bread

and fish to Jesus to multiply for the multitude (John 6:1-14). The offerings were not much in men's eyes, BUT significant in God's view and, in the case of the loaves and fish, GOD blessed and multiplied the offering.

-by Teus Kappers
Chaplain Emeritus

*Thousands of crew members around the world are abandoned in record numbers. They are without pay, food or the means to return home.

** Over the years billions of dollars have been poured into Haiti but to no avail. Is more money the answer? Twice the country has been dedicated to the devil by its rulers. What is needed is a national repentance where the nation turns to the Lord Jesus Christ and dedicates Haiti to the Lord of Lord's.

U-R invited -2023 Spring Breakfast

8:30 am
Saturday
March 25
2023

Bethany
Baptist
Church,
Richmond

To reserve your
place:
604-988-5084
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Freewill offering



Delivery Service to a Ship

What do you do when a Bulgarian second officer asks you to pick up five extra large pizzas, five boxes of donuts and a party tray of sushi, and his chief officer adds a hamburger and fries? These requests were presented to fellow ship visitor, Paul, and me by the two young seafarers as we visited their ship in North Vancouver.

After boarding the seafarers' ship, the Bulgarian officer met and took us to the ship's control room where we met the vessel's chief officer and chief engineer, both from Poland. A Russian captain also joined us a short while later. As we were chatting, we learned that the ship's crew was not permitted shore-leave by their company. Due to this restriction, the second officer asked if we could do him a "big" favour by picking up an extensive inventory of items (listed above) and the chief officer also added his wish: a hamburger. The larger food order was submitted to us because the second officer wanted to use it with his crew to celebrate his recent promotion.

Paul and I agreed to divide up the purchases to save time. He would go and order the second officer's items from establishments that are walking distance from each other and I would drive to pick up the chief officer's request from a restaurant which was a couple of kilometres away. Then, I would return to pick up Paul and his items. God blessed the plan and, about forty minutes later, we returned to the

You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas." (Ps. 65:5)

ship with all the goodies and were met by an extremely happy and appreciative second officer.

Before we left the ship, we shared with the officers about the need for people to have their *vertical* relationship right with God. Absent this, human beings' *horizontal* connection with each other would not be right. We mentioned the messy situation that exists in the world today: war in Ukraine; global political, economic, & social unrest; famine; diseases; natural disasters. This is not the world that God created. The reason for this? Because our relationship with God has been broken and the result of this shattered connection permeates the whole world. We asked the seafarers what the solution to the trouble would be and answered with the truth that the peace we all need and want comes only from having a right relationship with the living God. It comes from trusting Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

We pray that the officers on board the "festive" ship would come to realize the truth in Jesus. In the meantime, workers at Lighthouse are doing small acts to encourage this – works such as performing delivery services, for the honour and glory of our Lord.

by Bill Wong, Lighthouse Board Chairman and Ship Visitor



Happy Second Officer with the "Goods"



Wanted

Volunteers needed to serve the Lord at the North Vancouver and Fraser Surrey seafarers centres (6 pm—10 pm) to share the Good News of Jesus with seafarers.

Are you willing?

Those Who Bring Good News

There was nothing particularly unusual about the scene I was viewing while I was out visiting ships: three men talking at the base of an impressive gangway (essentially a metal staircase consisting of two flights joined with a 180-degree turn, followed by a lengthy ramp and a perpendicular turn to the left before descending steeply to the ship's deck). Surmising that the fellows might be from Ukraine, I quickly retrieved three gospel tracts from my shoulder bag to give them in passing. As it turned out, one man was making a delivery and the remaining two were receiving it; none of them was Ukrainian.

After climbing the gangway I stepped aboard the ship. On deck, I was welcomed aboard by an Indian seafarer from New Delhi, the ship's captain. He exclaimed enthusiastically that no one looks out for the welfare of the seafarers more than port chaplains. Now this was an unusual comment. Often, the captain is too busy for a visitor "who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings, who proclaims salvation" (Isaiah 52:7; c.f. Romans 10:15). But not on that day. For the next hour, we talked in the ship's office - about life and death, truth and fiction. An avowed Hindu, the captain listened respectfully to the good news of salvation and I also paid attention to his words. Yet, truth be known, there is no comparison, I testified, because "salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven, given to mankind, by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

By Rob James
Lighthouse Board Member and Ship Visitor



Prayer Porthole

"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:

- ✂ "Praise the Lord, all His works everywhere in His dominion." (Ps. 103:22)
- ✂ For a Greek captain to read the Gospel of John and come to Jesus.
- ✂ That a Filipino bosun would look to Jesus for life eternal.
- ✂ For the salvation of three Bangladeshi seafarers who heard the Gospel clearly.
- ✂ Thank the Lord for LHM's new chaplain/driver in North Vancouver—Oliver Samonte.

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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- Cash, cheque, credit card, PayPal
- Automatic debits to bank account
- e-transfers. Please send to: info@sealight.org
- Planned giving through wills, charitable bequests

For on-line giving, please visit LHM's secured web site:
www.sealight.org.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Ministry.

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.

Soon to Come:

**"Behold,
I am coming
soon!"**

(Rev. 22:12)