

Lighthouse Beacon



Good News of the Lord's Work at Lighthouse Harbour Ministries

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WHAT IF GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS?

- by Dan Singh, LHM volunteer

A few years ago I prayed that the Lord would give me



the opportunity to speak to people about the Lord Jesus. During my first night of serving as a volunteer at the Lighthouse Fraser Surrey Centre, my prayer was answered. Men from

across the globe walked in the door and the opportunity to tell them about Jesus was present. The next step was to do my part.

One of my memorable experiences of serving seafarers occurred a few months ago. On a Thursday evening about eight Filipino men came to the Centre. While they were there, we played some pool together, had a good time of fellowship and I shared the gospel with them. I spoke on forgiveness and how we receive it through the blood of Christ. Many of these sailors had heard this Good News before. However, they had not understood that they needed forgiveness for their sins and that this was only possible through the saving work of Christ.

During the evening I met two men who had been talking with each other quite a lot. It turned out that one of them was a sailor from the Philippines and the other, his brother, Myron (not his real name), lives in Vancouver. Myron had taken a taxi to come and meet his brother at the port. At the end of the night, the sailors went back to their ship and Myron planned

to return home via taxi. I offered to take him to a SkyTrain station and he accepted my offer. On the way there, he asked more questions about the gospel. While we sat in the car I shared with him what Christ had done for him, personally, on the cross. I told him that salvation wasn't about religion or any church but, instead, about his need to have his sins taken care of. He listened well and we prayed. I have his phone number and will, hopefully, see him again. Please pray for Myron.

New Staff

Carl Dorozio (and his wife Sue) has joined Lighthouse. The newest chaplain officially joined the



Ministry in June, after volunteering at the Fraser Surrey Centre for several months. Carl will serve at Lighthouse on a half-time basis. Following much prayer, both Carl and the Mission believe that the Lord has led him to take this step of faith after his involvement in secular work for over 30 years. His



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primary areas of service with the Lighthouse will be: enlarging the Mission's media presence, visiting ships (an answer to Lighthouse's prayer for the Mission's outreach to expand) and hosting in the seafarers centres. For the other half of his time Carl will be ministering at Bakerview Gospel Chapel in various aspects of shepherding and wherever else God leads. Please pray that the Lord would use Carl and Sue and bless them as they serve Him.

Thank you all for partnering with Lighthouse in the mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with seafarers from over 100 different nations.

Preparedness

- by Ray Hanna, Senior Chaplain

I was aboard a ship while the crew was practising safety drills. From my position on the deck, I watched the seafarers do these exercises. Ship crews regularly practice safety drills and these include: *man overboard*, *fire* and *abandon ship*. In the picture next to this story, you will notice the crew preparing to lower their ship's lifeboat. Re-

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine.” (Isaiah 43:1)

garding the drills, it is up to the Captain to make sure that everyone involved is taking these exercises seriously. At times, this may include raising his voice with those he thinks are moving too slowly.

I question seafarers about the purpose of the drills.

They look at me strangely when I *test* them by suggesting that drills are not *that* important. I continue my challenge by asking them to identify the last time that they experienced a fire onboard or had to abandon the ship or had a man overboard. One officer gave me a terrific, one-word answer to my “purpose” question: **preparedness**. What a great answer.

Seafarers use drills to prepare for events that they pray will never happen. But, just in case one does occur, they want to be as ready as possible. We also believe that there is value in preparing ahead of time for potential emergencies.

From a spiritual perspective, when I speak with seafarers about their lives, I remind them that there is a serious event coming for each person; one that *will* happen: death. I also stress the **need** for them to be prepared for this

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occurrence. The truth is that one day we will all take our last breath and the question that arises from this is: Are we prepared for this event? Most seafarers I have met say that they don't know what will happen to them after they die. They also state that this question (where they will end up eternally) is *the big question* and, often, also indicate, "only God knows."

What a privilege it is to open the Bible with the crew members and show them what God says.

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Thank you for all of your prayers and other types of support which enable Lighthouse to do the work the Lord has called us all to do.



The declared purpose of the *Day of the Seafarer* (DotS) is "to recognize the unique contribution made by seafarers from all over the world to international seaborne trade, the world economy and civil society as a whole...Day of the Seafarer is recognized by the United Nations as an observance day." (source: IMO website—www.imo.org)

Lighthouse celebrated the DotS by handing out commemorative souvenirs to seafarers and providing refreshments at its seafarers centres.

Other seafarer welfare organizations (such as the International Sailors' Society Canada (sailorssociety.ca) which organized an event: "Peak Challenge") used various means to raise funds and/or awareness of the day.



Thank you!

LHM would like to express its gratitude to all of its supporters for their ongoing assistance to the Mission. The strong attendance and giving at the Mission's recently held functions is a particularly uplifting, great encouragement to those who serve the Lord at LHM. Thank you very much!



Prayer Porthole



Please petition the Lord with regard to the following:

- Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Peter 1:3)
- That J, a skeptical Turkish chief cook would meet and accept Jesus.
- For L, a Chinese Captain to be moved from belief to faith in Jesus.
- For Buddhist Burmese seafarer, S, to read John's Gospel and accept Jesus.
- That Filipino Christian Capt. E, would share the Gospel with his crew.
- That M, a Bangladeshi chief officer would read John's Gospel and believe.
- For the Lord to show an Indonesian third officer, S, Jesus and call S to Him.
- For J, a Filipino mess man, to confess his sin to God and come to Jesus.
- For M, Ukrainian chief officer, to be confronted by Jesus and receive Him.
- That a Turkish Captain, D, would trust in Jesus for eternal life.
- For J, Filipino deck seafarer, who was met three times, to come to Jesus.
- Ongoing prayer for a new Ministry to seafarers to be established in Halifax.

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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Lighthouse Harbour Ministries is a member of Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC) and has recently completed an external audit of the ministry's financial position as at December 31, 2017. For more information regarding the standards that Lighthouse must meet in order to maintain membership with CCCC, please visit cccc.org.

Contributions to the Lord's work at Lighthouse Harbour Ministries can be made by:

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For more information regarding any of the above, please feel free to contact LHM at (604) 988-5084 or email: info@sealight.org. If you desire to donate on-line, please visit the Mission's secured web site at www.sealight.org.

Thank you for considering LHM.



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Soon to Come:

"He who was seated on the throne said,

"I am making everything new!"

(Revelation 21:5)