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Honey — by Teus Kappers

According to the Canadian Honey Council (www.honeycouncil.ca/chc_poundofhoney.php), in order to make one pound of honey, bees must tap about two million flowers and fly approximately eighty thousand kilometers. So, in other words, a bee would need to fly around the world twice to cover the distance required to make one pound of honey.

One day this summer my wife, Maria, noticed a large ball-size bees nest hanging inside our honeysuckle shrub. We thought that it was a bees nest and for the following few days we studied the hundreds of creatures flying in and out of their nest. It was very interesting to watch the "worker bees" coming and going in order to supply the queen bee with food and to build their nest larger and larger.

At one point, however, we discovered that our belief about the nest was not correct; how wrong we were. The little insects were not bees but, instead, hornets! These are insects that can be rather dangerous and can sting a person multiple times, with disastrous results. They can kill honey bees, sting many times without dying and inject their poison into whomever they wish. Our ignorance had led us into confusion about the difference between a hornet and a honey bee.

The experience mentioned above reminds me of some of the people we encounter on the ships as we share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ with seafarers. For example, there are members of the Jehovah Witnesses who also visit the seafarers aboard their ships. Currently, they are present in greater numbers than was the case previously and distribute significant amounts of literature. To the ignorant, the message of this cult may look and sound fine. But, it is actually poison to a person's soul because it kills spiritually.

You may also encounter people from this cult as they come to your doorstep to promote their belief. They sound very religious and knowledgeable but, in truth, they are spreading a false message that will not grant salvation and eternal life.

Please pray for us as we engage in ministry and, almost daily, meet these false teachers. Please pray that we may know "what to say and how to say it."

Ps. 19:9-10 says, "The laws of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than HONEY and drippings of the honeycomb."

P.S. We did have the hornets' nest removed.





From the Crew

Sometimes seafarers contact the Mission after their ships have departed from Vancouver and vicinity. The following comments were recently received from crew members met by LHM workers. The Lord is at work in the lives of seafarers!



Burmese Deck Seafarer

"I am sorry for delay to reply email...I read the book [Gospel of John] you gave me when I am free. I wish you be happy in your life. Thanks, See You."

Filipino Second Officer

"I'm back to work now. Same company but different ship. Well, [I've] starting to read the bible during my free time, especially before bedtime. Just a few pages though, but [I've] learned & picked up some important lessons. Anyway, I'll continue what I've started. I like it. I don't know, but since I started reading the bible, I feel at ease, at peace even in times of bad weather where everyone is awake just in case something happen to the ship. Till next time.... wishing you and your family good health always. God bless!!"

Indian Deck Seafarer

"How r u ? I am fine here. Now we're heading towards Livorno, Italy with wood pulp. [The ship is] fully loaded. We'll be reaching [port] on 27th June. I am reading bible and hope to give more time on gospel of John. Is it possible to get any seaman centre free car or bus service to the leaning tower of Pisa?"

Turkish Waiter – Cruise Ship

"Greetings from Tasmania island in Australia. How are you...??? I hope everything is good.. Only I want to say hello to you.. You know our job is very hard.. And long itinerary.. New Zealand to Australia.."

Filipino Chief Officer

"Really most of the crew are still embracing the traditional belief. You know what I mean. Don't worry... I will study the [Bible] study guide you [LHM chaplain] gave me as well as the book you handed to me yesterday. I believe those stuff will help a lot enhancing my knowledge or belief in the Lord that He would use me in His vineyard... I pray that the Holy Spirit will [take] control over this ship and to our crew as well. But ...I appreciate so much your... visit on board although it was just a few minutes but the thing you shared was a great blessings. I'm hoping that the Lord Jesus Christ be upon us especially like us who are seafaring around the world. I thank you again..."

Filipino Chief Engineer

"Yesterday was a very good day because God reminded me again through [an LHM chaplain], regarding the condition of my faith. Though it was only a short time talking to you but it helps me to remember all the lessons I learn from the Holy Bible. I know in God's time there is no accident. Yesterday was... planned of God... Thank you very much."





Prayer Porthole



Please petition the Lord with regard to the following:

- Praise the Lord for His goodness and thank Him for His kindness toward seafarers.
- That the Lord would guide, protect and use a young Filipino cadet, K, who is on his first ship.
- For a Chinese chief engineer, F, to read the New Testament he received and come to Jesus.
- That the Lord would strengthen, N, a Christian Filipino mess man and use him among his crew to share the Good News.
- For H, a young Christian Korean officer to be guided and strengthened in Jesus.
- That Y, a young Chinese chief cook would receive the Good News of Jesus.
- For J, a Croatia officer, to be overcome by the goodness of the Lord and come to Jesus.
- That A, a Filipino deck seafarer would truly receive the Lord, if he has not done so already.
- For A, a Filipino chief officer, to return to the Lord.
- For E, a Chinese chief officer who is a long time friend of LHM, to come to faith in Jesus.
- Thank the Lord that the Sri Lankan seafarer, S, has received positive immigration news.
- That the Lord would open the eyes of three Muslim Indian seafarers to the truth of Jesus.
- For the Lord to send out more workers into His harvest field among seafarers (Matt. 9:38).



Drivers Needed

Lighthouse is in need of a few godly volunteers to transport seafarers to and from their ships on weekends using the North Vancouver Mission's van. If you have a valid driver's license and would like to help out, please contact us at 604-988-5084 or info@sealight.org

Thank you!

[God] is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

(2 Peter 3:9)



Advent Breakfast 2015

Saturday, December 5th
8:30 am

Bethany Baptist Church
22680 Westminster Highway
Richmond BC

Freewill offering

To reserve your place or book a table of 10, please call Teus at 604-593-7129 or email: kappers@shaw.ca

"He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the Name of the LORD His God." (Micah 4:4)



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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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"On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

Revelation 19:16