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The Blame Game -by Teus Kappers, Chaplain Emeritus

It started in the Garden of Eden. Eve blamed the snake and Adam blamed God for the sin they had committed. Matters have not changed today: we still put the blame for our sins and spiritual/relational messes on others and don't take the responsibility upon ourselves. "It is always someone else's fault!"

In contrast to our denial of sin responsibility, I like to be positive and recognize the onus for our spiritual blessings. Specifically, we can take note that our ancestors can be partly responsible for them. In Ps. 102 v. 18 the psalmist prays "Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord." This is a true prayer with vision.

Before our marriage in 1972, Maria and I prayed that the Lord would bless us with children, but only on the condition that these children would be saved. As a kind of a perk we added, "then you can use them for your service." At the time, we had no idea about how He was going to answer our prayer, but He did!

Some years ago, one of our sons did some research on our family tree (on my mother's side). He was able to find out details as far back as 1475, the time of my 13th great grandfather. One of my ancestors, in particular, really interested me. His name was Jacob Juch (1819-1883). His parents migrated from Germany to Holland, the place where Jacob was born. After he grew up he got a job at a shipyard and, while working there, came face to face with the reality of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ. Soon after, Jacob joined a new revival movement named "Beneath the Cross" and, after some theological studies, became the pastor of a small church. Jacob turned out to be a real shepherd of *the flock* but suffered from a "thorn in the flesh": severe eye problems. Sadly, after a visit to an eye clinic, something went wrong and he became totally blind. From that day forward Jacob's son stayed beside him in order to help him read and to guide him from place to place. Jacob became known as "The Blind Shepherd"

At one point in his life, the Blind Shepherd was invited to preach at the palace of King William III. This pastor had expressed a concern for the spiritual well-being of the king.

I like to think that Jacob not only prayed for his children (which he did) but also for those generations not yet born (which would include me). Our spiritual walk and prayers today may determine the spiritual blessings of future generations. Perhaps a good example of this is Hudson Taylor (1832-1905), founder of the *China Inland Mission (now called Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF))*. The generations that followed Hudson Taylor are still serving the Lord today. Most likely, Mr. Taylor prayed for his future generations that were yet unborn.

In conclusion, let us be positive and "blame" our spiritual blessings on the generations past who prayed for us who are alive today.

Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow.





Please pray/praise/thank the Lord.

- Praise God for His glorious Gospel which is powerfully reaching seafarers.
- Pray for a Punjabi seafarer, S, (very open to God's word) to receive Jesus.
- Pray for a Filipino captain, R, to turn from religion to Jesus.
- Pray for two Indian deck seafarers and a Thai cook and bosun to read/listen to Gospel materials they received and come to Jesus.
- Praise God for a Christian Filipino captain, R., who is sharing the Gospel.
- Pray for G, Filipino cadet, who appeared to receive the Gospel, to grow.
- Pray for three related seafarers to come to Jesus.
- Pray for the Lord to soften the angry heart of a Greek cadet (father died).
- Pray for additional workers to share the Gospel at Lighthouse.
- Thank the Lord for providing for the Mission's material needs this summer.

In these last days He (God) has spoken to us by His Son, Whom He appointed heir of all things, and through Whom He made the universe.

(Hebrews 1:2)

RETIREMENT of Theo Gesink

At a *grand young age* of 89 Mr. Theo Gesink recently retired from volunteering with Lighthouse. The Mission would like to express its sincere gratitude for his many years of faithful service (since 1985). Theo served as a volunteer in both seafarers centres and was LHM's treasurer for many years.

After his wife Mia passed away some years ago Theo continued his service at the Fraser Surrey Centre. Always keenly interested in ministering to the lost, Theo cared for and shared the Lord with numerous seafarers of many nationalities. The accompanying picture was taken a few weeks ago at the Fraser Surrey Centre and shows Theo ministering to Chinese seafarers.



Thank you, Theo, for your faithfulness to Jesus!



Family T(h)ree—“3G” Blessing On-board

Although it is not common, sometimes Lighthouse workers meet seafarers who are related to each other. For example, on occasion two brothers or perhaps a father and son have been met on the same ship, or on different vessels and on separate occasions. Recently, something very unique occurred: the Mission connected with three Filipino brothers on three different ships. The first brother, Glenn (chief officer) was met toward the end of September, 2016. At that time, this seafarer encouraged the Mission to contact his younger brother, Gerald (a twin), who was scheduled to be in Vancouver soon after the chief officer's ship sailed. In less than a week Gerald's ship arrived in Vancouver and he was met by a Lighthouse worker. This young, cadet seafarer was glad about the *Lighthouse facilitated* vicarious connection with his older brother. Finally, in July of this year, this time at Glenn's *email* request, Gerome (Gerald's twin, also a cadet) was met aboard a third ship that had arrived in Vancouver. During that meeting Gerome seemed touched by the connections that had occurred between his two brothers and the Mission and expressed his gratitude for what Lighthouse had done to act as a *hub* for the family. At all three meetings, the Word of God was shared with the seafarers. The Lord had provided a “3G” blessing to Lighthouse!



Glenn

Gerald

Gerome

Advent Breakfast 2017

Saturday, December 2

8:30 a.m.

Bethany Baptist Church

22680 Westminster Highway

East Richmond

(Freewill offering)

Please call Teus (604-593-7129; email: kappers@shaw.ca)
or the office (604-988-5084; email info@sealight.org) to book your place.



Master Servants

Lighthouse Harbour Ministries' Mission is: *To love and honour God by serving the seafarers of the world in Word and deed.* This Mission is accomplished by the Lord through workers who share of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with international seafarers. In the course of ministering to crew members, sometimes the Mission is privileged to meet seafarers who are partners in Gospel ministry. These brothers in Christ, themselves, bring the Good News of Jesus to their fellow seafarers. Recently, two of these co-workers for the Lord (both of whom are captains—also called “masters”) were met aboard their ships in Vancouver. These faithful servants meet regularly with their crew members to share the Gospel message with them; they serve in the midst of busy work schedules and in an environment that can be very difficult to do ministry. Their pictures are included below. Please pray that the Lord would bless, strengthen, protect and use these servants (and others like them) who have taken up His call to “make disciples of all nations.”



Capt. Rommel Zamora



**Capt. Fernando Lopez
with LHM Director, Paul
McKenzie (seated)**

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Thank you for considering LHM.



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“He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new.’”

(Revelation 21:5)