



Lighthouse Beacon

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News from Lighthouse Harbour Ministries

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Expanding The Outreach

-by Paul McKenzie, LHM Director and Volunteer

In the fall of 2017 Lighthouse Harbour Ministries (LHM) added another port to its visitation area: West Shore Coal Terminal at Roberts Bank, near Tsawwassen. I have begun to visit this deep water port (where ships at berth can receive as much as 180,000 metric tons of coal) and, every time I visit, am able to meet sailors who appreciate the contact very much.

While onboard the ships, I hand out knitted toques and tell the recipients that the hats were handmade, with love, by women volunteers who also pray for those who will receive them! These gifts open the door of the sailors' hearts and the men enthusiastically receive the gift of GOD'S WORD.

The picture (right) was taken on December 22, 2017. It shows crew members from the coal carrier *Pacific Oak* proudly wearing hand-made toques. Each man also received a Gospel of John and a Seafarers New Testament. Discussions with the sailors about Jesus Christ and God's Word follow my initial contact and can last up to an hour.



Prior to boarding each ship I ask the Lord to connect me with the men aboard that are *His* (ie. Christians) so that I may also encourage them from His Word. Recently, while aboard a ship with a Myanmar and South Korean crew, I met (the only) three Christians aboard. Their crew members received Gospel literature in their native language, most for the first time.



The picture (left) is of Captain Cesar Terrado (and me), of coal ship *Dream Canary*, whom I met while I was sharing with his Filipino crew. To my delight, he was wearing a t-shirt printed with the words "Christ in me the hope of Glory!". At times, we will meet a captain of a ship who is a mature believer and the conversations that follow are a real treat.

It is our hope that our Lord Jesus Christ may be found in many of these seafarers in a coming day. The role that our supporters play in this is immensely important. Please accept our thanks to those of you who support Lighthouse in prayer, toque knitting and financial giving.

GOD BLESS YOU all.



Ian with seafarers at the Fraser Surrey Centre

Mike's Inspiration – by Ian MacWilliams – LHM Director and Volunteer

At times, it appears that I am not getting through to sailors in my efforts to share the Gospel with them. Yet, in spite of my impression, something significant *is* taking place. This situation occurred in December of last year at the Fraser Surrey Centre. On that evening, a good-sized group of sailors were present, but most of them dashed away right after we prayed. Most left...but not all—Mike remained. The smile on this seafarer's face revealed an inner pleasure at the Christmas Story he had heard from Luke chapter 2. This young cadet from Taiwan expressed how much the Bible story meant to him and, as the evening drew to a close, took Scripture with him to read.

It wasn't until later, in an email, that I learned the fuller impact of our time with Mike. He wrote:

"Last night was a wonderful and meaning(ful) night I ever had since the first day I was onboard. I could feel something inspiring on my way back to ship from the Seaman Club and thanks for sending me some good vibe."

It was gratifying to hear from Mike and I was touched that he took time to communicate with me about his evening. Mike has continued to send the odd email commenting on his favourite parable ('a city set on a hill as a lampstand' (Matt. 5:14)) and describing what he sees as he travels around the world:

"I thank God ... I have a chance to enjoy surrounding in the awesome glacier scenery. I feel it is a miracle, thanks for your prayer and God's blessing."

Mike's response encourages us that the work we are doing with the Lord is worthwhile and of eternal value (2 Cor. 3:9).

"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)



Roger's Divine Appointment – by Allen Jones, Volunteer

Recently, a Lighthouse ship visitor and I was sitting in the crew's mess room of a ship speaking with a Filipino seaman. At the same time, one of this seaman's crew mates, clad in work clothes, began to look in from the doorway of the room. He didn't leave right away, so, noticing his curiosity, I went over and started a conversation with him.

The seaman's name is Roger and he was on duty when we met. As ship visitors, we don't like to interrupt a seaman's work but Roger didn't show signs of wanting to leave. So, I began to explain the Gospel to him, starting with our lost condition and the fact there's nothing we can do to save ourselves. He was very surprised to learn that good deeds, as people define "good," do not make us acceptable to God and that sin remains with us no matter what we do. His astonishment regarding this truth actually showed on his face. Of course, I also told him the good news that Jesus Christ has already done all the work to save us and can take our sin away if we ask Him. I was humbled when Roger then inquired about how he could ask Jesus for this gift and I said a prayer to Jesus regarding forgiveness, salvation and leading. While I was with Roger I gave him a New Testament in the Tagalog language.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to Roger through His word, that he will truly receive Jesus into his heart, live for Him today and enjoy eternal life with his Saviour.

As we visit ships, we pray that God will make "divine appointments" for us. The visit with Roger was certainly one of them. From the world's point of view it seemed like a chance meeting, but faith says otherwise. There have been other such divine appointments and we pray and look forward to God giving us more of them!

New Location! **Spring Luncheon 2018**

**Saturday, April 28
12 Noon**

**Glad Tidings Church
3456 Fraser Street, Vancouver**

Freewill offering

***"And He that sat upon the throne said,
Behold, I make all things new." (Rev. 21:5)***

To reserve: Please call 778-246-4156 or email: rhanna@telus.net



Prayer Porthole



Please petition the Lord with regard to the following:

- Give thanks for the Lord's unfailing love and wonderful deeds for men. (Ps. 107:31)
- For strength for H, an Indian Christian electrician who is sharing the Gospel.
- That O, a Burmese Jr./engineer will read John's Gospel and come to Jesus.
- For the salvation of G, an Indian chief engineer, who, although struggling to accept Jesus' identity, received and agreed to read a Gospel of John.
- That M, a Bangladeshi Muslim, chief officer will accept the truth of Jesus.
- For two Chinese seafarers (J. & L.), both open to the Word, to accept Jesus.
- For the Lord to soften the heart of an Indian captain, R., to Jesus.
- For the Lord's guidance as Lighthouse seeks to encourage Christians in Halifax, N.S. to establish a new seafarers mission in their city.
- That the Lord would raise up more volunteers to share the Gospel on ships.

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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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.

2018 BUDGET

LIGHTHOUSE HARBOUR MINISTRIES

Budget Highlight for 2018

For reference and prayer purposes, the Mission submits the following:

2018 Projected Operating Costs (including wages, maintenance, literature and administrative costs) for LHM (approx.): \$410,000

Thank you!

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

- 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, 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 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)