



Lighthouse Beacon

Gospel Light for Seafarers John 8:12

Summer 2022 News

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Jer.29 v 11 *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

“I never wanted to be a seafarer!” These words came from a captain I met recently. It was hard to believe that they were said by a man who had reached the top of his field. I have met thou-

sands of ship captains in my lifetime. Some were humble, others were proud and arrogant and their crews suffered under their command. But the captain I met a short time ago was different; he re-

ally loved his crew and the men respected him. He was like a father to them. “So why did you go to sea?” I asked him. His answer surprised me: “My parents made me go,” he said. “They needed a breadwinner for the family.” He was the only male in the family who could help.

In some cultures parents have a big influence on their children’s decision making. For example, a sailor once confided in me that he was not allowed to marry the girl he loved. Instead, he had to marry a girl of his parents’ choosing and caste.

So, I asked him: “Do you love the woman you married? His answer surprised me. “I learned to love her,” he said.

My own father once asked me if I would trust him to find a wife for me. My answer was: “NO, NEVER.” He then asked me, “Do you think I made a good choice with your mother?” (Best statement ever.)



At times, we must make choices. Some, however, are made for us and, from a Christian point of view, we can trust the ONE who has mapped out a path for our lives. Sixty years ago, if someone had asked me if I would trust God for my future life, likely I would also have said “No, never,” because I didn’t know the Lord

at that time. In hindsight, I could not have wished for a better life than the one I have had and the best is yet to come.

Do you trust the Lord, not only for salvation, but also for your path in life?

Teus Kappers
Chaplain Emeritus

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I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

(Phil. 3:14)



Pressing on in Prince Rupert Lighthouse Harbour Ministries—Prince Rupert

We praise God that COVID did not stop us from doing seafaring ministry here in Prince Rupert, B.C. The virus has given us more opportunity to visit ships, despite the challenges faced because of the many restrictions and protocols. The seafarers centre was reopened to ship crews this past



February when restrictions eased up. Since then we have received seafarer visits from different ship terminals, but the ship visits also continue.

Though we are short of volunteers, we praise God that Mr. Ron McAlister is faithful in serving the Lord with us. I persist in asking people to volunteer at the centre and pray alongside with us, and I continue to pray that they would be willing. God graciously provides for the needs of the ministry and we are grateful for this. Thank you for your

encouragement and prayers for us. God bless you all.

— Z. Ante, Chaplain (right in picture)

Even the Waves and the Sea Obey Him

- Ray Hanna, Senior Chaplain

While ship visitor Ian M. and I were visiting a ship recently we had a very interesting experience. In the ship's office, questions were thrown at us by the crew regarding, for example, details about shopping and immigrating to Canada. Our attempt to engage the primarily Ukrainian crew was disrupted by ringing phones, noisy radios and crew seeking the attention of the Chief Officer (CO), N. It was loud, busy and very disruptive and I thought that I would need to return to the ship in order to have a good conversation. However, all of a sudden things quieted and the CO turned his attention toward us. Wonderfully, this enabled us to share the Gospel with him. The Chief Engineer also joined us as we spoke of sin and the need for the Saviour that had been freely provided for us. N listened very well and I believe that he really understood the good news we shared. Please pray for N, whose family is safely out of the Ukraine, but has extended his contract because of the trouble there. He is also considering immigrating to Canada.

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We believe that the current world conditions are actually giving us at Lighthouse more opportunities to share the Word of God. We value your prayers for the crew members and their families. As the Lord calmed the waves and the sea, He calmed the ship office for Ian and me.

Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" (Matthew 8:25-27)

Victoria Lighthouse Ministry (VLM) to Cruise Ships

Update from Dennis Scott, Chairman of the Board

**See I
am
doing a
new
thing!
Now it
springs
up; do
you not
perceive
it?**

**(Isaiah
43:19)**

From a ministry perspective the beginning of the 2022 cruise ship season in Victoria, B.C. was quite disappointing. Ships' sailings were cancelled, last minute changes to arrivals occurred and very few crew were allowed ashore from the ships that did come to berth. However, as of late things have become extremely encouraging with the crew tent filling up, people asking for Bibles



and materials and, most important, many leaving their email addresses and prayer requests on the forms we supply for these purposes.

Our Chaplains, students and volunteers have all sent exciting and uplifting comments on our WhatsApp communication link and are themselves encouraged by what they hear and see. Many seafarers have thanked us for the family atmosphere they feel in the crew tent.

Join Us!

Please mark your calendar:
**Lighthouse Celebration
Luncheon**

**Saturday
November 26, 2022
12 Noon
Bethany Baptist Church**



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 God for His mercy and grace extended to us.
- ✈ For a Filipino captain, *B.*, to make necessary life changes in order to walk in the light.
- ✈ For an Indian chief engineer, *M.*, to leave behind Hinduism and come to Jesus.
- ✈ For Chinese captain, *A.*, to truly hear from the Lord and to follow His Son.
- ✈ For strength, guidance and provision for the seafarers ministries in Prince Rupert and Victoria.

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

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

Thank you for considering LHM.

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Soon to Come:

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

(Rev. 22:7)