



# Lighthouse Beacon

Gospel Light for Seafarers John 8:12

Spring 2022 News

## Serving in Word and Deed

We are thankful that at Lighthouse Harbour Ministries (LHM) we are able to assist many seafarers in their quest to obtain COVID-19 vaccinations. Recently, while onboard a ship, the Filipino crew asked me if I could help them get vaccinated since they were soon to sign off and go home. Without the vaccination, they would be required to remain in quarantine in the Philippines for up to two weeks before being permitted to proceed home.

After disembarking from their ship, the crew took a PCR test before being transported to a Vancouver area hotel. They called me from the hotel and we agreed that I would pick them up the next morning and take them to a vaccination clinic, which I did. Not long after they were vaccinated the crew flew home and, be-



## Blessed



cause they were able to show evidence of the procedure, proceeded to meet their families with only a covid test being required. Thus, the vaccination enabled them to spend an additional two weeks of time with their families than would otherwise have been the case. Also, when the time comes for these seafarers to return to sea, they will not have to worry about obtaining the necessary vaccination for their next contract. Needless to say, they were all very happy.

Each time I transport seafarers to be vaccinated, I engage them in conversations. Our exchanges always turn to the Bible and I offer them a New Testament or a Gospel of John. I have had some good conversations and some that did not seem productive. However, whether it is during one of the vaccination trips or at a future meeting, I am praying that we will be able to share with them the much more important vaccination: "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29

By Ray Hanna, Senior Chaplain



### Prepared Heart

When I head out to visit ships, one of the things I often pray for is *prepared hearts*. That is, I ask the Lord to guide me to seafarers whose hearts He has been working on and who are ready to meet and discuss the hope we find in Jesus.

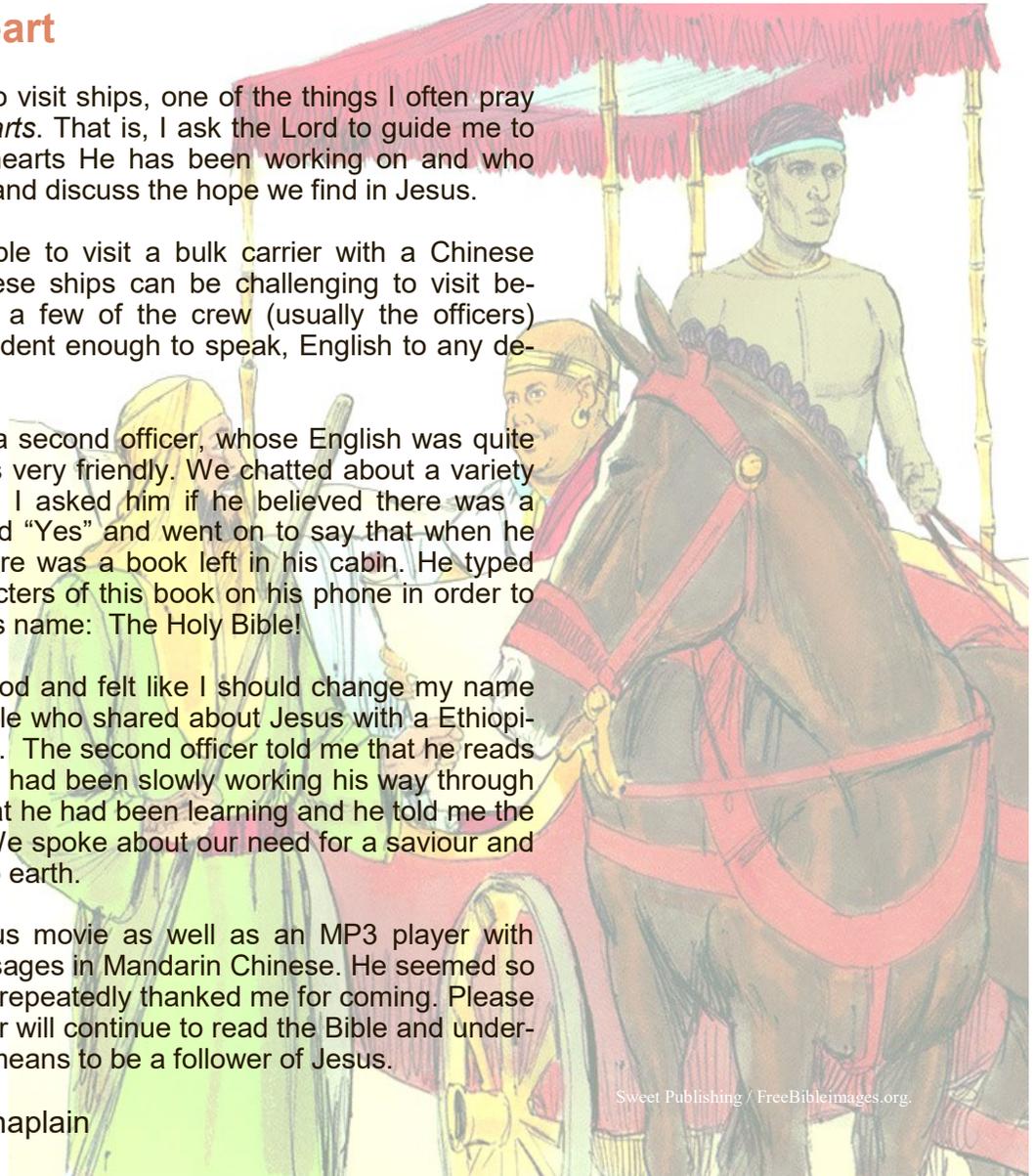
Recently, I was able to visit a bulk carrier with a Chinese crew aboard. These ships can be challenging to visit because, often, only a few of the crew (usually the officers) speak, or are confident enough to speak, English to any degree.

On this day I met a second officer, whose English was quite good and who was very friendly. We chatted about a variety of things and then I asked him if he believed there was a God. He responded "Yes" and went on to say that when he joined the ship there was a book left in his cabin. He typed the Chinese characters of this book on his phone in order to translate the book's name: The Holy Bible!

I gave thanks to God and felt like I should change my name to Philip, the disciple who shared about Jesus with a Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8). The second officer told me that he reads the Bible often and had been slowly working his way through it. I asked him what he had been learning and he told me the story of creation. We spoke about our need for a saviour and why Jesus came to earth.

I left him the Jesus movie as well as an MP3 player with many Gospel messages in Mandarin Chinese. He seemed so eager to learn and repeatedly thanked me for coming. Please pray that this officer will continue to read the Bible and understand fully what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

- Carl Dorozio, Chaplain



***“Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing” (John 9:32-33)***



“How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God?” (John 5:44)



*Seafarers creations—to be judged as part of Christmas decoration competition*

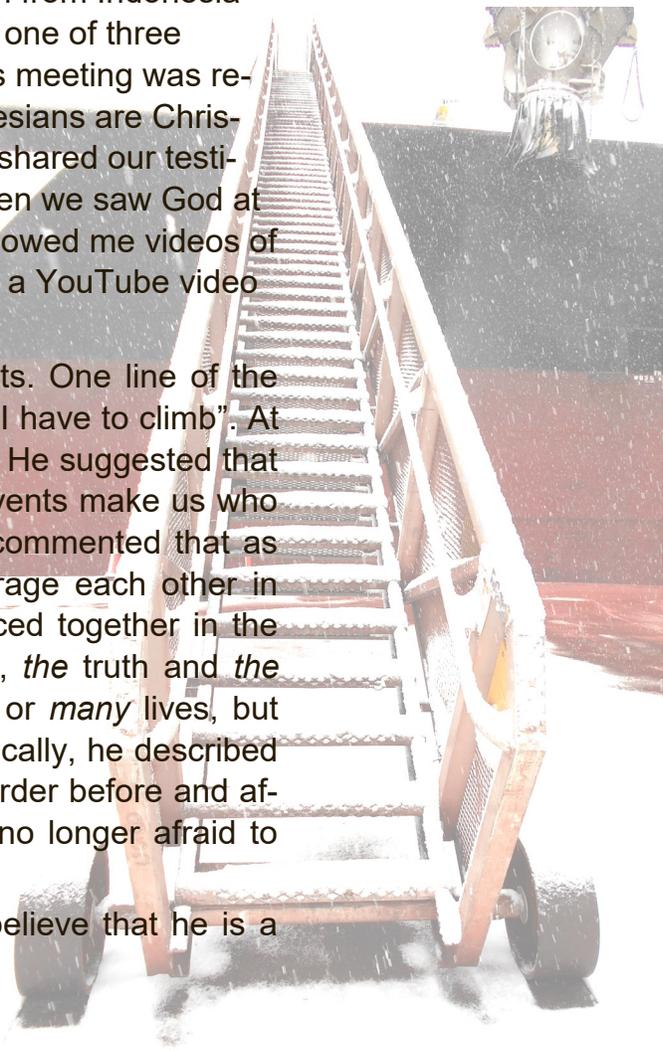
### A Wise Man of the Sea

Recently, while aboard a ship I met a captain from Indonesia who invited me to his cabin for prayer. He is one of three Christians in an otherwise Muslim crew. This meeting was remarkable because only about 20% of Indonesians are Christian. During our three hour conversation we shared our testimonies with each other, described times when we saw God at work in our lives and prayed together. He showed me videos of worship in an Indonesian church and played a YouTube video of his favourite hymn, “One Day at a Time”.

He left me with several memorable thoughts. One line of the hymn he favours is, “Show me the stairway I have to climb”. At LHM, the stairway is, of course, a gangway! He suggested that our whole life is really only one day: past events make us who we are today and that is all we have. He commented that as Christians we need to assemble to encourage each other in faith, patience, love and worship. We rejoiced together in the words of John 14:6, that Jesus is *the way, the truth and the life*, not one of *many ways* or *many truths* or *many lives*, but the *only* one for each of them. Most dramatically, he described his feelings about being threatened with murder before and after becoming a Christian and that he was no longer afraid to die.

It was a privilege to meet this seafarer; I believe that he is a great encouragement for all of us.

—Allen Jones, LHM Director/Ship visitor





## 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:

- ✂ Thanksgiving for signs of the Lord's work among many seafarers.
- ✂ For wisdom on sharing the Gospel with Ukrainian and Russian seafarers.
- ✂ Praise for several Indian seafarers whom the Lord seems to have touched with the Gospel.
- ✂ For an evangelical ministry to seafarers to be established in South America..
- ✂ For the Lord to call many seafarers to new life in Jesus.

## Lighthouse Harbour Ministries

### Our Mission

*To love and honour God by serving the seafarers of the world in Word and deed.*

### Senior Port Chaplain

Ray Hanna

### Chaplain Emeritus

Teus Kappers

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## Soon to Come:

**"The Lord  
God will give  
them light."**

(Rev. 22:5)