



Lighthouse Beacon

Pointing
seafarers to
Christ, the
Light of
the world.
(John 8:12)

Good News of the Lord's Work at Lighthouse Harbour Ministries

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Light in the Midst of the Unexpected - by Ray Hanna, Senior Chaplain

"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth." (Proverbs 27:1)

This verse has proven itself to be a very relevant message in the last few weeks. One month ago, who would have thought that we would be forced to accept so many changes to our daily lives, due to a virus?

These past few weeks have shown me how much I have been focusing on earthly things, not eternal ones, and for that revelation I have to say, "Thank you Lord." Colossians 3:2 states: "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth." Nobody likes to be in a storm, but it is in the *storms of life* that we often learn valuable lessons.

Psalms 37:23, 24 says "The steps of a man are established by the LORD, And He delights in his way. When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, Because the LORD is the One who holds his hand." Alongside our steps are *stops* which are also lovingly ordered by God. In the present circumstances we have come to a stop in our lives. By our choice? No, but God has allowed the things we are experiencing to happen for a reason. As a result of the virus problem, with heavy hearts, the Mission has had to temporarily close our seafarer's centres and restrict our ship visitations to "safe distance" gangway talks.

I was recently reading Apostle Paul's writing in Philippians 1:12-14: "Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, so that my imprisonment in *the cause of Christ* has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, and that most of the brethren, trusting in the

Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear."

May the Lord be praised for His use of what we call bad situations to be for His Glory and our good. I think that Paul would much rather have been with the Christians in person rather than via a letter, but it was because of Paul's imprisonment that we have the prison epistles.

For an indeterminate time, we are not able to do what we love doing: regular ship visits and hosting in the centres, but we want to take this time to be

used by God in extraordinary ways. Our prayer is that after this is over, we will be able to speak like the Apostle Paul did, "that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel."

We appreciate your past and present prayers and support for us in so many

ways. Please pray that at the present time the Lord will guide us. In the last two weeks, I have had many seafarers send me messages and I feel privileged that they have contacted me in this time of uncertainty.

We believe Proverbs 10:5 which tells us "He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely, *But* he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully." And since we believe this is harvest time, we have been having 'gangway talks' while practicing our social distancing. We have been dropping off care packages for crew members including: New Testa



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Bearing Fruit at Sea

-by Carl Dorozio, Chaplain

It is estimated there are 1,657,500 seafarers in the world. In addition to the hundreds of seafarer centres around the world, a lot of ministry happens at sea on ships. It is so encouraging to meet crew that witness and have Bible studies on their ships.

God is working and using seafarers to water His word and disciple those young in the faith. I met Filipino Captain C... the second time I was on his ship. We were able to speak, but only in a limited way as we, as chaplains, now only minister on the outside of ships, on the main decks, and follow safety precautions (including social distancing) because of Covid-19. It was great to see his interaction with the men, a testament to the care he has for them. The captain holds 3 Bible studies each week with about 7 of the crew attending. They have a keyboard and guitar and spend time in praise and study of God's word.

God is working. On my first visit to the ship I met Ch..., a deck seafarer, who was recently saved through the ship's Bible study ministry and baptized by the captain while at sea... in a 40 gallon drum! (see picture) It reminds me of the Ethiopian eunuch who was baptized near a highway he traveled and then went on rejoicing.

I was able to provide the captain books for his own study and encouragement and also a variety of Bible study materials. Ch... is now involved in a Bible study I am hosting on Facebook in addition to the 3 studies on the ship with the captain.

Please pray for Captain C..., Ch... and the other Christians on this ship as they witness to and disciple their fellow crew.



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ments, toques, booklets and a letter to the ship's captain. We are also looking to use this time to write materials for the seafarers' spiritual needs, conduct an on-line Bible study for seafarers, follow-up using social media and try new ways to sow the Seed. We are praying for doors to open to us so that we can continue to minister to the sailors in whatever way the Lord leads us as we look to point sailors to the only Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Thank you for considering LHM.

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

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(Rev. 22:1)