

# MOORING LINES



A Tie With People Of The Sea

## Tacoma Seafarers' Center

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**April - May 2019**

### Waterfront Statistics

Ships in Port	100
Ships Served	85
Seafarers Receiving Ministry	800
Seafarer Chapel Services	2

### Board of Directors:

Ed Egan, President  
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### Mission Statement

The Tacoma Seafarers' Center exists to minister to the seafarers' spiritual, physical and emotional needs in the Port of Tacoma. Our ministry spreads the saving gospel of Jesus Christ globally through seafarers.

## Chaplain's Corner

### Amazement to Belief

*Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples.*

*<sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.*

*"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?"*

*<sup>3</sup> Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. **Mark 6:1-4***

People were amazed when they heard Jesus teach. But, that amazement did not turn to belief in Jesus. The reaction was just the opposite because they knew where Jesus came from. He came from an ordinary family; people without an education in the Jewish beliefs. In their eyes, Jesus was a nobody.

We do not want the seafarers to be amazed at Tacoma Seafarers' Center for all the free things we do for them. We want them to be amazed at the teachings of Jesus and of what Jesus did for them at the cross and the empty tomb.

Why should seafarers believe in Jesus? They have their own gods and temples.

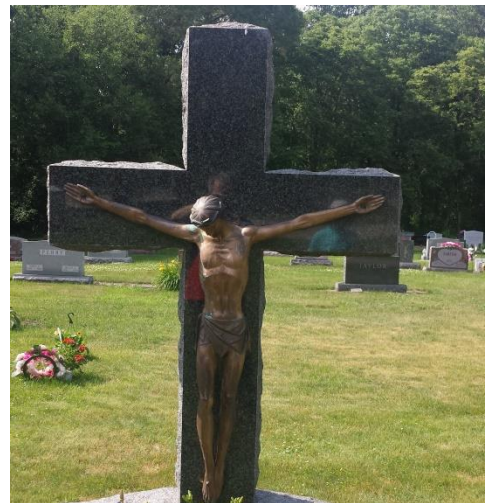


We want them to see Jesus as special and not ordinary. We want them to believe in Jesus because of what happened on Easter. Pray that we will amaze seafarers when we tell them the amazing truth of the resurrection miracle and that their amazement will turn to belief in Jesus.

Chaplain Paul Peterson

## Easter Amazement

We are popping the question a lot to seafarers nowadays. "Do you know what Easter is about?" The Chinese speaking don't know the word "Easter". The literature we give them explains it.



We could concentrate on the crucified Christ on the cross. But, we must make it clear that Christ is no longer in the cemetery.



*Up from the grave He arose a victor from the dark domain.*

Pray that they will be amazed with the resurrection story to the point of believing in Jesus.

## The Port Believes in the Seafarers' Center



The Port of Tacoma presented a plaque to us with the following inscription:

*“To the many volunteers of the Tacoma Seafarers’ Center for selflessly greeting and hosting members of the international seafaring community as they step onto Tacoma’s shores.”*

We are grateful for the great working relationship with the Port of Tacoma personnel.

## Lanterns Lead to Belief



These old lanterns from ships guided seafarers walking through the dark. Once they were able to see where they were going, they were confident to move ahead. Pray that we will be lanterns to light the way for seafarers to believe in Jesus.

## Prayer Request

**I will be leaving for Singapore and Hong Kong April 1<sup>st</sup>, no fooling. I will prepare for world conference to be held next year April 2020 in Singapore.**

## Amazing Mothers

In the month of May we celebrate Mothers' Day. Many seafarers send their extra money home from our Center to their mothers by MoneyGram.



We are delighted to hear many times how seafarers come to faith because of their mothers. Also, seafarers from closed countries have mothers praying for them to come to believe in Jesus. Thank you for the amazing love of mothers for their seafaring sons and daughters.

## Amazing Lighthouses



**The Lord is my Light and my Salvation**