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A Cup of Cold Water

*Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us." But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. For he who is not against us is on our side. For whoever gives you **a cup of water** to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward. Mark 9:38–41*

There are many port missionaries around the world. We have slight differences in beliefs and denominations. However, we do not compete against one another. Rather, we cooperate together in giving the message of the Water of Life to seafarers.



At our Center we give cold water for free and hot tea water for free. Furthermore, we do give out messages of Christmas and Easter for free.

Chaplain Paul Peterson

Water for the Ships

Many ships with interesting names come here. We can use the name of the ship to start talking about the Christ of Christmas so hopefully they will drink of the Water of Life freely. Here are examples:

Ever Living: Did you know that we will live forever some day?

Ever Forever: Ever forever is a long time. Where will you spend forever?



Ever Future: Do you live in the present or the future?
Do you know where you will live in the future?



Ever Smart: Do you know who is the smart one?
The one who believes in Jesus.

Pray that we utilize the situations of the seafarers on ships and change the course of conversation to the Christ of Christmas.

Transport and Water

We give transport to seafarers without asking for a reward. We want to use every opportunity we have when we are in contact with seafarers to share.



The cost for transporting them is three times less than before since we have a hybrid vehicle now. Therefore, with less gasoline costs we can increase giving out the water to more and more crew.



We share *together* the message of Christmas while riding along with the crew. **Together** means along with *your* Christmas gift boxes which *you* prepare. We distribute the gifts when we pick up the seafarers. And of course the Christmas letters in many languages that they can read, and Bible Apps (from the Gideons) in their own language.



Pray that the message of Christmas will stick with the seafarers this year so that their lives will truly be transformed and they can have a happy new **2024**.

New Year Cravings

“Fill my cup Lord” is a treasured song of our faith.

*Like the woman at the well I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy.
And then I heard my Savior speaking
"Draw from My well that never shall run dry."*

*Fill my cup, Lord. I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more.
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.*

There are millions of seafarers on the seas who are craving the pleasures, earthly things of gold but, none can match the wondrous treasure that they could find in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Pray that seafarers will have their cups filled in **2024** with the treasure of experiencing the love of Jesus Christ.