

MOORING LINES

A Tie With People of the Sea



Tacoma Seafarers' Center

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Waterfront Statistics

Ships is Port	62
Ships Served	38
Seafarers Receiving Ministry	222

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Chaplain's Corner

Compassion to Feed

*In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, ²“I have **compassion** on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have **nothing to eat.** ³And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, **they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar.**”*

*⁴Then His disciples answered Him, **“How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?”** ⁵He asked them, **“How many loaves do you have?”** And they said, **“Seven.”***

*⁶So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them and **gave them to His disciples to set before them;** and they set them before the multitude. ⁷They also had a few small fish; and **having blessed them, He said to set them also before them.** ⁸So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. Mark 8:1-8*

Some similarities between feeding the multitude and the multitude of seafarers that we meet are:

1. Seafarers come from afar.
2. The multitude went three days without food but seafarers may go 6 weeks without any spiritual food.
3. They will faint without spiritual food.
4. No one can satisfy the seafarers' unless Jesus works through His servants; even as disciples set out food.
5. We need Jesus' blessing on this ministry before we can minister effectively to seafarers needs.



Please pray we have compelling compassion like Jesus to feed the people when they come to our port from far away.

Chaplain Paul Peterson

Final Feed for a Swede

We had just one Swedish Bible left. A team of Filipino youth came to help share on a ship with Swedish and Filipino crew. The plan was to save the final Bible for someone who really wanted it. In the last 16 years there has not been anyone that we met from Sweden hungry for the Word. We brought it along just in case.



We were only allowed to stay at the entrance of the ship, so we began visiting with the crew there and then gradually more came. One was a young Swedish lady cadet. The Bible was shown to her, and we asked her if she was interested in it. Shockingly she said, “Yes. I left my Bible at home in Sweden. I need one. Thank you so much”.



Jesus blessed that final loaf of bread that we had. We simply had to set it before her.

Food from the Gideons

We are blessed by the Lord through the partnership of the Gideons and their supply of New Testaments. Recently, we had several crew come to our Seafarers' Center who serve on a U.S. ship. Two formally from Yemen accepted the food we set before them.



Prayer with Compassion

It's a blessing to be able to have people pray with compassion in the language of the seafarer.



Here we were able to combine "feeding the seafarers" through prayer with the ministry in Vancouver, Canada who left Gospels of John on board before the ship came to Tacoma.

Compassionate Youth Feed

Filipino youth who have a compassion for the Lord are following Jesus' example and satisfying the seafarers with spiritual food. Sometimes they can go onboard and sometimes only at the gangway. As long as there are seafarers to share with, then they are happy.



Pray that they continue to come to share friendship and food to famished seafarers.

Compassion With a Smile

It's great to have Christians helping who have a compassion for seafarers with a smile.



Around the world, the older port missionaries are praying for the Lord to raise up a young generation of disciples who are willing to set before the seafarers food blessed by the Lord.