



# MOORING LINES

A Tie With People Of The Sea

## Tacoma Seafarers' Center

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### Waterfront Statistics

Ships in Port	100
Ships Served	92
Seafarers Receiving Ministry	900
Seafarer Chapel Services	4

**Dec. 2018 - Jan. 2019**

### Board of Directors:

- Ed Egan, President
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- Tom Harris, Dick Winterstein
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Chaplain – Paul Peterson

### 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

### Who Touched Me?

*And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."*

Mark 5:30-34

Who touched me? It was not obvious to the disciples that someone had real faith when Jesus asked, "Who touched Me?". In seafarers' ministry we cannot always see who has faith, but Jesus can see who has faith.

When she heard about Jesus, then she had faith to seek Him out. Seafarers are not searching for Jesus. But after they hear about His love and compassion, they will seek Him.

Here in this picture, no one is seeking Jesus. They are on the internet; searching for family and friends but nothing about the Bible or Jesus.



Pray that we point seafarers to Jesus through word and deed. Then pray that they will seek out the Christ of Christmas this season.

Chaplain Paul Peterson

## Christmas Course for Chinese

Chinese seafarers heard about Jesus after a food feast of many courses on their ship. Food opens the door for the spiritual food. The Chinese believers in Longview stayed on course and took time to go to a ship to share food and share the Word of God in song, testimony and message.



## Seafarers and the Everlasting One

There are always opportunities to share the Gospel in a smooth way. We can direct seafarers to the everlasting meaning of Christmas so they can see Jesus and have faith to follow after Him.



We had a ship in port named “Ever Lasting” and the crew wanted to go shopping. They put a donation in our donation cup and said, “This is from Ever Lasting”. The amount of the donation was not going to last forever. But, they now know Who is from everlasting to everlasting. The Christ of Christmas.

## Seafarers’ Delighted with Your Gifts

Your Christmas gifts for these Filipino seafarers, including the female Third Officer, brought delightful smiles to their faces. But, our true heartfelt hope is that they will draw closer to the Lord this season as their ship sails the high seas.



## Christmas Gift Distribution Update

Here is what we have given to seafarers as of Dec. 1

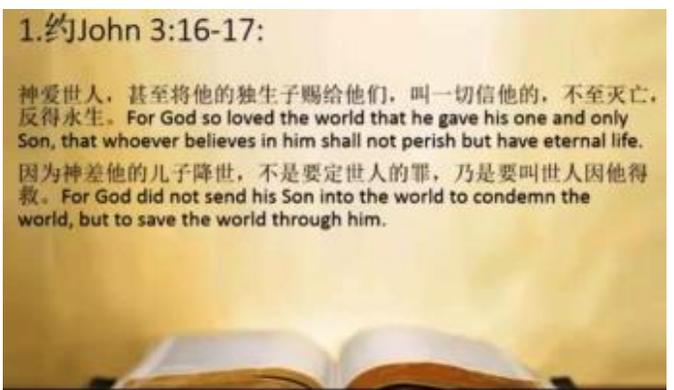
Number of gifts:	850
Number of ships:	38
Number of nationalities:	20

We have 3 more weeks to go.

## The Cross of Christmas



Seafarers need to know the connection between Christmas and the Cross. Then they will seek the Savior instead of Santa. Below is the connection.



## New Year Course Project



Thank you very much for your support in 2018.

We trust that you will continue praying for us in 2019. Especially, pray for our Bible Correspondence Courses in Tagalog and in Chinese. These Filipino seafarers are the first to receive from us the course called “The Bridge”.