



# NANAIMO LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRIES

## “A MISSION TO SEAMEN.”

# Salty Tidings Newsletter Spring 2019

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **I Corinthians 1:18**

Please mark your calendars!

## 29<sup>th</sup> Annual NANAIMO LIGHTHOUSE BREAKFAST

WILL BE HELD AT THE COAST BASTION INN, NANAIMO.

ON SATURDAY APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

AT 8.30 a.m.

Tickets for the 2019 breakfast will be available the last week in February and may be purchased from our Board members, Missionaries, and Church offices.

Our breakfast includes yummy food, a guest speaker, good music and fellowship and interesting reports from ship missionaries! Please join us!

### Guest Speaker: Teus Kappers

Teus and Maria met while they were students in the Bible Collage of Wales, Swansea U.K. It was there during their student years from 1970-1972, that Teus visited his first ship from the then USSR. Teus and Maria were married in 1972 and in 1973 they were invited by the London City Mission to run a seamen ministry in Tilbury docks. Reluctantly they accepted, as Tilbury was hard dockland and not a good place to bring up children. As it turned out Tilbury became a place of great spiritual blessing and many seafarers became followers of Jesus. Also, Tilbury became a very good training ground for future ministry. In 1982 the Kappers family, now five in number, came by invitation to Vancouver, to start a new ministry to seafarers called “Lighthouse Harbour Ministries”. The Lord has greatly blessed the ministry as they have expanded the work to the ports of Nanaimo, Prince Rupert and Victoria with new ministries starting on Canada’s East Coast. The Kappers have three children and five grandchildren.

### Special Music: Valerie Ransom

Valerie Ransom, is a mother to her son, Jakob and is a wife to Keith Ransom.

She has been involved in music and worship at First Baptist Church, Nanaimo from a young age and is currently Music Director. She has produced several CD's including, The Light, and By Faith. First Baptist Church believes music touches the soul in a way nothing else can – and that “we are made to worship” through song. Valerie is very instrumental in helping to guide hearts back to the cross where Jesus performed the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf.

### **Our Mission:**

*Our mission is to share Christ with the seamen who visit the various ports around Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Crofton on Vancouver Island. We are a non-profit society and all of our missionaries, board members and toque knitters, (and all of the many others in churches who generously support us), are volunteers.*

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' Matthew 22:37*

## **Thank You to Our Toque Knitters!**

Many faithful knitters are blessing the seamen who arrive in our ports with hand knitted toques that are included in our Christmas gift packages and given out throughout the year as we have supply. We are very thankful for the knitting teams who so faithfully knit these toques for our missionaries to distribute to the seamen. These toques are such a blessing to the seamen as they brave the blustery, cold weather out on the west coast seas. God bless you!

## **Thank You!**

*Thank you to all who attended our AGM in October and to those of you who helped with the collection and wrapping of Christmas gifts in November. Close to 500 Christmas gift packages were assembled to be distributed to the seamen in deep sea vessels in our port during the Christmas season. The seamen appreciate these Christmas gifts that are an expression of God's love.*

A very special "Thank You" also, to Departure Bay Baptist Church for the blessing of the use of their storage facility and for our Christmas gift wrapping sessions.

And, Thank You God, for your faithfulness and blessing upon this ministry, upon our missionaries, board members and all who faithfully give and support this evangelical outreach. We ask Father God for your continued favour and blessing as we share the good news of salvation to all who will believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and the finished work that He did on the cross.

## **Missionary Report: January 9, 2019**

*Ship Visited: Star Loften, at Harmac West*

*19 Filipinos, and 2 Missionaries, Grant and Daniel*

*19 Christmas gifts given out as well as 3 Tagalog NT Bibles, 3 Book of John Bible Studies, 2 Romans Bible Studies, 5 Daily Bread, 1 Jesus DVD, 3 New Identity in Christ*

*Summary: We went through all three security stations and were taken to the crew mess where 3 seamen were watching a movie. As we unpacked several crew came to greet us and get Christmas presents. Three of them came back after dinner to see us. I gave them all Star Wars Million Dollar Tract and then asked them the "Million Dollar Question", "Will you go to Heaven when you die?" None of them could give me an answer. This led right into the gospel presentation and then the three of them stood and prayed the sinner's prayer.*

*We left the ship rejoicing that the Lord drew these three precious souls into His Kingdom this evening. Please pray for Randy, Daniel and Roger that the Holy Spirit will guard them and lead them into a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.*



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