

"A Mission To Seamen."

Nanaimo Lighthouse Ministries

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Please mark your calendars!

30th Annual NANAIMO LIGHTHOUSE BREAKFAST

WILL BE HELD AT THE COAST BASTION INN, NANAIMO.

ON **SATURDAY May 2nd, 2020**

AT 8.30 a.m.

Tickets for the 2020 breakfast will be available the last week in February and may be purchased from our Board members, Missionaries, and Church offices.

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

Guest Speaker: Sue Dirks

Sue with her husband John Woelke 30 years ago was attending Missions Fest in Vancouver. Clearly God placed upon their hearts to minister in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to those who enter our island ports. Sue will share more about those early years. We praise God that Sue is able to come all the way from Massachusetts to celebrate God's faithfulness these past 30 years.

Other Dates to note:

AGM October 19th, 7 pm. (First Baptist)
Gift Wrapping, November TBA, 9 am
(Departure Bay Church)

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!



Grant Sandeman-Allen NLM President.

- ◆ Please take the time to read Grant's letter that is included with the Newsletter. Thank you!!
- ◆ Should God be calling you to join us in serving the Lord in any capacity in this ministry, or for further information, please contact Grant @ (250) 741-6229
- ◆ Please Pray for open hearts as they hear the gospel.
- ◆ Sponsor a Seaman CHRISTMAS GIFT campaign.

Missionary Report: January 4th, 2020



Santa Serena Ship. We drove to Nanaimo dock for the ship visitation. The security commissioner favoured us to drive our van all the way alongside the ship. A crew member came and helped carry the bag of Christmas gifts. The Captain came to meet us almost immediately, he right away made a PA announcement informing the available crew to proceed to the crew mess. Fourteen of them showed up to the meeting. I greeted and welcomed them all to our port. Then I shared my personal testimony and my conversion of becoming a born again believer of Jesus Christ. I also told them that God loves them all, and shared to them the famous Scripture in John 3:16. The C/O is already born again from a previous visit by Gary. And he (C/O) remembered him. I gave brother Gary the opportunity to continue the Gospel presentation and he expounded on the message of salvation and eternal life with such power and anointing from the Holy Spirit. Scriptures just flowed like a fountain of living waters coming out from his lips. The eyes of everyone were riveted on him, and their faces started to change into bright glowing countenances; as they continued to absorb and receive the truth from the Word of God. The Captain spoke good English. Praise the Lord! I invited them to stand up and asked if they are ready to pray with us. They responded YES! The Captain was the first one to stand & the rest of them followed. This is indeed the work of the Holy Spirit. and we thank God for this divine moment for them to receive Jesus Christ; Saviour & Lord of their lives. Brother Gary prayed for their safe voyage, good health, & their families. We took photos and we left the ship at 7:45 pm rejoicing. Thank you for your prayers and continued intercessions for this ministry. To God alone be all the glory; honour and praises belongs both now and forevermore; AMEN - Brothers Mel & Gary.

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. 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.