

# Nanaimo Lighthouse Ministries

Fall 2021

## Salty Tidings Newsletter

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In the beginning of the pandemic we lost the ability to go on the ships, and to even meet with the seafarers. But God had a purpose in all of this; this was a time of great faith building. As a result of these trials we've seen God's "abundant goodness" and it's amazing!

**First** of all, there's a thirst for God among the seafarers, and they all seem to be more excited to see us than ever before.

The **second** wonderful thing was God's changing how we approach the seafarers. We now wait on the dock for them, after making an initial contact through the security officer, and they come down to the dock to see us. The **third** major change to this ministry is that we're getting Christian materials directly into the hands of almost all the seafarers on the ships.

So, we're truly grateful and blessed by God's "abundant goodness." We're so amazed at how He's changed the way that we meet and minister to the seafarers, and at the results from these changes. We're also truly grateful for your help in supporting this ministry through prayer and giving. Once again we're starting up our "Sweaters for Seamen" campaign and asking for more toques as well. Winter is fast approaching and the sweaters and toques mean a lot to the seafarers on deck in the cold wind.

Thank you again for the many ways that you support this ministry and may God bless you and keep you safe in these faith-building times.

In His service; Grant Sandeman-Allen (NLM President.)

Thank you for your continued prayers and your financial support. We have all been impacted by Covid-19,



yet our port missionaries continue to be given opportunity to minister to the seafarers. 49 ships have entered our ports over the past 9 months, 807 seafarers. 334 precious souls have taken time to visit with our missionaries & 132 have prayed to receive Christ. PRAISE GOD.



Presenting the seafarers with a small gift, expresses our love to them, and opens hearts to conversations. 211 Christmas gifts were given, 228 toques (always so welcome) 304 seaman's gifts, 290 ball caps, 334 bibles/New Testaments, and 169 sweaters to help keep them warm.

To donate to help fund these gifts, you can send by e-transfer or by mail: [nanaimolighthouse@gmail.com](mailto:nanaimolighthouse@gmail.com)  
5917 Tasha Place, Nanaimo BC V9V 1J4

### Dates to note:

#### Annual General Meeting

**October 24th, 2 pm.  
First Baptist Church**

*Please plan on joining us.*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the LORD is good and his love  
endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all  
generations. PS 100:4,5.

*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 NLM), are volunteers.*

## Thank You to our Toque Knitters!

We were able to give out 228 valued toques these past months. We are ***in need*** of toque knitters. If you, or you know someone who would like to knit, as unto the Lord, please contact us for information and available patterns. We can be reached through the following ways:



- Email: [nanaimolighthouse@gmail.com](mailto:nanaimolighthouse@gmail.com) or [nanaimolighthouse.org](http://nanaimolighthouse.org)
- Mail: 5917 Tasha Place, Nanaimo BC V9V 1J4 or,
- Phone Grant (250-741-6229) or Paul (250-933-1125)

Frank Sciarpelletti (Treasurer.)

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Despite the Covid restrictions our lighthouse ministry outreach has continued to minister to the seamen in new ways on the docks and with our new virtual seaman centre. We continue to meet all incoming ships when possible and because we haven't been able to have an annual breakfast fundraiser we trust that God will touch hearts through His Holy Spirit to give throughout the year,

***He is faithful*** Blessings Frank

Please pray for the Nanaimo Lighthouse Ministry Board

Grant Sandeman- Allen; Carol Camp; Marion Kamstra; Paul Merriman;  
Mel Pascua; Frank Sciarpelletti; Matt Szeler.

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## Missionary Report: August 11th, 2021

We checked through security and drove right up to the ship. I put a Captain's bible in one of the gift bags and went up the gangway to the security officer. I gave it to him and said, "this is our gift for the Captain" and I asked if they would like us to come up on the deck or to be on the dock. He radioed an officer and they said for us to meet them on the dock. Some of them were busy with a lifeboat drill so we said that we would wait on the dock for them. Sure enough, they started to come down in groups of 2 or 3 or 4 to meet us. Gina began to minister to them in Tagalog and I followed up in English, and as a group came down to join the ones we were already talking to, we just extended our presentation to include the new ones. They were all very attentive to what we said and Gina was so excited to lead them all, in their little groups, to Christ in Tagalog. We were there for over an hour and as we left they were all on the deck waving and saying "thank you" to us for the visit. Then Gina would answer them in Tagalog. I have never seen this happen before and it was so wonderful to see these seamen so excited to receive Christ. Since there were only three who could not make it down to see us, we left gifts and ball caps for them as well. They are leaving tomorrow for Crofton, so please pray that the Lord will deepen His relationship with them through the materials that are in the gifts and through the tracts. Please pray that they will abandon religion and seek the Lord with all their heart. Praise the Lord for such a wonderful visit and His favour with the officers and crew.

Gina & Gary.

***Thank you to our missionaries who are so faithful in visiting these ships.***

## Thank You!

A very special "Thank You" to all those who continue to pray for the seafarers who enter our ports.

We thank God for His faithfulness, and we petition for His 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.

Please Pray for each seafarer who hears the gospel, and that they would grow in Christ.

Pray for our port missionaries, for their health & strength.

***"The LORD is my strength and my shield;***

***my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.***

***My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. " Ps 28:7***

