

MOORING LINES



A Tie With People Of The Sea

Tacoma Seafarers' Center

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Waterfront Statistics

Ships in Port	90
Ships Served	50
Seafarers Receiving Ministry	375
Seafarer Chapel Services	2

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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

Keep Alert to Jesus' Perspective

"Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat."

But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat."

And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?" But He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish."

Mark 6:36-38

After a long day, the disciples wanted Jesus to send all the people away. But, Jesus had a different perspective. He did not want to send them away. He wanted to feed 5,000 of them.



We can have one perspective about the seafarers, but we should always consider what more Jesus wants us to do to reach them. These seafarers fed themselves but we gave them food for the soul on the way back to their ship. Pray we give a spiritual buffet for all to eat and so see a harvest.

Chaplain Paul Peterson

Corona and the Cross Perspective

Corona is front and center in the world news. It affects the number of seafarers we meet and the things we do for the seafarers. One ship requested us to find 150 masks and hunting for them was more than a three day project.



For awhile some shipping companies restricted the seafarers. They were told they must stay on board, so no shore leave was granted. Then one day we got our first seafarers from across the street and they came prepared with their masks.



We are happy now because we can tell the message of the cross and Christ to more Chinese and others who have fear of the future in their hearts. Pray for more contact with them.

Perspective on Masks

People want our volunteers to wear masks on board.

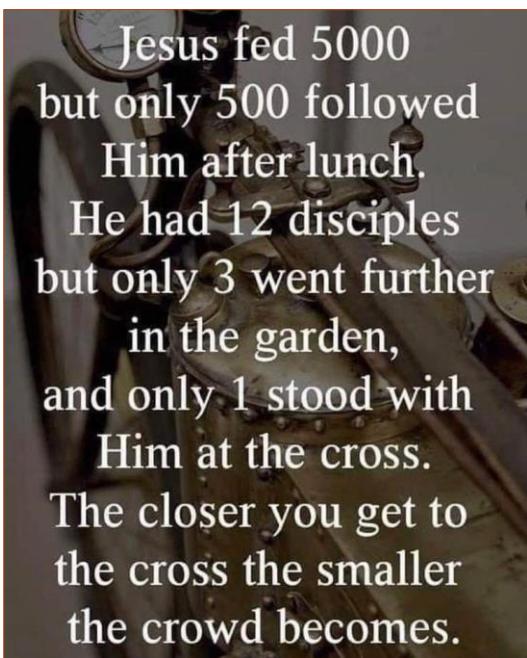


But, I got them a different mask, but they don't use it.



Holy Week Perspective

As the first "Holy Week" progressed from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, sadly fewer and fewer people followed Jesus.



Then things changed after Easter Sunday. Pray more and more seafarers will follow Jesus as the Gospel spreads through us.

Perspective on Cleaning

Repeatedly we hear advice to cleanse our hands over and over again. The focus is only on the outside of the body.



This seafarer has the correct perspective, which is to cleanse the outside with soap and the inside with the Word of God. Pray we will give away more "soap" for the seafarers' souls.

The Perspective of the Promises of God

Those ministering to seafarers and the seafarers themselves need to be reassured from time to time of the promises of God and see life and ministry in that perspective. Pray for us.

