



MOORING LINES

A Tie With People Of The Sea

Tacoma Seafarers' Center

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Waterfront Statistics

Ships in Port	60
Ships Served	52
Seafarers Receiving Ministry	575
Seafarer Chapel Services	3

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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

The Source of the Season

“John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.” Mark 1:6-7

John spread the message that Jesus had come. He did it in his own unique way. He dressed different than we do and he had a different diet. He did it in the desert. John, a humble preacher, proclaimed that one more powerful would soon come on the scene.

Jesus, the Christ of Christmas, is the powerful one who came. Jesus our Savior is the source of this season.



We are not in the desert but on the waterfront. But, we have the same message as John the Baptist; for the seafarers. Pray for us as we share humbly to them the real reason for the season.

May we all pass on this same news of this Source for the Christmas season to those we see.

Chaplain Paul Peterson

Slow Down Good for the Soul

All the ports on the West Coast have slowed down their operations; loading and unloading the ships. The Longshoremen have been working without a contract for over 4 months. So, in order to put pressure on the negotiation process for a new contract there has been a slow down.

This creates a mess in the port with trucks backed up for 2 miles. Ships are sitting at anchor waiting for berthing spots. Instead of 5 ships for us to take care of at a time; it is now 10. Instead of ships staying in port for 1 day, they stay for 3 days or 1 week.

This is bad for many small businesses that are waiting for their products. But, **good for the soul.**



Ships which are not normally here on Sunday, are here. On back-to-back Sundays we were able to take Chinese seafarers to a Chinese church.



Christmas Gifts Project

As of Thanksgiving we have given out **500** Christmas boxes. We are well on our way to our goal to give gifts to all our global guests this season.



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Christmas Gifts Abound

We are so thankful this year because there has been an outpouring of love for seafarers through the Christmas gifts; and we can pass on the blessings.



New churches have given this year. Old churches have given more than last year. Thrivent and Foresters Insurance companies have been generous.

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Warm Hearts and Heads

We warm the hearts of the seafarers throughout the season through our service and sharing. Thank you very much to those who knit hats for seafarers to keep their heads warm.



The seafarers are truly grateful that we can meet this need for them because they sail in cold waters.

Cookies for Christmas

The seafarers appreciate the free cookies we have. Thank you for your cookies; especially homemade and especially peanut butter and chocolate chip.

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These calories aid in our cordiality at Christmas and throughout the course of the year. We are not counting the calories. Keep them coming.