

Magellan. That week the Bible study group was supposed to read the Book of Jude. Amazingly Graham, a firefighter, had prepared a message from the Book of Jude without knowing this!



Another day I had two helpers, Tristan and Joe from Northern Ireland. We visited four ships, a container, an oil tanker, a bulk ship and a cruise liner. Many seamen from the Philippines, the Netherlands, Russia, Lithuania, Poland, Nepal and India received Bibles and various presents such

as woolly hats, toiletries, etc after worship services. They were a great encouragement to them when they shared Bible messages, praying for them and becoming a friend to them.



I still have six weekly Bible study groups in different ships. When I heard two ships started to have fellowship by themselves every week, I praised the Lord for growing in faith through reading the Bible. Please pray that Jesus may be full in them as they meet Him through reading the Bible and

living according to what the Holy Spirit teaches them to do.

My family was invited on board the Crown Princess Cruise Liner in August. We met a Filipino crew member, Philip who ministers to a church on board the ship. We gave him 21 Bibles as he needed them for his church members. Please pray for him that the Lord will give him power and strength to serve Him and His church on board.

I would like to praise the Lord for His work among the seafarers who experienced His restoring power and His salvation. I also praise Him for the weekly Bible study groups in different ships and His provision through many of His people.



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The Promise of the Father

"...(He) commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father,..." Acts 1:4

Dear Friends,

Around Christmas time many seamen want to go ashore to feel Christmas atmosphere missing their family. They tell me there are so many presents in their mind for their family, especially their children. Sometimes some of them buy Christmas gifts and keep them till they finish their long contract and go home. Imagine how frustrated the family and children would be in waiting for those who will bring their gifts for them. Jesus commanded his followers not to leave Jerusalem until they received the gift of God, which is the Holy Spirit. From the time He died and rose again, over a period of forty days Jesus had appeared to them to show that He was alive and teach more about God's Kingdom. According to 1 Corinthians 15: 6 Jesus appeared to above five hundred brothers and sisters at the same time. However, only about a hundred and twenty stayed in Jerusalem praying for the gift of God. Finally on the day of Pentecost they received the Holy Spirit and the church, that is, the Body of Jesus Christ was born. Through the work of the Holy Spirit His believers become parts of the Body and are kept connected to Jesus. Sometimes I wonder what happened to the three hundred and eighty believers who didn't receive the gift of God on the day of Pentecost. Jesus wants to give us all the gift of God. Because of this, I cannot help sharing the Gospel and His love with seamen so that His love may convict them to repent and believe in Him, become part of the Body and grow in His grace. I hope and pray that this Christmas time you may know God the Father has a good gift for you, which is the Holy Spirit as you ask him.

This summer I visited many cruise liners. One of them was Norwegian Spirit where I met Peter (2nd person from the right) who is a leader of a Christian fellowship group on board. He told me he would love to join a weekly Bible study. So we went to Arx, there to have a Bible study with a cook for two hours



(all Bible study group members were working at that time). During fellowship, Peter was so encouraged by God's Word and kept wiping the tears from his face because he was moved by His Word. I got a message from him the next day saying, "I am so blessed to meet a brother like you. Praise God for

this day!!" Please pray for Peter and his fellowship group.



In another cruise liner, Magellan, I was able to have fellowship with many Christian crew members who wanted to talk about their life situations and spiritual growth. One of them, John (1st person from the left) told me his 81 year old mother has been suffering from heart disease. He burst into tears

when we prayed together for his mother. He spent one hour with me expecting encouragement from God's Word. We read together Psalm 91:14-16. John said, "Today is my 45th birthday. Thanks for the special presents," when he received a Bible and a cross as well as the encouraging the Bible verses. Please pray for him and his mother.



I was shocked to hear from James (person beside me) in Werra, a small bulk ship that he has never met a person like me who visits ships giving out presents to seamen and sharing the Gospel message on board. His Polish captain and other crew members enjoyed time together when they

listened to God's Word and they felt uplifted when we prayed. When I was about to leave the dock yard, James came to me and said that he thanked me for my visit and the paper cross illustration.



"Laughter is very important for a good relationship," said Andrew who is a 62 year old Latvian captain at an oil tanker with 24 Russian, Ukrainiam, Latvian and Lithuanian seamen when I gave out Russian Bibles, Russian Calanders, woolly hats, soft toys etc.

He spent three hours talking about his hard life since 1991 when the country became independent from USSR. I prayed for him and later I took him to the city centre to have more time helping him to shop. He is worried about his future after his retirement in 2 years because he doesn't have a pension. Please pray for seamen like Andrew who are worried about their future.

When I led a worship service on board a bulk ship, Matthew (2nd person on the left) who is a cadet told me it was his first ship to work as a seaman and was encouraged to hear about Jesus. He often misses his two young sons. When we prayed together for his family, he had peace and confidence that Jesus cares for his family. Please pray for him as he is away from his family for the first time this Christmas.



It was raining so much when an oil tanker arrived in dock in October. 10 Irish dock workers and fire wardens could not work outside and stayed in a fire warden hut. Most of them recognized me and greeted me warmly. I didn't want to lose an opportunity to share the Gospel with them! Amazingly they listened to me and some of them asked me for a bible, a woolly hat and a small cross. One of them kindly helped me by carrying bags for seamen to the ship when its gangway eventually came down.

When I visited a container ship, the Filipino and Ethiopian crew members welcomed me. They waited for more crew members to have a worship service. We had encouraging fellowship after the service. Thomas (person on the right) said that he sometimes feels sad when his 10 month old son didn't recognize him as his father on video calls. He was happy to receive some soft toys for his son.



I had quite a number of mission teams from various churches in recent months. I would like to give a sincere thanks to all the helpers who were a great encouragement to many seamen as well as me. One group of helpers, Ian, Stephen, Sidney and Graham, visited the ships, a container, Samskip Endeavour for a weekly Bible study and a cruise liner,

