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Dear Praying Friends,
Welcome to the second half of 2019. Can I start by thanking you all for your support over the last six months since we last put out an update. We have seen the Lord open doors for us as we have visited the crews on board the ships.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the staff at SCFS Head Office in Dundonald. Please continue to pray for new staff to help in the Office. If you can help, please contact me or Head office directly.

Pray for folks with admin skills as well as others to help on the Council.

Former Port Missionary Called Home.

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that my predecessor **Mr David Knox**, who was the first Port Missionary in Belfast for the Society was called home to be with his Lord back in March.

We are going to purchase Bibles in his memory which will show that he served SCFS as Port Missionary and Council member for over forty years.

Please continue to remember his wife Maye in your prayers.

New Cruise Ship Season.

Well the new season is now well underway with 14 visits already taken place

The season started with gaining permission to visit three sister

ships of a company that had been hard to reach.

The first ship was the **MV Astoria**. On this visit I was had **Mr. John Lowry the Society's Project Manager**, with me. We had a few good conversations with the crew and one man asked for a large print Russian Bible, also another crew member asked for a Spanish Bible.

On board a sister ship the **MV Magellan** it was encouraging to see 3 Spanish, 2 Russian, 5 NIV and 6KJV Bibles being requested. A large print Spanish Bible has been requested by a crew member to give to his Pastor in his village when he returns home.

It was on the **MV Marco Polo**



that I was taken by surprise. Yes the literature was being taken and especially Russian material. One lady a cook on board asked for a Russian Children's Bible for her grandson who was 8 years old. Another man asked one for his daughter who is 4 years old. These have been purchased and given to them. I left this ship recently with another

crew member seeking a Children's Bible for next year.



I had the wonderful privilege of being invited to visit the crew of a ship that usually visits Belfast but on this occasion they would be anchored off Portrush. This meant being taken by "Zodiac craft" from the harbour to the ship. The crew really appreciated the fact that I came to visit them.

Communication Home.

Thank you to the **MNWB UK and the ITF**, for the opportunity to be part of a pilot scheme they are running in helping crew members make use of the internet to contact home. It has been good to see the crew use it and on some of the ships twenty crew have been using it at a time. These gentlemen are showing their wives the table of books and Bibles.





Life is a wonderful gift
from the Lord. We
honour Him when we
take pleasure both in
His daily blessings and
in meaningful service.
Our Daily Bread.
1st January 2019

One lady taken to church.

It is always a pleasure to be able to take crew members to church. Christine had asked Colin Jenkins in Cork if he would contact me to take her to church. It was good to hear about her life and how that whenever she can she likes to get to a church on shore.



Indian Seafarer Owns His First Bible

One Indian crew member was so pleased to be allowed to take a Bible. He told me as he left that this was a very special day for him as this was his first ever Bible to own.

Please pray for the seed that has been sown on board these ships that it will bear fruit for the Saviour.

Thank you for your continued partnership during this time.

Yours in the Master's Service,

Samuel and Pauline Cowan

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PRAYER POINTS AND DATES FOR DIARIES.

Please pray for:

The Children's Bibles being taken back to Russia.

Pray for the lonely Christian seafarers.

Remember the Indian seafarer who has his first ever Bible.

Continue to remember Mrs Maye Knox as she adjusts to life without David.

Continue to remember the Council and the office staff as they continue to sort things out for the future.

Here is a list of some of the Churches I will be visiting. If you would like to know about having a visit to your Church please contact Pauline or myself for details. A diary is also kept at home.

June:

1st-2nd Sea Bangor Festival with Port Welfare Committee.

5th: 8.00pm Ballynahinch Congregational Church.

9th 9.45am Helen's Bay Presbyterian Church.

11.30am Helen's Bay Presbyterian Church.

16th. 11.30am Orangefield Baptist Church.

30th 8.00pm Lisnafallen Mission Hall.

July:

6th-12th. Keswick @ Portstewart.

14th. 7.00pm Killaughey Mission Hall.

28th. 6.30pm Culcavey Gospel Hall.

August:

10th. Seafood Festival Portavogie with Port Welfare Committee.

24th-30th. Bangor Worldwide Convention.

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