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Newsletter Ports Terneuzen-Ghent, 2021

Dear friends,

In this newsletter I want to tell you about my blessings, the progress and the encouragement I received in my port missionary work during Christmas time. I hope that you enjoy reading my newsletter and that you are encouraged by it too. Please feel free to share this newsletter with anyone you know who would be interested to help my port missionary work.

Christmas gifts



On a farm in an open shed we could wrap the Christmas gifts. Last year we had some help from the youth club of our church but this year with Corona and the restrictions this was not possible. I am very grateful that I could have the financial support to buy the gifts. After some laps I had a well stocked car with Christmas gifts for my seafarers.

I want to say thank you to all the people who supported me with their donations as well those who helped me with packing them. I am surprised

by the enormous involvement of so many people!

Picture and e-mail

On a ship, the master (the captain) came out of the ship to me. He apologized and said: 'thank you for the Christmas gifts but you are not allowed to enter the ship.' I was happy that the crew could get their Christmas gifts but the captain and Corona made it for me not possible to talk, to read the Christmas story and to pray with his crew. Instead, the captain made me hand over my phone to him and he would take a picture as a thank you. Afterwards I received this photo and this e-mail from the captain.

*Good afternoon,
On behalf of the Officers and Crew
MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW
YEAR to all and to your families!!!
Many thanks to the gift we receive today.
We truly appreciate it.
Stay safe and more blessings!*



As I walked down the gangway, several seafarers still called after me, 'Merry Christmas, Happy New Year pastor. God bless you pastor!' Nice isn't it! My prayer for these sailors is that God's Word will touch their hearts with the greatest gift all time, Jesus.

Not welcome

On a ship, the captain did not allow me to give the christmas gifts to his men. 'No', said the captain gruffly, beckoning me away. So I was not welcome. The men had a hard time with it. But the captain and the owner of the ship are in charge and they make the rules. So I had to say good bye and walked to my car. In the car I prayed for the crew, the captain and their families. That moment has affected me enormously.

Seafarer Magno



I met seafarer Magno on a ship in Port Terneuzen. He told me that he started a Bible study course which he received through a shipvisit from a christian pastor in Port Hamburg. But Magno was unable to keep up with the Bible study because of his work. He apologized for that. I encouraged Magno to start the Bible course again. I suggested we should send the pastor (br. Volker) in Hamburg a photo of him and me. Magno loved that. After a prayer and the photo, he

left again as suddenly as he came.

Would you like to thank for ...

- the many ladies who knit hats and scarfs for my seafarers;
- the many seafarers who were not at home for Christmas and New Year's Eve

Would you like to pray for...

- the captain who said gruffly no the Christmas gifts and for the sefarers who were sad
- Magno that he will resume his Bible study course
- the seafarers with whom I could talk about the Lord Jesus.

Thank you

I would like to thank you all for your help over the past year. It is through your prayers, the gifts and the encouraging cards that I know that I do my port missionary work not alone. I sincerely wish you God's blessing in this new year, also on behalf of my wife Tonja and our daughter Hannah!

Alexander

Yesterday, God helped me. Today, He did the same. How long will this continue? Forever – Praise His Name! (Hebrews 13: 8)