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## Newsletter 06- 2021

Dear Christian Friends,  
In the past few months I had some wonderful encounters and I want to share these with you.  
In everything I can wholeheartedly say 'to God all the glory!'

### Easter

At Easter I climbed the ships with Gospels and Easter eggs. The seafarers I met were happy with my visits. Several Christian seafarers said: 'thank you pastor for reminding us of Easter. We 're just too busy'. Others said: 'My Saviour died for my sins and He lives!' There were also



seafarers for whom Easter said nothing. For me this was also an opportunity to reach out for them as our Lord did for us. I had some blessed conversations with seafarers from Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria and Poland. That surprised me, because these seafarers are usually not very talkative. I was able to explain the Easter gospel to Chinese seamen in both my ports. Those friendly seamen were open to the Gospel.

### Brother Paul from Myanmar

On one evening I received a call from a seafarer @my port. He wanted to speak to a pastor. Reason: to pray with him. With Bibles, Christian literature and woolly hats I visited his ship. Over a cup of tea we talked about his country Myanmar but that was not his and my goal. During our talk I felt we were both spiritually searching in what is our common spiritual ground. The common ground was soon found in Jesus and the Bible is God's infallible Word! How wonderful it is to meet a Christian brother who comes from the other side of the world. After the mutual spiritual scanning the request for prayer came again from br. Paul. We could pray for his home, his family, for his brother who was a pastor and for a missionary he supported with his income. My respect grew when br. Paul listed up his prayer points. After our prayer time I also had some nice talks with the other seafarers on his ship.



How great is our God that I not only could encourage Paul with prayer, but also help and encourage his colleagues with Bibles and hats.

### **Spontaneous support**

Recently I received on two different ways help.

- A local church sent me an e-mail if they could help me. My answer was 'Yes please. Could you help me to get Russian and Ukrainian Bibles?' With their help I could buy some beautiful Bibles.
- From a brother and sister I received a box with patience games and sweets for my seafarers.

Over the past few months I had to think a lot about a Bible story you can find in 1 Kings 17. It is a story about Elijah and the widow of Zarepath. The widow her flour and oil did not ran out. Our God provided for the widow and so He did for my port ministry. To God all the glory!

### **Would you like to thank God for..**

- the many blessed encounters with Easter;
- the spontaneous support

### **Would you pray for..**

- the Chinese seafarers to whom I was able to tell the Easter Gospel. Pray that they become more interested and curious about our Lord Jesus Christ;
- brother Paul, that he may to get to know other Christians in other ports to pray with, that Paul also may be a person who show his non-Christians colleagues to Christ;
- the seamen, that they come to know Jesus Christ or be strengthened in their Christian faith.

### **Thank you**

Through this newsletter I also want to say thank you for your prayers, donations and support.

God bless you. In Christ.

