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## Newsletter 1- 2022

***'Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever'*** (Psalm 118: 29)

Dear Christian Friends,

During Christmas and New Year I had some wonderful encounters with seafarers which I want to share with you.

### **Bringing hope and change during Christmas**



The seafarers I could meet during Christmas welcomed me with a smile. They could share their faith with me and also talk about what they are used to do during Christmas time at home.

During all shipvisits I could not just give away these wonderful Christmas gifts but I also had the opportunity to pray and read the Christmas story. It was good to remind the seafarers, in their busy work environment, that God loves them and He does not

forget them. Many hearts were touched.

### **A gift**

During a shipvisit I met a Philippine seafarer with a beautiful t-shirt. For me meeting him was a God given gift. Mostly you pray when you meet seafarers for an opening to talk about the gospel but when I saw his t-shirt the bridge was easily made. My new brother with the name of an angel (which you can find in Luke 1: 26-38), said his wife had given him this t-shirt as a present. I had the opportunity to talk about Christmas and the annunciation in Luke's gospel where he could find his name. Our talk encouraged us both. We both could say thank you Lord for this God given opportunity. 'Our Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods' (Ps. 95: 1-3).



## Russian seafarers



On an oiltanker I met some Russian seafarers. These women and men were touched when I brought them my last Christmas gifts. Two of the seafarers were women working in the kitchen.

I am grateful that I could visit them and thankful for every blessing God has given me in my shipvisits during Christmas and New Year.

I pray that my new friends will also accept God's free gift of salvation **Jesus Christ**.

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

- God's love, which endures forever;
- the many blessed encounters during Christmas and New Year;
- the brothers and sisters who supported and helped me with the Christmas parcels.

### Would you pray for..

- the Russian, Phillipine, Dutch, Indian seafarers to whom I could give many Christmas parcels. Pray that the Holy Spirit will make room for Jesus in their hearts. That they find some time in their busy life to step out of the traffic;
- a Phillipine brother, that he will find the same love for Jesus as His wife already has for Jesus, also that he becomes a 'strong man from God' for other seafarers.

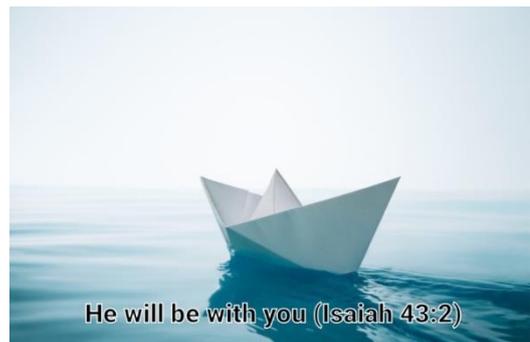
### Thank you

Thank you for all your prayers, support and love.

May God's blessings pour upon you and grant you a prosperous and healthy new year.

In His service.

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He will be with you (Isaiah 43:2)