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"You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."
(Jeremiah 1: 12)

Dear Christian Seafarer Friends,

During Easter it was good to do shipvisits. The seafarers deeply appreciated the small gifts, the tracts and the Bibles they received. They liked the attention and that I reminded them that 'Jesus is risen!' All encounters gave rise to joy, encouragement and serious talks about faith. I believe that our Lord Himself will take care of His Word that was sown during and after these Easter shipvisits. Maybe it will take time but there is the promise in the Bible that His Word shall prosper in the thing 'I sent it' says the Lord in Isaiah 55: 10-13. I enjoyed those visits and I want to share some pictures and stories with you.

Working far away from home



Seafarers mostly stay four, six or even nine months on a ship. Their working environment is also the place where they live. There is no leaving behind. I can really tell you that is amazing when you are welcomed in that place with hospitality, kindness and friendship. It is wonderful to have with seafarers conversations about their faith and family life.

In the port and on a ship it is always busy.



In a busy port a port chaplain can not expect during shipvisits that seafarers will stop working.

But when seafarers have time, they bring smiles and gratitude.



You can learn a lot from them for example being grateful to have a job in order to take care of their family.

A new friend

On a Turkish ship I met a seafarer who was kind to me. He knew already some things about Jesus. He invited me to a Turkish tea. I could give him my Easter gifts. After a good conversation I could give him also a Turkish New Testament. I hope and pray my new friend will read his New Testament so God will guide him through His Holy Spirit to our Lord Jesus.



Would you like to thank God for..

- the many blessed encounters during my Easter shipvisits;
- His Savior (John 3: 16), for His Word. It still speaks to us today (Hebr. 4: 12; 2 Tim. 3: 16);
- my new storage where I can put my material.

Would you pray for..

- Russian and Ukrainian seafarers, that the atmosphere on their vessels remain friendly and peaceful. That the given Bibles may bring them to Jesus;
- a Turkish seafarer, that he will find Jesus through reading his Turkish New Testament. May the Holy Spirit guide him into all God's truth;
- me, that I will be a blessing to the crews who visit Port Terneuzen-Ghent.

Thank you

Thank you and God bless you for all your prayers, support and love.

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