

“Friends of the Seafarers”

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January was a busy month for the Tampa Seafarers Center. 83 International ships were visited giving us the opportunity to distribute Bibles, Gospel tracts, Jesus Films, and Christian literature to thousands of Seafarers that visited Tampa in January. Most importantly it gave us the opportunity to present the Gospel message and as a result of that **40 Seafarers from all over the world accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior!!!** Those 40 Seafarers were from the following countries: Haiti, Phillipines, Chile, Panama, Indonesia and Vietnam.

RTTB and The Crossing Church team up to help the Seafarers.

A huge blessing we received in January was brought to us in a partnership between Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay (RTTB) and The Crossing Church. These two kingdom minded organizations teamed up on January 19th to clean the interior and paint the exterior of the Seafarers Center. We would like to say a special thank you to RTTB and also to Pastor Greg Dumas and Norris Brown, Director of Missions, for the Crossing Church. We appreciate so much what these great folks did for us. We have already received many comments on how great the building looks.

Tampa Seafarers Center adds a Chaplain to it's staff.

We are happy to report that on January 1, 2012 Steve Finnesy joined the staff of the Tampa Seafarers Center as a full time Chaplain. Steve is a member of Idlewild Baptist Church here in Tampa.

If you would prefer to receive our email version of the “Friends of the Seafarers” newsletter please visit our website and sign up for our email newsletter at www.tampaseafarerscenter.com

Volunteer Opportunities

If you're interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact us. We'd love to talk with you about how you can use your spiritual gifts and talents to meet the needs of Seafarers visiting the Tampa Seafarers Center. God has called each of us to partner with Him in reaching the world for Christ. The world comes to The Port of Tampa — we need people who will join us in meeting them when they are here.

Dispatchers/Hosts/Hostesses—

Answer the phones and arrange transportation for seafarers and greet visitors to the center and make them feel welcome.

Van Drivers—Provide transportation from the ship to ministry center and/or shopping venues.

Ship Visitors—Visit onboard ships to take Christian literature, Bibles, magazines, Jesus Film DVDs, and present the Gospel. Ship visiting can be done in the mornings, afternoons, evenings, and on weekends. A TWIC card is required.

Prayer Partners—God moves through the prayers of His people. We are in need of people who will commit to praying for Tampa Port Ministries on a regular basis.





