

# “Friends of the Seafarers”

Tampa Seafarers Center / Tampa Port Ministries, Inc.

## Caring for the Port Community

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February brought many blessings to the Tampa Seafarers Center. 88 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 February. Most importantly it gave us the opportunity to present the Gospel message and as a result of that **35 Seafarers from all over the world accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior!!!** The Seafarers which accepted Jesus as Savior were from Ukraine, Philippines, Ecuador, Panama and Peru. We were also able to attend the missions conference at Idlewild Baptist Church giving the ministry a lot of good exposure and making many more people aware of what we do.

### **Uncharted Courses makes a significant impact at the Seafarers Center.**

The Uncharted Courses Bible Fellowship class from Exciting Idlewild Baptist Church brought 20 Friends of the Seafarers to the Center on February 18. They handled a variety of projects including the painting of one of the largest rooms at the center, sorting and folding thousands of pieces of clothing, cleaned and alphabetized our library and detailed our van making it look like a brand new vehicle. They also donated funds as well as some Christian books and Christian music CD's. The Uncharted Courses Bible Fellowship class is part of the Idlewild Singles Ministry and is led by Earl Burgess.

### **Tampa Seafarers Center receives grant from ITF.**

We are happy to report that as the result of much prayer in February the Tampa Seafarers Center received a grant from the International Transportation Workers Federation which allowed us to purchase a second vehicle to transport Seafarers to the center and to shopping venues. We would especially like to thank Tony Sasso the ITF representative for this area for his help and contribution in securing this grant.

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](http://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.





