Caring for the Port Community

March was a month filled with activity at the Tampa Seafarers Center. We were able to visit 61 ships, distribute 48 Bibles and many Gospel tracts and other Christian literature. Through all of this God did a miraculous work and through the Holy Spirit’s prompting 53 Seafarers accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior during the month of March. We were also blessed with many new volunteers that served along with our already faithful group of volunteers. We are truly blessed with some great folks to help us out. To God be the glory!!!

The Navigators Visit Tampa Seafarers Center!

Spring break with a purpose was the mission of the Miami University Navigators group from Oxford, OH as they spent their spring break in the Tampa area. We were blessed to be one of the ministries that they chose to work with and had 12 bright young Navigators work at the Seafarers Center on March 6th. This provided the Navigators group an opportunity to take their spring break and fulfill an important purpose yet still have fun, fellowship and bonding. We are thankful to have gotten to know them and hope they will return soon!

NINTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT COMING MAY 7TH AT RIVER HILLS!!!

Be sure to mark your calendars for May 7th and be part of our 9th annual golf tournament. Come out and experience the lush tropical beauty and natural scenery of Tampa Bay that creates a grand backdrop for River Hills Country Club. River Hills has a superbly conditioned, 18 hole, par 72 Joe Lee signature golf course. Visit our website at www.TampaSeafarersCenter.org and print out the registration forms.

Prayer request: Please pray for our staff and volunteers, pray for doors to open up for us to minister on more ships especially the cruise ships of Royal Caribbean and Norwegian Cruise Lines. Please also pray for our fundraising efforts both the golf tournament and the funds for facility repairs. These are critical needs for us.

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.

We are currently raising funds for some needed repairs to the facility. We need to raise $25,000 for roof repair, termite treatment and a drop ceiling. Please pray that this need will quickly be met.

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