

# “Friends of the Seafarers”

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## Caring for the Port Community

April was a busy month filled with activity at the Tampa Seafarers Center. We were able to visit 82 ships, distributing Bibles and many Gospel tracts and other Christian literature. Through all of this God did a miraculous work and through the Holy Spirits prompting 22 Seafarers accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior during the month of April. We were also blessed to have the Uncharted Courses Bible Fellowship class from Exciting Idlewild Baptist Church come for a second service project. We were truly blessed with some great folks to help us out. To God be the glory!!!

### Seafarers Summer Softball Classic!!!

Saturday April 21st was a fun day at the Tampa Seafarers Center. We had our very first Seafarers Summer Softball Classic. Members from Grace Family Church came out to “play ball” to benefit the Seafarers Center. Pictured here is Prosun one of the chefs from the Carnival Cruise ship Paradise and he is from India. He had never played softball before and had a lot of fun playing with his new found friends from Grace Family Church. He keeps asking me when he can play ball again!!!



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



There is still time to get your team registered for the golf tournament May 7th. 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](http://www.TampaSeafarersCenter.org) and print out the registration forms.

**Prayer request:** Please pray for our staff and volunteers. Please also pray for our fundraising efforts both the golf tournament and the funds for facility repairs. These are critical needs for us. Pray for Dan and Carly Bailey at the Seafarers Center in Port Canaveral. Carly has been diagnosed with cancer so please pray for healing for her.

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.

**Fundraiser Volunteer—** Fundraising is a never ending need for us so if you have a giftedness in this area we would welcome your help.

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.







