

“Friends of the Seafarers”

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Caring for the Port Community

April was another exciting month at the Tampa Seafarers Center. We were able to visit 70 ships in April and had 55 Seafarers visit the center during the month. 16 Seafarers accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior in April!!! These 16 were from the following countries. The Philippines and India. Each month we are able to minister to approximately 1,800 crew members on cruise ships and 1,500 crew members on cargo vessels. We appreciate your prayers and support which makes all of this possible.

2nd Annual Seafarer Center Benefit Motorcycle Ride A Big Success.

On April 6th Tampa Port Ministries / Tampa Seafarers Center held the 2nd Annual Tampa Seafarers Center Benefit Motorcycle Ride. This event raises money to support the ongoing operation of the Tampa Seafarers Center and helps to raise awareness for the mission of the Seafarers Center. This year we had 23 motorcycles from all over the Tampa Bay area participate. We would like to thank our corporate sponsors: Ports America, The Tampa Bay Times, Brown & Brown Insurance, Valls Ship Agency, Fran Haasch and Bell Shoals Baptist Church. Without their support we could not have achieved what we did with this event.



MUSIC IN THE AIR!!!

Now and then we are blessed by a Seafarer that is gifted musically. That was the case when we had a crew from Chile visit the center. This was a cargo vessel that was picking up a load of fertilizer and because of the rain they were able to come to the center for some rest and relaxation. In this picture you can see Pastor Phil Nason from Causeway Baptist church along with a Chilean Seafarer playing the organ.



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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.

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 are gifted in this area we would welcome your help.