

“Friends of the Seafarers”

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Caring for the Port Community

June was an exciting month for us at the Seafarers Center. We were able to visit 45 ships in June representing a mission field of over 2600 Seafarers. 40 Seafarers accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior in June!!! These 40 were from all around the world and these countries are represented in their numbers. United States, Peru, Philippines, China, Ethiopia and India. It is truly amazing what the LORD is doing through the ministry here at the Tampa Seafarers Center. We continue to appreciate your prayers and support.

First Annual Seafarers Center Benefit Motorcycle Ride

On June 9th we held our First Annual Seafarers Center Benefit Motorcycle Ride. Although the weather looked questionable all week we still had 21 motorcycles participate in the event and praise the LORD the rain held off all day!!! Everyone had a great time and many have already committed to riding in our next event. We would like to thank all of our sponsors, supporters and volunteers for helping to make this such a success. A special thank you to the following: Yacht Starship Dining Cruises, The Fran Haasch Law Group, Harley Davidson of Brandon, Jim's Harley Davidson St. Petersburg, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, Chick-Fil-A, Tampa Port Security and Sheriff's Department, The Uncharted Courses Bible Fellowship Class from Exciting Idlewild Baptist Church, The Crossing Church and The Appollo Beach Campus of Bell Shoals Baptist Church. Without the support of these organizations and individuals our ride would not have been such a success.



One Seafarers Need

One of the encounters that stands out to all of us here at the Seafarers Center which occurred in June was one evening we had a Chinese crew at the Center. Many of the men were getting free magazines or clothing, others were relaxing and playing games in the game room. One man stood out and it was obvious that he wanted to talk. He asked us if we would pray for him because he was the only Christian on his vessel and it was difficult for him. He was so moved that when we finished praying with him tears were streaming down his cheeks. We thank the LORD that we were able to get to know and encourage this brother in Christ who became a Christian in 1992 after one of his teachers introduced him to the Savior.

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.

Fundraiser Volunteer—Fundraising is a never ending need for us so if you are gifted 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.

