

# “Friends of the Seafarers”

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## Caring for the Port Community

October was an exciting month for us at the Seafarers Center. We were able to visit 55 ships in October and had 55 Seafarers visit the center during the month. 12 Seafarers accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior in October!!! These 12 were from all around the world and these countries are represented in their numbers. Philippines and Haiti. That makes a total of 298 Seafarers that have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior so far this year. We also had our 11th Annual Anchor Ball in October and it was a lot of fun and helped us to raise some much needed funding for our continued operations here at the port. We continue to appreciate your prayers and support.

### Christmas at Sea!

Every year between Thanksgiving and Christmas we are able to deliver to the crews on the ships an individual Christmas at Sea gift. It is made up of some personal items like shampoo, shaving cream, knit hat and items they can use. We also include a Christmas card and a Gospel tract. If you would like to donate items to include in the baskets the most critical item we need is shaving cream at this time. You can also send money and designate what you would like us to purchase with it.

### Baptism Thursday!!!

On Thursday October 11 we had the honor of baptizing two Seafarers from the Carnival Cruise ship Paradise. Remy is from Haiti and Leny is from the Philippines. Both have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and have been involved in the discipleship program on board the ship. This was an exciting day for them and for us as well. It has been a blessing to see both of these grow in their relationship with the Savior and they both have a boldness about sharing their testimony with their fellow crew members on the ship.



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 are gifted in this area we would welcome your help.