

# “Friends of the Seafarers”

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## Caring for the Port Community

November was another exciting month for us at the Seafarers Center. We were able to visit 61 ships in November and had 55 Seafarers visit the center during the month. 15 Seafarers accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior in November!!! These 15 were from the following countries. Philippines, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Croatia, India and the United States. That makes a total of 313 Seafarers that have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior so far this year. We continue to appreciate your prayers and support.

### Seafarer Center Thanksgiving Luncheon!

On November 15th we had our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Seafarers Center. This is a time each year that we really appreciate the ability to tell everyone that has supported us throughout the year a real big THANK YOU!! We were blessed this year with over 170 people attending the luncheon and everyone had a fantastic time and the food was amazing. We were even able to have a couple of Seafarers with us to celebrate the day and they really enjoyed eating unfamiliar food and fellowshiping with some new people. Thanks again for your support.



### Christmas at Sea Bags

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. So far this year we have given out 185 gift bags to the Seafarers and they love it!!!

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.