

“Friends of the Seafarers”

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Caring for the Port Community

December was very busy for us at the Seafarers Center. We were able to visit 70 ships in December and had 79 Seafarers visit the center during the month. 67 Seafarers accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior in December!!! These 67 were from the following countries. Philippines, China, India and the United States. That makes a total of 380 Seafarers that have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior in 2012. We continue to appreciate your prayers and 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. This season we were able to distribute 380 Christmas at Sea Gift Bags. This project gives us the perfect opportunity to share with the Seafarers the true meaning of Christmas and tell them of the best gift in the world and that is the gift that God gives us through his Son Jesus Christ. This also gives us the perfect chance to offer a Christmas service on board their ship in which we can freely share the Gospel with an entire crew. Many such services were held this season and we want to thank all those that helped by donating items or coming to the center to pack the bags. This picture was taken after one of our on board Christmas services. The crew was grateful to be able to celebrate Jesus' birth on their ship!!!



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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.

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.