



Seamen's Christian Friend Society

World mission on our doorstep!

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. Matthew 6: 21-22

Dear friends,

The Dredger ship was deepening the river channel ('Ploughing Operations') and there was a Container ship tied up. I saw that their gangway wasn't down....only the pilot ladder... Should I ignore the ship, or walk over to check if anyone is on deck? As I neared the ship I met Rodel from the Philippines. He was painting and very pleased to see me. I bundled some hats and booklets into a woolly hat and threw them up to him. I was reminded of something I read in the TK Maxx shop "Welcome back Treasure Seekers!" Indeed, when we go to the docks we never know what treasure of seafarers the Lord will bring to us to help and encourage. I noticed a discarded lifebelt among some 'flotsam' washed up by the storm. Although the lifebelt was in the rubbish heap and seemed discarded it is still a lifesaver. Please pray that seafarers (and all of us) will cling onto Jesus during these days of Covid storm when they are more isolated than ever. Pray they may come to know the only lifesaver Jesus who alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Although access to some ships in August was limited, I had really great times on board many ships and was able to minister to 135 crew from 21 different nations. During September I have already visited 68 ships. Despite the noticeable absence of cruise ships this year, the cargo ships seem as busy as ever. I hope you enjoy reading the captions on the below photos. Thanks for all your prayers and support.

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"Welcome back Treasure Seekers!"

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Egyptian, Filipino, Ukrainian and Romanian crew were touched by the teddies, gifts and cards etc

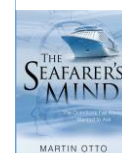


Job

البحارة ليس لهم شأن فيها على عكس باقي دول العالم .
Thanks to #seamen's #Mission #ireland 🇮🇪
SEAFARERS
A beautiful feeling when you find people appreciating your effort and work that you sacrifice a lot of things at the expense of your life and comfort..



We enjoyed a family holiday in Kerry as well as at the Giant's Causeway. Aidan is now 12 and has started Secondary School in Cork. Jenai is 9 and in 4th Class



Seafarer's Mind
book pdf
<https://bit.ly/TheSeafarersMind>

As you can see in the above photo one of the Muslim crew **Essa** (which means Jesus) wrote a lovely "thank you" post on the SCFS Facebook page for the teddies and especially the card from one of our dear supporters in N.Ireland. Essa is from Egypt and is already 5 months on board. Cork was the first place he was able to go ashore in 5 months! His baby boy was born 2 months ago in Egypt, but he is still stuck on board. I also had a really great time ministering to and praying with the Filipino crew members. **Job** described himself to me as the only Baptist on board. His wife is a Roman Catholic, but he told me that he is a backslidden Christian. Please pray for Job and his wife and daughter. In the photo Job is holding the blue teddy bear.

Can you help us by making a small gift for a seafarer for Christmas? Thanks.
Link: <http://bit.ly/SeafarerPresents> (5 or 6 items in a zip freezer bag)

Link to watch a video recorded by a friend during our holiday in N.Ireland:
<https://bit.ly/McCurdysFarm>

STORIES FROM AUGUST

Usually during October I look forward to spending 2 or 3 weeks speaking in many different church fellowships to bring a yearly update on our ministry. However, due to Covid precautions I am only able to speak at 2 or 3 meetings instead of the usual 20+ Thankfully we can keep in touch via email and other social media, Zoom calls etc.



Left: Meeting my friend of around 14 years **Selmo**. He is a cook from the Philippines. I've been witnessing to him for all these years. Sadly he still is a member of a cult in the Philippines **Iglesia ni Cristo** (an independent nontrinitarian Christian church, founded and registered by Felix Y. Manalo in 1914). He told me that his children have almost finished college, and now that he is 60 years old he plans to retire soon. It was very nice meeting him again on a small Dutch flagged General Cargo ship. Please pray for him. His full name is Anselmo.




"Thanks for the gifts and even the giant pair of underpants"



"We're just wondering which crew member they will fit!!"

Above: In the Crew Mess room I was able to spend hours ministering to the cook Harry and some other crew. Harry told me his testimony of God's help in his life recently and I shared from Psalm 107 and Luke 15. The Word for Today notes for 10th August '**Saved by Grace alone**' were really helpful for me. *"Jesus was teaching that we're saved by 'relationship', not 'rule keeping'. The older brother thought his father's acceptance depended on his performance... Your rewards in Heaven are based upon your performance on earth. But your redemption depends on Christ's performance only."* The Filipino crew were surprised at the giant pair of underpants a supporter donated, and were wondering which crew member they might fit! **The cook Harry's story:** As I shared from Luke 15 on the lost sheep, lost coin and lost son, Harry commented about 'the lost mind'. Yes, seafarers these days can feel like they are going crazy with all the restrictions (no Shore Leave, not able to go home etc., extended contracts). I spoke about the lost son recovering his mind (coming to his senses) and returning to his father. Harry said he has been given a second chance at life by God. He was on his previous ship and unexpectedly he got severe heart palpitations (220bpm). He was airlifted to a hospital in Japan. He was praying for God's help. Finally he got back to the Philippines in February, and the doctors did a long operation where they needed to *"burn something out of his heart using wires"*. Praise the Lord. The operation was successful. But amazingly had it not been for this emergency repatriation he would still have been stuck on board his previous ship! Their captain only went home in August after 1 year on board! Now, Harry had been out of touch with his mum and in fact they had broken their relationship. Sadly his mum passed away in April, but Harry and his mum had a good reconciliation with tears. If he hadn't been airlifted off the ship etc. he would have been stuck on board because of Covid, and wouldn't have seen his mum or been able to have a reconciliation. And now he has been able to get another contract on board again. Praise the Lord! I told Harry that surely '**all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.**' Romans 8:28 Please pray for Harry and his wife who have been trying to have a baby for some years now. His wife has had 2 miscarriages so far. Bottom Right pic: Crew from Peru, Philippines, Turkey, Russia, Ukraine & Lithuania.

Tip for those who read our update on a computer: You can see the pictures more clearly if you **Zoom in** (click the  button)

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Right: Their ship hit a rock during a storm and has a 2m hole below the waterline!



Thanks for all your love, prayers and support
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