



Seamen's Christian Friend Society

World mission on our doorstep!



"...to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light," Acts 26:18a

Dear friends,

In February I am usually away from my family speaking in churches all around Ireland. Last February I was able to do this, but due to the restrictions this year I had to stay home. I'm actually very happy to be able to spend more time with my dear family as well as continue ministering to the seafarers. And I've been able to hold 4 Zoom deputation meetings during February. In terms of ship ministry in February I have been able to visit 70 ships and minister directly to 480 crew. They came from 22 nations: Poland, Philippines, Russia, Turkey, India, Netherlands, Ukraine, Estonia, Spain, Italy, Sri Lanka, China, Pakistan, Britain, Ireland, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Lithuania, Croatia, Latvia and Indonesia. World Mission on our doorstep!

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Thank you so much to all those who have sent in donations for our car fund! It's been so encouraging! SCFS will buy a car for us using money from donations as well as a Grant from a Seafarers Trust (ITF). And then we are to pay back the outstanding balance within 3 years via donations coming in from our supporters. But I'm hopeful that the balance will be in before 3 years. Praise the Lord for his generous-hearted people who are partnering with us. God is good! One supporter's message really touched my heart "Dear Colin, There are some 'advantages' to the COVID restrictions, as I am unable to go to the hairdresser etc, so your car fund is benefitting!"

Below are just a few of the photos and stories from my January ship visits. I hope you enjoy reading the captions on the below photos. Thanks for all your prayers and support. God bless you!

NB. To see a photo in full size you can press or click the number to open the pic in a webpage



1 Above: Please pray for Gem who told me he believes in Shamanism or **Tengrism**. We had a long discussion and sharing over a few days. One of the Indians told me he was 14 months on board the ship, and then went home for 1 month. Now he's back on board 7 months already! He said his wife at home doesn't mind! They were overjoyed to get late Christmas presents, literature, calendars as well as food! They stayed for 1 week.

1 and **2**) It's always wonderful when individuals, or churches (especially churches in Port cities) take into their hearts the mission-field right on their own doorstep. I've been blessed by another Christian ministry here in Cork called Feed Cork. They donated some food from their Foodbank for the seafarers, and it was such a timely blessing on every ship! One ship even said that they had run out of provisions on board, and that this was just what they needed! Praise the Lord! Turkish, Indian and Georgian crew members.



3 "I lost my wife because of Covid!!" Raul, the Filipino cook in white seemed close to tears as he told me that he wasn't able to go home for over a year because of Covid. His wife took his money and left him for another man.

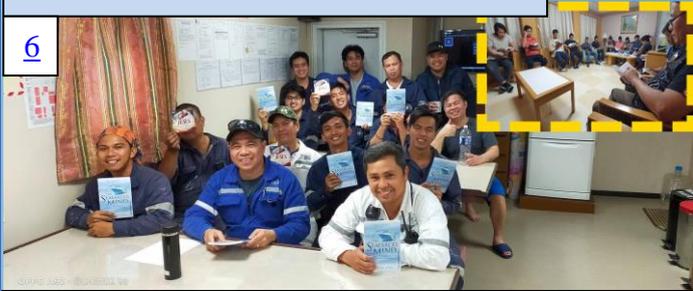
4) 7 am morning visit! Crew from India, Russia and Sri Lanka were excited by my visit and gifts for them. A few also took sim cards. They also were very interested in my paper Gospel illustration.

5) Filipinos and Italians on a car-carrier. I told them I was also looking for a new car, but none were being given away for free. Hahahaha!

Video update I made for a church:
<https://youtu.be/m3z7WRvxOoQ>

Martin Otto's new book The Seafarer's Mind.
<https://bit.ly/SCFSbooks>

STORIES FROM FEBRUARY



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6) Encouraging to see the Church on the Oceans. A Filipino friend sent us these pictures of their on-board fellowship.



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7) They crossed the Atlantic and encountered story weather. One of the Filipinos told me that on another ship during their last voyage "1 Filipino crew died and 3 were injured after being hit by waves in the stormy North Atlantic".



Jae (SCFS, Dublin) video update:
<https://youtu.be/t7bPbndPEc>

Left: A Chinese ship stayed in Port for a week. The Captain and crew were very pleased to meet me and accepted all the gifts I brought, including Christian literature and scriptures. There has been bad weather in Ireland and the UK this month and many ship schedules were interrupted. Video on board the ships: <https://youtu.be/yvX059cGsYw>



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Left: Crew from Ukraine and Belarus were happy to see me. I had to use Google translator to talk to them. The C/O is Maksim who is holding the Cross. Please pray that the words I spoke and the scriptures I left will turn their eyes **from darkness to light!** Indeed the name of their ship refers to Light. Sadly the man with red on his top told me he believes in Thor as his god!



Left: A lovely ship with 7 crew (and I think 4 nationalities) transporting logs. The Filipino captain and cook enjoyed a short time of fellowship and prayer.

Video of some of the ships I recently visited coming into Port in stormy weather: https://youtu.be/TRJ_Ccf-Mok



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9) On the first day I was able to hold a short service with them where we read the Bible, sang together and prayed. They were very grateful. On the second day I brought €100 worth of shopping from Tesco for some of the officers. Please pray for the men I ministered to.



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10) Right: At the bottom left cookie Rei is a believer and helped me during a Sunday service I was able to hold on board. He is not only "Master Chef", but also "Pastor Chef". He asked us to pray that he would have increased courage and boldness to start regular fellowship on board. Their ship has a full Filipino crew. The previous crew had spent 19 months on board because of Covid, and in the end the company decided to sail the ship to the Philippines to do a crew change! The current crew are 3 months on board. As it turns out I was actually on board this ship when it was new, back in 2012!



Above: Holding a Sunday worship service on board. Their ship stayed 5 days in Port and I visited them each day. [Video here](#)



Above: Please pray for a small coaster vessel starting their voyage to cross the Atlantic Ocean. Ship name is "Turbulence". They have been over 2 years in an abandoned kind of situation in Rotterdam! Crew are from Central and S. America. Their only way to get home after this ordeal is to attempt crossing the Atlantic Ocean in a small vessel not used to such a voyage (usually these small ships only stay around Europe). They estimate 1 month to make the crossing!

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Thanks for all your love, prayers and support

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