

# Nanaimo Lighthouse Ministries

▶ Fall 2025

## Salty Tidings Newsletter

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FOREST TRADER SHIP REPORT MAY/25 I picked Dennis up at 5:40 and we met Bill Crofton (our guest) at the security office by the Hullo ferry. After checking through security we drove to the gangway and boarded the ship. Several crew were working and later we found out that they were repairing a crane. The 3rd Officer met us and we followed him to deck security. After signing in we went to the crew mess where 4 seafarers were sitting. We introduced ourselves and began visiting with them. The 3rd Officer was talking with the captain to get permission for us to visit with the crew and he was also seeing who was available to come and hear the gospel.

Other crew members showed up and so there were 9 available to hear us. I started by introducing us and that we had an important message to share with them. I went through a brief survey about what Christianity really is (a relationship) and how God transforms us from the inside through His Holy Spirit. I touched on several topics such as: only by the shedding of blood are we forgiven our sins, only by believing in the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ do we have a new life in Christ, how being a Christian is "Christ in us," the exchanged life, and more.

Dennis then took over and shared in Tagalog with them. He talked about sin and how we all "miss the mark" using darts as an example. He also held a court of law with one seafarer being the accused and another being God, the righteous judge. He demonstrated how he, representing Jesus, could take the punishment for the guilty one. He shared much more but I can't speak Tagalog so I don't know the entire presentation. I do know that they all put up their hands to affirm that they wanted this salvation that we presented to them.

Dennis prayed for them to receive the Spirit of God and then I shared how if they are sincere in this they would now start on their journey of Sanctification. We gave each of them a Tagalog New Testament and I asked them to read the book of John to learn who Jesus is, and to read 1 John to learn how a Christian is to live. I also showed them the New Identity in Christ bookmarks and the card for our seafarer's website. Dennis then asked Bill to share a few words and pray for the crew. Bill had a good personal testimony to share with them and then prayed for them. We then thanked them all for listening to us and gave them their gifts and left the ship rejoicing at such a good visit. On the dock we had a de-brief session with Dennis to discuss his presentation since he spoke to the seafarers in Tagalog. We all three worked together tonight and everything went very well.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will minister to the seafarers through reading the materials in their gift bags.  
Grant, Dennis & Bill



### Thank You!

For your continued prayer support for this ministry. We would love to visit YOUR church. Please contact Grant.

### You are welcome to join us for the upcoming meetings:

#### Annual General Meeting

October 26th, 1 pm.  
First Baptist Church  
1650 Waddington Rd

#### Packing of Christmas gifts

Departure Bay Baptist Church, Sunday, November 2nd, 1 pm.

*Our mission is to share Christ with the seamen who visit the various ports around Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Crofton on Vancouver Island. We are a non-profit society and all of our missionaries, board members and toque knitters, (and all of the many others in churches who generously support NLM), are volunteers.*

I thank God that He has sent us to clear up the misconception about salvation to the seafarers. "Historical biblical theology [teaches that] salvation is all the work of God, . . . and this leads to security and assurance" <sup>2</sup> I remember evangelizing in the Philippines in 2012 and the people were desperate to have a bible and to hear the gospel. The thirst for God's Word was overwhelming and I remember one woman saying to me, "why doesn't my church teach me this?" She, and her daughter, both eagerly received Christ and a bible. And we see this thirst for Gods truth on the ships as well.

Sadly though, our work is slow and laborious since the seafarers must hear the gospel over and over again until the Holy Spirit reveals the truth to them and they believe. Here are some scriptures that highlight assurance of salvation: ***"even unto all the wealth of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself" Colossians 2:2b, "for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full assurance" 1 Thessalonians 1:5; "let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith" Hebrews 10:22.*** How can any of us have full assurance of salvation? By knowing the gospel, which gives security, which is the fact that "all who are forgiven are forgiven forever." <sup>2</sup> Assurance then, is "the confidence that I am one of those forgiven." <sup>2</sup> ***"The work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance." Isaiah 32:17.***

Blessing to you all, Grant Sandeman-Allen

**Our Fiscal year ended in July resulting in a \$607 deficit. Donations dropped by 41% . The good news is that donations from churches rose but were only able to cover a third of that gap. Our expenses keep rising so we are praying for an Increase in donations so that our cash flow will improve. Donations are greatly appreciated, and tax receipts will be mailed out immediately. Cheques are accepted as well as e-transfers to [nanaimolighthouse@gmail.com](mailto:nanaimolighthouse@gmail.com) Frank Sciarpelletti, Treasurer**

**YOUR APPRECIATED DONATION WILL FUND CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO ALL THE SEAFARES WE VISIT.**

*We so appreciate those of you who have stepped up to knit toques. THANK YOU!!! We can be reached (for patterns & donations) through the following ways:*

*Email: [nanaimolighthouse@gmail.com](mailto:nanaimolighthouse@gmail.com) (email transfer)*

***nanaimolighthouse.org (website)***

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**How to contact us.**



We have regular online PRAYER MEETINGS We also have PACKING parties. If you would like to join us, please contact Grant.