

# Nanaimo Lighthouse Ministries

▶ **SPRING 2026**

## Salty Tidings Newsletter

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Trying to coerce people to be kind only goes as far as they consciously work at it. We, as Christians, are filled with the Holy Spirit and don't have to work at kindness, or gratitude, because it's in our new nature via the Holy Spirit.

At Christmas time we give the seafarers toques, a toothbrush and toothpaste, a comb, granola bar, razor, bible study, New Identity in Christ bookmark, a Christmas tract, socks, Our Daily Bread devotional, and cards for our website and the Jesus film. Our mid-year gifts include the socks, granola bar, and the printed materials. The seafarers love getting toques at Christmas time. I remember hearing about one seafarer who wore a toque on each foot and one on his head when he went to bed.

Many times we receive a demonstration of kindness from the seafarers for us visiting with them. They often invite us to stay for a meal. We can also tell how well a visit went if they escort us to the deck when we're leaving.

No matter how they show it, we truly appreciate the show of gratitude from the seafarers. It's nice to know that what we do has an impact on them. **But, the main thing is that they hear the gospel of Jesus Christ;** that's why we're there and that's why we visit with them, giving them gifts.

We also, as a ministry, express our gratitude to you, our supporters, for toques, help with wrapping gifts, attending AGMs, donating sweaters and other clothing, and financial support.

Blessing to you all, Grant Sandeman-Allen (NLM President)

**If you would like to read our missionary reports, please go to [nanaimolighthouse.org](http://nanaimolighthouse.org) and then go to "ship reports."**

Presenting the seafarers with a small gift, expresses our love to them, and opens hearts to conversations. Here are the **2026** stats so far. Thank you for your prayer support.

- ⇒ 287 seafarers on the ships.
- ⇒ 15 Ships visited - 106 seafarers visited .
- ⇒ 287 Christmas gifts.
- ⇒ 36 Bags of Cobbs Bread, 16 Bibles.

To donate to help fund these gifts, you can donate by e-transfer or by mail: [nanaimolighthouse@gmail.com](mailto:nanaimolighthouse@gmail.com)  
Payable to

**Nanaimo Lighthouse Ministry**  
or NLM 5917 Tasha Place, Nanaimo  
BC V9V 1J4

Carol Camp & Marian Kamstra recently retired as Board Members of NLM. Thank you both for your many years of dedicated service. We will miss your faithfulness and wisdom . THANK YOU!!!!!!

*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.*

## Thank You Thank You Thank You!!!! to our Toque Knitters!

We so appreciate those of you who have stepped up to knit toques. **We were overwhelmed with the abundance of toques that were knitted in 2025.**

We can be reached (for patterns & donations) through the following ways:

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

[nanaimolighthouse.org](http://nanaimolighthouse.org) (website)

5917 Tasha Place, Nanaimo BC V9V 1J4

Chqs Payable to "Nanaimo Lighthouse Ministry."

Phone Grant (250-741-6229) or Paul (250-933-1125)



## Thank You!

For our prayer partners and also the financial support given to Nanaimo Lighthouse Ministry.

We would love to share at your church at a time of your convenience. We will speak at Sunday Services, Men's breakfasts, Mission gatherings...

## How to contact us.

We are thankful to all of you who have prayed for this ministry and we are thankful for each financial gift that allows us to send missionaries onto the ships. God continues to be faithful through His people.

**Port:** Harmac West

**Crew:** 23 Filipino

**Names of Ship Missionaries:** Gary & Gina Steele

**Result:** 15 gathered to hear the gospel

**Items taken on & given out:** 1 bag of gifts, 75 gospel tracts, 15 Canada pins, 15 of the 10 Commandments coins



We arrived at the ship and checked through security and then a crewman took us up to the crew mess. After introducing ourselves and unpacking our bags they invited us to have dinner with them. After dinner 15 joined us while 4 went into town. We introduced the Nanaimo Lighthouse Ministry and started sharing from the gospel of John and then from Romans. We asked them how many know that they have assurance of salvation and know they will go to heaven? Not every hand went up so we preached about being born again. As usual, Gina and I take turns sharing our testimonies, scriptures, and other stories about our Christian walk. They were all very attentive to what we said and were very glad that we came to visit them.

Afterwards we prayed for their safety, for the captain (who also attended the gospel presentation), and their loved ones back home. Afterwards, one of the seafarers came up to me and said that he remembered me and Aurora from 13 years ago. Wow, I must have made a good impression on him!

We praise God for such a good visit and ask that everyone pray for this crew to read the materials and receive counsel from the Holy Spirit regarding their salvation and Christian walk.

Report submitted by: Gary



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