



# Mission to Seafarers, Geelong Volunteer Bulletin

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## Noah's chatterbox



The Geelong Mission centre is a "home away from home" for all visiting seafarers. Every year over 7,000 seafarers come and go through the main door of our Mission. Recently, the brick floor in front of the main entrance had sunk into the ground. I filled the gaps with sand and had fun

putting back the puzzle of bricks. While I was fixing it, I prayed that this Mission Centre can continue to be a comfortable and spiritual shelter for all seafarers.

Last month, I received a sad email from a Croatian captain who has been receiving our 'Sunday Service sermon' through email every Sunday. One of his crew seamen was killed at sea. While installing the razor wire for protection against piracy at the East Africa, he accidentally slipped and fell into the sea. Even with the help of neighbouring ships, they were unable to find his body. All of his colleagues were distressed and in mourning. I forwarded his email to church members to pray for the crew members, the seaman, Ervin Bulabos Dolotina and his family. Not long after, the captain sent me another email, requesting for a memorial service program that they can follow on the ship. The ship was going back to the place where they lost their colleague. After holding the memorial service on the 19th of June, the captain sent me an email saying thank you and how much the crew appreciated our help. All of the seamen onboard felt much better after holding the service for their colleague lost at sea. Through this event, I felt the importance of our Seachurch ministry and was thankful that through it, we could spiritually support the distressed seafarers onboard that ship.

The United Nations, shipping industries and Mission to Seafarers all over the world are continually campaigning against piracy. While it is an issue thought to be of the past, it is very much a current issue and our continued prayers and concern are needed. Sea Sunday is coming soon (10th of July) and on this day we hope to particularly pray and bring awareness to the often dangerous work of seafarers.

Last Sunday, I took a service onboard M.V Panamax Applause. They welcomed me warmly and enjoyed the service with them on their ship.

The weather is getting colder, particularly in the morning and evening. I hope that you all stay warm and enjoy the winter this year.



## Seachurch YouTube Videos

Seachurch video updates (since Issue 21):

\* 'Honesty' sung by Rocky Calisora of MV Glorious Sentosa.

\* Sunday Service onboard MV Panamax Applause on June 12 2011 with 16 seafarers.

\* 'I can't find the words to say goodbye' sung by Diolito Lopez.



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## Monthly Figures

	June	May
Seafarers Attendance	780	722
Seafarers Transported	1517	1424
Bus Trips	654	774
Ships in Port	65	67
Ships served	134	126
Ships Visits	46	52
Telephone / Internet	000	000
Letters Posted	16	12
Bibles, Tapes Distributed	18	14
Shopping and Tours	372	386
Services with Seafarers	22	6
Magazines and Books	990	900

Seafarers visiting our mission — Total 4339  
Jan.2011 – May 2011 (Top 21 Nationalities)

Philippines 1801	China 682	India 583
Myanmar 216	Russia 150	Ukraine 111
Korea 104	Croatia 103	Vietnam 90
Indonesia 88	Turkey 78	Thailand 67
Poland 58	Pakistan 41	Greece 34
Rumania 28	Bulgaria 27	Australia 16
Estonia 9	Montego 7	Sri Lanka 5

# Seachurch 2011 - Email from the oceans JULY

Good Day Noah,  
I was quite surprised when I first received the Sunday service as I had not asked for it. We are a few Christians out here on ship and appreciate the Sunday service that you are sending out to the seafarers. We thank you for your time and dedication to God and the seafarers. Keep up the good work.  
Thanx & Best Regards  
Capt. Norbert F. Rebello/ Mater/M.T.  
"Kaveri Spirit"

Chaplain NOAH PARK / M/V LADY MARITE

Good day, Rym below, incldg attachment.

Appreciate very much your endeavour to reach out for us. The attached sermon is very much welcome onboard. Wishing you good health, more power GOD BLESS !!!

Brgds, The Master, Officers and Crew M/V Lady Marite



Dear Father Noah Park,  
Happy fathers day, you're the no. 1 Father of us, seafarer's, Keep up the good work.

Capt. Herbert T. Dela Cura  
Master of Torm Pacific

Respected Father,  
We are thankful to you to offer such a mass service for us seafarers who are so far on the high seas who long for such a church service especially on a Sunday. It's been so kind of you to spread the GOOD WORD of Christ which really fits us well .  
Thanking you , Yours Sincerely,  
Richard Lopes.(chief cook)  
/mv shenlong-a19

Dear Father Noah  
Once again, on behalf of my officers and crew would like to thanks for this service that give as the opportunity to take a break from our daily work routine and help us to have a moment for ourselves of appreciated spirituality and meditation. Actually, your Sunday Service has become an un-renounceable on-board event.  
With Kindest Regards  
Gaetano Lauro

Good day Fr. Park

I have received your email and the attached service and sermon notes were handed to our crew. We are very thankful to received this things from you and hope you will continue and not get tired of doing this every sunday. Many thanks for your kindness and always wishing you and the mission all the best.

God bless you too!

From the Master, Officers and Crew  
M/V Panamax Applause

## Moleta's Family of the MV Torm Antwerp

Interviewed by Harry Webb

It is very rare to have a husband and wife team visiting our centre in Geelong, but recently Remegio Moleta, the chief engineer of *M.V Torm Antwerp* brought his wife Ligaya with him.

Remegio and Ligaya have been married for over 35 years, and this has been her first time she has joined her husband on board ship. Remegio has been at sea since 1973. Together on this voyage they have been in ports of Taiwan and Australia and will sail into some Chinese ports before returning home.

Ligaya joined the ship from the Philippines on 27 April, and says that "it is just nice being together" ... It would be nice to be together all the time." She has been fascinated with the variety of meals on board the ship, stating that she only has simple meals at home. Ligaya has spent time watching the cook on board, asking about the seasoning ingredients, and various recipes. She has been particularly interested in some of the Japanese meals. An early introduction to sea life occurred when the ship went through a typhoon and she experienced seasickness.

Ligaya said that when she looks at her husband's work she feels proud at the sacrifices he makes on behalf of the family. She has a family of 4 at home. She added that his work is very skillful and he works very hard. She pointed out that there is very limited freedom on board, and that her husband is on-call 24 hours a day. But then, Ligaya says that it is really nice calling in on different ports. She reckons that the shops in Melbourne are very expensive, and doesn't like our cold weather.

One thing that Remegio and Ligaya agree on very much is how helpful the staff at the Mission are! Remegio stated the people at the Mission have good hearts!

(Harry Webb and Ligaya & Remegio Moleta of the MV Torm Antwerp)



# MANILA MISSION PROJECT

## An Extension of our Seachurch outreach ministry...

As a part of Seachurch ministry, we are planning for some volunteers to participate in the mission trip with me, where we will go and meet seafarers. A program is shown below with a brief schedule that we will be following while in Manila, Philippines. (There may be changes to this program)

If you are interested in being a part of the mission team going to Manila, please inform Noah before 15 Aug.2011.

Please keep praying for the preparations for our Mission!

### Program in Manila, Philippines:

- 1 Nov. — Arrival/Orientation
- 2 Nov. — Meet seafarers at the Luneta Park
- 3 Nov. — Visit Union, Maritime college, Mission Centres
- 4 Nov. — Luneta Park and Manila Bay
- 5 Nov. — Conclusion/Departure



## Photo section



*(Young Filipino seafarer only 19 years of age!!)*



*(Russian seafarer finally happy to clear his worries about his health, after seeing the local doctor)*



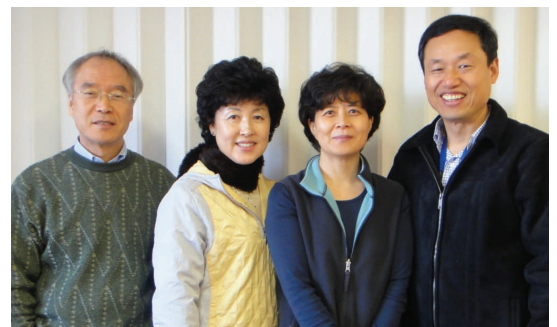
*(Installation of drums and razor wire for protection against pirates of M/V Aristus 2)*



*(BIG Thank you to Pam & Barry Palmer for their generous donation of 18 English Bibles)*



*(Captain Michael Barton and crew from M/T Tandara Spirit gave us special gifts)*



*(Rev. Dr. Sangkyu Lee and his wife visited us from Korea! They were our match-makers. With the Korean Presbyterian Church, we began the Korean seafarers' ministry in Melbourne, 1989)*

## Bible passage of the month!



**“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)**

## Prayer Lists...



- \* Safety of seafarers while sailing, from natural disasters and piracy attacks.
- \* Preparations of our Philippines mission trip.
- \* We pray for the health and recovery of Joyce S., Glynis R. and Val G.
- \* We pray for Harry W. and David W. who are traveling overseas — a safe and enjoyable trip.
- \* We pray for our seachurch ministry to reach seafarers by email and Youtube with Good News.

## Sea Sunday!

**SEA**  
SUNDAY  
July 10 2011

Come celebrate and remember the work of seafarers on this special day!

\*Sea Sunday service at St.Andrew’s Anglican Church, Corio @ 10am.

\*Sea Sunday service at St.Paul’s Anglican Church, LaTrobe terrace @ 4.30pm.  
Please join us for a Volunteers’ BBQ after the service.

*\*Many thanks to Dereck for speaking about our MTS ministry to local churches last month.*

## Notices



\*MTS National Conference in Tasmania (17-22 October).

- \* We require second-hand items in good order for use by our seafarers - Clothes, Mobile phone, Laptop.
- \* Bus Service— we need volunteer bus drivers to help us with the shuttle service.



**Happy Birthday to Val G.(10th), Lynne (13th) and Neil R.(29th)**



## Volunteer Roster for July 2011



If you can lend an extra hand on any day please contact Noah!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Noah Sandy & Tom	2 Noah John
3 Noah Sandy & Tom	4 Bill Michael Stephanie	5 Bill Lynne Terry	6 Bill Neil R.	7Bill, Dereck Graham	8 Bill Ann & Rob	9 Bill John
10 Noah John	11 Noah Michael	12 Noah Lynne Robert N.	13 <b>H. meeting</b> David G. Amber, Greg	14 Bill, Robert N.	15 Noah David G.	16 Noah John
17 Noah John	18 Noah Michael Stephanie	19 Noah Lynne Terry	20 Noah David G. Amber	21 Bill, Betty, Nan Graham	22 <b>Ladies Aux.</b> Noah Ken	23 Noah John
24 Bill John	25 Noah Michael	26 Noah Lynne Robert N.	27 Noah Neil T.	28 Bill, Betty, Nan Graham	29 Noah	30 Noah John