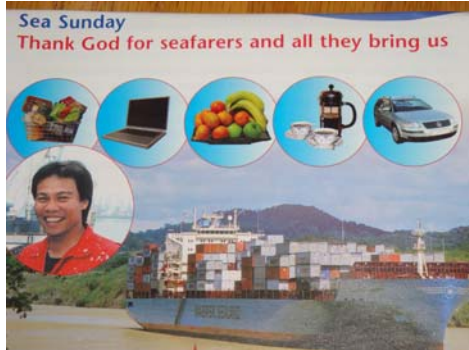


MISSION TO SEAFARERS - PORT OF HAMILTON

Reference: SEA SUNDAY - September 26th. 2010

We all depend on Seafarers to bring us our daily needs such as raw materials, food and many other goods as well as the shipping of our exports. On Sea Sunday we are asked to remember and pray for them and to thank God for their contribution to our own lives, and to the prosperity of our country.



Seafaring is an occupation that is no less dangerous and challenging than it ever was but now has to face issues of loneliness with smaller crews, piracy, isolation resulting from rapid turnarounds due to quicker cargo handling techniques, as well as pressures of security at the ports and the difficulties of keeping in touch with families and loved ones.

The Mission located in the Port of Hamilton provides friendship, hospitality, and a place where they can easily contact their families and friends using the phone or internet. They can also relax, have a coffee, play pool, etc. and if requested arrangements can be

made for volunteer drivers to take them in the Mission's van to Niagara Falls and/or to the local shopping malls.

As of the beginning of August, 43 international ships with a total crew of 822 and 673 (82%) have visited the Mission and used the services mentioned above and usually the Mission is busier in the Fall. The Mission is open from 12 noon until 7.00pm during the shipping season by an hostess and from 7.00pm to 10.00pm by volunteers. The Mission's Chaplain not only services the Port of Hamilton but also Nanticoke, Clarkson, Bronte, Thorold and the Welland Canal.

Although the Mission is part of a world wide organization, it has to operate on its own, relying upon volunteers and financial support from donations.

This, therefore, is a request for a donation from your church or any member of your congregation and it can be sent to The Mission to Seafarers, Group 12, 600 Ferguson St., North, Hamilton, ON. L8L 4R4

The Mission is a Registered Charitable Organization and a tax receipt will be sent to any person that makes a donation.

A service will be held on Sea Sunday, 26th. September at the Mission at 3pm. followed by refreshments. The Mission is located in the Port of Hamilton - Pier 10 Wellington St. Dock building that is behind the old Lakefront brewery and to the right.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the churches that responded to last years request for donations.