

# The Anchor



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## **I Remember You!**

*Norman Mangum*

A couple of months ago, I was asked by one of the other chaplains to take some Best Buy ads to a ship in New Orleans East. The crew was from Russia. I, along with two of my regular volunteers, went with about thirty ads to distribute among the crew. We went onboard and were greeted by a group of men, and I told them what we were there for. When they heard the words "Best Buy," they seemed to come out of the wood work. They were looking and talking amongst themselves and casually glancing our way once in a while. Finally one of the men started asking me about the metal detectors on sale. I wondered why a man who spends eight to ten months on a steel boat would want a metal detector. But, he insisted that he wanted to buy one.

After several minutes had passed and I had tried to answer every question they

asked, one of the gentlemen looked at me and stated, "I remember you." I looked at him and was trying to process just who he was. I could not for the life of me remember seeing him before, but he continued by telling me that two years ago at Christmas I had given him a present. This is something that we do at Christmas each year. We travel around to all the ports and pass out a box with some items they can use. It may be a coffee cup with a phone card so they can call home or some other type of gift. We always include the Word of God. I was so taken back and felt bad that I did not remember him, but I meet so many seafarers and it is hard to know all of them, especially if they come into port only once every two years.

I had the same thing happen to me today. I cannot believe two months later another gentleman told me the same

thing when I visited his ship. I thought, "What are the odds of this happening"? So, I went back to the center and started to think how a small gift made such an impact on two men's lives. I really had not given much thought about the gift, but to these men it made them feel special. I also started to think at times how little I think of the gift my Lord and Savior gave for me on the cross. These men sail around to the other side of the world, and they were excited to tell me what that gift meant to them. I too should be excited to tell everyone I come in contact with about the gift that was given to me and share that gift with them. How many people do you come in contact with in just one week? Let's join together and share our gift. Who knows but that someone may come up to you two years later and say, "I remember you. You gave me a gift."

## **Why We Need Your Help**

We are a not-for-profit organization, which is just a fancy way of saying that we depend on you and your generous gifts of prayer, time, and financial support. You make it possible for us to continue this ministry to seafarers from over one hundred countries each year. You also allow us to minister to thousands of local port workers and maritime employees. So, I do not want to miss this chance to say thank you! We greatly appreciate your faithful support! We promise to be good stewards of what you, and God, have entrusted to us.

Why is your help so important? Two recent changes in the port are good examples of why we need you. The first change is the new security regulations that have been imposed by Homeland Security. Without going into a lot of details, the port's terminals are now classified as restricted areas. No one is allowed in the terminal without special credentials or an certified escort. What this means is that the seafarers cannot leave the ship unless we go and provide transportation though the terminal and to the center. As you can imagine, the number of calls for our help has in-

*Philip Vandercook*

creased dramatically. While this is a challenge, it is a wonderful ministry opportunity!

The second change is the announcement that the Norwegian Cruise Line ship, *Spirit*, will soon be home ported in New Orleans year round. This ship will soon be calling on our port every Sunday. There are nine hundred fifty crew members on this ship!

We are praying that God will provide more volunteers, additional staff, and new vans to help us meet the new demands placed upon the ministry.

## A Letter to My Friend

Ann Corbin

Dear Captain:

I am so glad that we did not miss each other. I was so looking forward to “showing” you the results of my hard work in losing the weight that you inspired me to lose. Remember telling me during our last meeting that I had gained much weight? I have to admit, my friend, your words were very hard for me to hear. I was ashamed and embarrassed not for what you had said but that what you said was indeed so very true.

Captain, I wanted you to know that apart from the Lord Jesus Christ, I could not do this. Losing this weight was one of the hardest things that I have ever had to do. I kept my eyes focused on Jesus knowing that HE was going to help me to honor your concern for me by helping me to lose the weight. A few months ago, Jesus brought someone across my path that knows both you and me – Douglas Peel. He had heard that I had lost a lot of weight, and Steve told him that you were my primary motivator for doing so. He then told me about you wanting to become a doctor at one point in your life and how your government denied that request (you will have to tell me that story one day). Jesus helped me to see that even though your heart’s desire was to practice medicine at one point in your life, you were still in a sense “practicing” medicine by confronting me about a potential health risk – my weight.

I am so sorry that you did not get to realize that dream. I think that you would have been an awesome doctor!! However, you had me as a patient.....and I listened to your counsel and then took the appropriate measures. That should make you proud. I

am sending some books that were highly recommended to me by some doctor friends that I think that you will enjoy reading. Captain, they are from a Christian perspective.

Just like you cared enough about me and my physical well being, I care about you my friend from a spiritual standpoint. We have known each other for nearly four years and you have known that neither Steve nor I have pushed our belief in Jesus Christ. We have tried our best to live Jesus before you and your crew. However, as a friend I cannot just do “good” things for you and never tell you about the ONE who brings Steve and me so much joy. Captain, Jesus is the only way. As it says in His Word the Bible, “I [Jesus speaking] am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” I can with all certainty say that if I were to die this very day, I would spend eternity in Heaven with the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. In all honesty my friend, can you say that? In God’s Word, it once again tells me that I have this assurance. The Bible says, “God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son [Jesus]. Whoever, has the Son has life, but whoever does not have the Son [Jesus] does not have life. I write this so that you will know that you have eternal life now.”

Captain, my prayer is that you read the enclosed books and the printed Gospel presentation that I have also included and let your heart be opened to the

Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as you had the courage to confront me about my weight gain, I must do likewise and ask you as to where you stand in relation to Jesus Christ and what HE did for you on the cross of Calvary. Please consider my words and more importantly what it says in the Word of God, the Bible. Your Friend! Ann

Why the letter and not a one on one confrontation? First, from experience we have learned that those who come from Myanmar will not openly discuss “spiritual” matters because of fear. Myanmar is a restricted nation in that it is considered illegal to proclaim the Gospel, and to do so would likely result in one being persecuted, tortured, or even put to death. Second, as he gave me time to think and ponder his words, I needed to give him the same consideration. My friend is a Buddhist. I recently asked one of our volunteers, a former Buddhist and now a seminary student, how I should share Jesus with my Buddhist friend. Her simple answer: “be yourself.” I tried to take her advice, and I pray that my captain friend will see Jesus through the words that I shared with him.



**In Loving Memory**

**In Memory of:**

Mr. Max Dinstuhl  
Mrs. May Grillot

Mrs. Irene Hill  
Mrs. Irene Hill  
Mrs. Irene Hill  
Mrs. Irene Hill  
Mrs. Irene Hill  
Mrs. Irene Hill  
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Mrs. Rae Ann Houghteling  
Dr. C.H. Melton  
Mrs. Bessie Mae Parker  
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Barbara Lee, Nita Lewis,  
Judy Louderbough, Rose  
Roberts

Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Dyess  
Mrs. Frances Jolley  
Mrs. Margie Lea  
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Mrs. Chandler Talley  
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**In Honor of:**

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**Given by:**

Mrs. Marjorie Winstead  
Mrs. Lona Rhew

**Building Fund / Square Foot Fund**

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Mr. Charles Cook  
Mrs. Katie Nell Smith

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Mr. & Mrs. Bill Turner

**2010 Statistics**

(as of January 31, 2010)

<i>Ships visited</i>	15
<i>Seafarers contacted</i>	1,140
<i>Port workers contacted</i>	26
<i>Countries represented</i>	35
<i>Seafarers visiting center</i>	930
<i>Professions of faith</i>	1
<i>Scriptures distributed</i>	25
<i>Jesus videos</i>	0
<i>Courtesy trips</i>	154

**2009 Budget Requirements**

<i>Budget needs</i>	\$ 23,333.33
<i>Budget income</i>	\$ 11,735.69
<i>Building fund balance</i>	(\$ 363,915.19)



**In Sympathy**

Long-time board member, Mr. Jerry Ratliff, went to be with the Lord early in February. Until last year when he resigned his position on the board because of health reasons, Mr. Jerry drove to New Orleans from Brookhaven, Mississippi, for every board meeting. He was also an active volunteer and brought many groups to help with the ministry. We will miss him greatly! Please join us in praying for the Ratliff family during this time of mourning.

**Did You Know?**

The majority of the funding for our ministry comes from the direct gifts of churches and individuals who make our ministry a part of their regular giving above their tithes and offerings. Undesignated monies go to our general budget to help with the day-to-day operations of the ministry. Designated funds are used for the purposes indicated by the donor. Your gifts make it possible for us to continue to minister to the world that is at our doorstep. You can now make electronic donations by visiting our website or by setting up an automatic debit to your checking account or credit card. For more information about these options, please contact us today. Thank you so much for your prayers and for your generous gifts.



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*Global Maritime Ministries exists to provide holistic Christian ministry by meeting the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of seafarers and maritime workers .*

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## Thank You!

*Jared Walley*

Today I would like to share with you three very large thank-you notes. The first is from a port worker. After Christmas, I was stopped by a port worker who wanted to show his appreciation for the Christmas gift that you helped purchase. He said, "Thanks." As I began to tell him it was our privilege, he interrupted and said that he really meant it because "it was the only present I got this year. I didn't even get one for myself." I was struck at how small a gift it had been. As I began to go through my mind to see if there was anything else in the van I could possibly make into another Christmas gift, I began to tell him why we pass out the gifts and care for the port workers. He was very grateful. Thank you for helping to provide gifts this year.

The second thank-you note is from a seafarer named Kervy. I recently wrote to you about his situation. Well, many

of you responded with notes of encouragement. The following is his thank-you note:

*Dear Steve & Ann & Friends,*

*I would like to thank you for your very encouraging cards. I'm very happy that they are people who's praying for me even though you don't know me well. I pray that we'll have a chance to see each other Ma'am and Sir's to have some share time. Hmmm. . . . Yes, it is not really easy to be away [from] my family, friends and our church especially this Christmas and New Year. Now in my two months here on board I felt like I have been here for a year but when Mr. Jared Walley gave me letters came from many people. After I read all the letters I truly thank God because He's really good and a God of comfort. That's why I am so happy to know that there are*

*many prayers behind me. Prayers that I really need while I'm on board this ship and away from my loved one's. Thank you very much Ma'am's and Sir's you're a blessing to me. Love in Christ, Kervy*

The third thank-you note is from me. Thank you. I have really enjoyed my eight years at GMM. It has been a time of growth for me. I have enjoyed the witnessing encounters and the countless ministry opportunities. However, the time for me to move on has come. God is moving me out of this ministry to begin another phase of my walk with him. A part of me is sad to say good-bye to you, but another part is excited about what God has in store for me on the horizon. So I would like to say thank you for allowing me to be a part of this special ministry. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Jared Walley

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