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Why it Matters

Please feel free to share case studies from the monthly port reports on our Latest News page which highlight how our work supports seafarers on a daily basis. A great way to highlight to your network why you are taking on this amazing challenge, simply chose a story which resonates with you to post, share or email. Don't forget to add a personal comment about your commitment to supporting the work of the Mission; details of your team and your fundraising targets; and a link to your Team's Fundraising page.

Below are a number of case studies which provide ready content for you to share with your network. These stories highlight The Mission to Seafarers' unwavering dedication and the enduring resilience of the seafarers we serve. Whether navigating complex legal landscapes, offering medical and psychological assistance, or simply lending a listening ear, our global network continues to stand beside maritime workers worldwide. **Your support makes our mission possible.**

Houston, USA: Diverse support for seafarers

In November 2024, Revd. Thomas Morrow navigated a wide range of cases. He advocated for a Tanzanian seafarer injured in an explosion, working to address a range of issues which reflect the complexities that many seafarers face at the intersection of immigration, health, and financial instability. Revd. Morrow also provided spiritual support to the remaining crew after a severe onboard accident sent a seafarer home to recover. This incident underscores the risks crew members face daily and the importance of a supportive community in times of distress.

On a lighter note, Revd. Thomas Morrow worked to reunite a Ukrainian captain with a cherished pair of boots lost during the war, turning a small act into a moment of joy and pride. He also introduced an Indian captain and his crew to a local aquarium as relaxing alternative to shopping, inspiring new outreach ideas for seafarers. These actions exemplify the Mission's holistic approach to seafarers' physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Richards Bay & Port Elizabeth, South Africa: Digital chaplaincy and support

In Richards Bay, Port Chaplain Mark Classen provided long-distance support to a 2nd Engineer grieving the loss of his wife. Coordinating with MtS Manila, Mark helped the seafarer navigate funeral arrangements and provided emotional solace during this tragic time. In Port Elizabeth, Revd. Philile Lobese supported seafarers grappling with homesickness, family issues, and difficult career decisions, demonstrating that pastoral care can comfort both spirit and mind.



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UAE: Tanker explosion response

Welfare Officer Willy Nebria, working alongside the Federal Maritime Authority, provided critical support after a tanker explosion claimed three lives and left another seafarer with severe burns. Willy coordinated with authorities to manage repatriation and visited the survivor in the hospital, offering solace and witnessing his recovery. Nebria's efforts exemplified compassionate care and highlighted the Mission's vital role in times of crisis.

Singapore: Pastoral support following tanker tragedy

In Singapore, MtS Port Chaplain Toh Soon Kok provided crucial support to the crew of a tanker following a tragic gas poisoning incident. After losing one crew member and seeing two more injured, Toh Soon Kok conducted a prayer service and provided one-on-one support to the remaining crew. This intervention underscores the importance of mental health care and the provision of resources for physical and psychological recovery in times of trauma.

Bangkok, Thailand: Advocacy and compassion in action

Revd. Dave Hinay, MtS Chaplain in Thailand, showcased the Mission's multifaceted support. He helped secure a seafarer's early release from a contract without unfair compensation, welcomed home a seafarer returning from nearly a year's detention in Iran, and maintained communication with a hospitalised crew member's family, providing much-needed assurance. These actions exemplify the Mission's commitment to being a steadfast advocate and caregiver.

Yokohama & Kobe, Japan: Bereavement care and community spirit

In Yokohama, Revd. Andrew Dangerfield addressed the passing of a Chief Officer's death, conducting mass and offering comfort to the grieving crew. Later in the month, he organised a Sports Week event that brought over 120 seafarers together for games, camaraderie, and fun. Meanwhile, in Kobe, Revd. Paul Tolhurst provided ongoing bereavement support to the crew previously visited in Yokohama, ensuring continuity of care and practical assistance even during their short stay.

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