

International Seafarers Ministry

We minister to seafarers from all over the world who come to the Port of Charleston on merchant cargo ships. We NEED YOUR help! Here are some suggestions of ways you can help with our ministry to seafarers. We're always looking for ways to improve the effectiveness of our ministry. Please don't hesitate to share your ideas for ways we can better serve the seafarers which come to our city. Call me at 843-723-4571, or email me at garymathis@charlestonbaptist.net Thank you!

Gary Mathis, Seafarer's Ministry Director

Ways YOU Can Help

- **At the Center.** **During the Day:** Cleaning, General Maintenance, Baking cakes and cookies; Sorting clothing for the Clothes Closet; Yard work; Van maintenance; Assembling special kits (such as health kits or gift bags).
- **In the Evening:** Providing transportation; Helping to make phone calls; Leading devotions and worship; Personal witnessing; Serving refreshments; Playing sports/games with seafarers; Counseling; Being a friend!
- **Away from the Center.** Be a Ship Visitor; Provide on-ship Bible study; **Pray for ministry daily;** Run errands for seafarers; **Pray for ministry daily;** Plan fund-raising events; Make health kits for seafarers; Provide supplies for the center; Publicize the ministry in your church; Bake refreshments; **Pray for ministry daily;** Collect clothing for center; **Pray for ministry daily!**

Ship Load of Bibles

YOU can help give a Ship-Load of Bibles to Seafarers coming to Charleston!

**Help us fulfill this prophecy: "The Word shall go out into all the earth,
as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14**

God desires that everyone have a chance to hear the Gospel message in their own language. We have a great opportunity to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through Scripture distribution and ministry. You can help us by providing Bibles or New Testaments for one ship. Each day, hundreds of foreign seafarers pass through the Port of Charleston. Our ministry provides Scripture in different languages to the crews of these ships. Your donation will help us to purchase Bibles for seafarers. Below are some sample costs for Language Scriptures. **Please note that prices are subject to change.**

Burmese Bible \$18.50

Polish New Testament \$4.95 (medium cost)

Chinese Bible \$11.95

Turkish Bible \$17.95 (high cost)

English New Testament \$.75 (low cost)

Tagalog New Testament \$4.95

-----Please cut here and return this the address at the bottom.-----

I want to give the following for Bibles or New Testaments for a ship's crew. I pledge to give money for Bibles:

_____ Quarterly _____ Each Month _____ One Time
_____ \$99 for medium cost New Testaments _____ \$15 for low-cost New Testaments
_____ \$359 for high-cost Bibles _____ Other Amount (\$_____)

Your Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Thank you for your gift to buy Bibles for seafarers!

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Hand-made Christmas Watch Caps

"Dear Friend: A warm Christian greeting to you and your family, hoping all is well during Christmas season. I would like to say thank you very much for the gift you made for us merchant seafarers. My name is Rudy. I am a Filipino seafarer working on a Norwegian ship calling the Port of Charleston each month. I am used to sailing and being away from my family, but Christmas is a very lonely time to be at sea. This is the best Christmas I have had in three years for this is the first time I received a gift. Thank you again for your lovely gift, and may you have a fruitful and promising new year ahead."

-A Seafarer, 1999

Calling all Knitters, Crotchetiers, and Hand-Crafters! If not for your caring and dedication, many seafarers would not receive a single Christmas gift. Our ministry relies on the WMU and other church groups to make these watch caps each year. These patterns were contributed by Mrs. Rose Lee Hutto of Park Street Baptist Church, Columbia, SC.

You can make caps all year round, and then send them to us. We begin distributing the caps on **November 1**. We thank you for your interest in this special Christmas gift project for seafarers who come to the Port of Charleston! Before you start making a cap, think about who may receive the cap you make. What do they look like? Where do they live? Do they know who Jesus is? Please individually wrap each cap, including your name and address with each one. Also, please enclose with each cap the Gospel tract in 12 languages entitled "God So Loved". This tract can be ordered from Good News Publishers, 1300 Crescent Street, Wheaton, IL 60187. The cost is \$2.25 for 25 tracts. Their phone number is (630) 682-4300.

**Caps may be sent to the address at the bottom of this page,
or contact Gary Mathis at 843-723-4571 to arrange delivery at the Associational office.**

CROCHET PATTERN	KNIT PATTERNS
<p>Crocheted Watch Cap. Using a G or H hook; chain 45 - 48 st, ch 1, turn. Single crochet (sc) across 6 st, then begin pattern. Half double crochet (hdc) through the back of each st to the end, ch 3, turn. Continue in hdc until cap is as large as desired. To make stripes, do 4 rows of color 1, cut and tie on color 2, repeat 4 rows; repeat or add a third color in the same manner.</p> <p><i>Color suggestions:</i> You can use solid colors; or combine two or three different colors such as: Brown, Gold and Beige; Navy, White and Red; or Black, Red, and Ivory.</p>	<p>Watch Cap. Using #8 or #9 needles, Cast on 69 (S) - 73 (M) - 77 (L) sts. K 3, p 1, across, last st is K 1. Continue in pattern until piece is 9 inches long. K 2 tog all the way across. P next row. K 2 tog across, P next row. Continue in this pattern until 6 - 8 st remain; bind off. Sew side and finish with a pompon if you wish. Can be knitted in stripes of about 4 inches of each color.</p> <p>Watch Cap with Cuff. Using #4 or #6 needles and 3 oz. yarn. (Gauge 5 st + 1 in., 6 rows = 1 inch using #4 needles.) Cast on 92 st using #4 needles. Row 1 (wrong side); *K 2, p 2. Repeat from * across. Repeat row 1 until 6 ½ inches long End with wrong side. Change to #6 needles. Work in stockinette st (K 1 row, P 1 row) until 4 inches above ribbing. End with p row. *K 1, K 2 tog. Repeat from * 9 times, K 2. Decrease 10 sts every 4th row twice more, then every 2nd row 4 times until 22 sts remain. P 1 row. K 2 tog across 11 sts. Cut yarn, leaving a 20 inch length. Draw through remaining sts, pull tightly and fasten securely. Sew seam, sewing up the last 3 ½ inches of ribbing on the other side for cuff.</p>

Thank You - and God Bless You!

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