

**PORT MINISTRIES
INTERNATIONAL**

is an association of individuals and agencies serving the international seafarers and port communities, and exists to assist in evangelism, education, fellowship, development of new ministries, and promotion of an effective network of port ministers and denominational representatives.

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Closing Report from New Orleans

The annual PMI Conference was held July 25-27 in New Orleans. For those of you who were not able attend this year, please know that you were missed. Approximately 35 PMI members attended the conference, which was held in conjunction with the annual North American Maritime Ministry Association and the International Christian Maritime Association. In total there were about 250 port chaplains from about 50 different countries in town during the week. It was very nice to meet, fellowship and share with other port chaplains.

Those who were at the PMI conference had the opportunity to attend break-out

sessions on "Ministering to Port Workers", "Working with Volunteers", "Legal Issues Concerning Seafarers" and "Cruise Ship Ministry." During these sessions members heard from various experts on the different subjects. They also had a chance to dialogue with each other and ask questions about the various topics. The attendees were also able to spend time together in worship, prayer and fellowship. During the worship time the members heard from Dr. Jim Shaddix of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Dr. Shaddix preached a very powerful series of messages based on Matthew 28:16-20. Bob Loy led the group in a prayer

meeting where attendees broke up into small groups and prayed for each other. One of the more fun times was during the dessert fellowship where members were able to share funny, embarrassing stories (the kind you cannot tell when you speak in churches.)

At the business meeting several notable things happened. The members voted to amend the bylaws and to continue with the process of incorporation in Florida. Dan Bailey proposed that the members consider meeting with Harbor International Ministries in Brazil in 2007. Several members were voted to the board of directors.

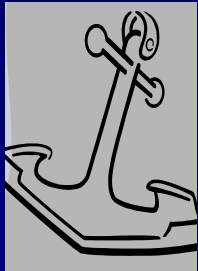
The 2005 Conference Dates are Set!!

The annual PMI meeting for 2005 will be held in Orlando, FL. The dates are July 24-26, 2005. Some of you are wondering, "Why we are having a port ministry conference in a land-locked city?" That is a good question. The ports in Florida are hosting the conference this year and they thought Orlando would be a good place to meet in middle of the state. Orlando has many good conference centers to choose from and is close to many family vacation spots. So bring the family early, stay after the conference, and enjoy the local attractions. For more information please contact Shari Glover in Port Canaveral, FL @ 321-783-0007.

A Word From the President

Did you know that every member of PMI is entitled to a free web-based email address at the PMI site? If you are a member and would like your free email address please contact Ted Mall at info@pminet.net

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.
Hebrews 6:19



THANKS!

Let me begin by saying thank-you! I was not wanting or expecting to be in a leadership position of PMI this year. But I must say that the meetings in New Orleans really challenged me to do more to make a difference this coming year. PMI has so much potential as an effective tool for world evangelism. Please pray that the Lord will use us all in a wonderful way.

I want to remind you that all of us are a vital part of the team that shares Jesus with the world at ports along the coast of America and beyond. The recent salvation of an Indian crewmember illustrates this principle. At a seafarers ministry, seafarers and volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by ladies from a local Baptist church. Using their gifts of hospitality and service, they cooked and served and cleaned up after the meal. One lady and another volunteer from another church sat down to ask the Indian crewmember about his work and family. They were sharing friendly conversation with this seafarer when a chaplain joined them and they began to talk of spiritual things. The

chaplain went to the stacks of Bibles and picked up two English New Testaments that had been purchased with the gifts of generous supporters of the ministry. They began to read verses together about how to get to heaven. When the crewmember was asked if he wanted to accept Jesus as his Savior and Captain, he said, "Yes".

IT TAKES ALL OF US TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

The chaplain and crewmember went into the chapel to talk and pray privately. When the volunteers saw what was going on they began to pray together for the understanding and salvation of this seafarer. In the chapel, the crewmember bowed his head and asked the Lord into his heart. When he stepped out of the chapel, his big smile was a testimony to the volunteers that their prayers had been answered. He took the New Testament and promised to read the Gospel of John during the upcoming week and come for Bible

study next Sunday. All of the volunteers rejoiced in Andrew's decision. Before leaving, the crew member called home to check on his family (using a phone installed by a volunteer). He then said, "Goodbye;" and a van driver took him back to his ship.

Do you see where the cooperative ministry of God's people really makes a difference in the lives of port personnel, international seafarers, and the world? I hope you do! And I hope you help your staff and volunteers to see that they are all a vital part of Jesus' work of evangelism in the world today. Whether we cook, clean, drive, give, pray or lead a Bible study we are all part of a vital team that leads people to Jesus. We don't always see such immediate results as in the example above but that is the goal and it is reached according to God's plan and timing. Let us be faithful witnesses and leave the results to the Lord.

Only by His grace,
Dan Bailey

Executive Committee Meeting Notes

The executive committee met a few weeks ago in Tampa FL to discuss the business of PMI. Here are some of the highlights from the meeting.

- ◆ PMI is now officially incorporated in the state of Florida. The next step in the process is to work on the papers for the Internal Revenue Service.
- ◆ The executive committee would like to put more emphasis on prayer for this next year. As a result the newsletter will start carrying a prayer calendar. Each day on the calendar is set aside for a specific request. Turn to page 5 & 6 for more information.

Meet A New Board Member

This year there were three new people elected to the executive committee. One or two of these people may be new to many of you and for this reason we would like to introduce you to a new face. We will profile others next time.

We would like to introduce you to Phil and Debbie Dufrene. Phil was elected as a member-at-large. Phil became involved in ship ministry while teaching a missions course at Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia, Canada. While he wanted to be involved in port ministry, Phil knew that he could not be tied down to one port. Phil wanted to minister to seafarers, but the question was, "How to minister to seafarers without having a port?"

After joining Campus Cru-

Port of Hope is unique because it is dedicated to the planting of port ministries in the developing world.

sade for Christ's JESUS Film Project, Phil began to notice the lack of port ministries in developing countries. So Phil developed a ministry called Port of Hope Ministry. This ministry was formed to help Christians in developing countries to develop their own port ministry. Phil's vision is for seamen to find "the hope of Christ in every port."

Some of the goals of Port of Hope are: 1. To establish evangelical port ministries where none exist. 2. To

train local Christians to serve the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of seafarers. 3. To develop strategies and methods of evangelism and discipleship for ministering to seafarers. 4. To conduct these activities with the highest of ethical and professional standards.

Port of Hope has ministries in Haiti and in Mexico with several more in the works in Central America and the Caribbean.

If you would like to know more about Port of Hope you can visit their web site @ www.PortofHope.com.

Next Time we will introduce to you Ms. Virginia Gonzales from New York.



Many of the port ministries that minister to the cruise ships are seeing some excellent inroads being made. However, the crews often change ships regularly even though they stay with the same company. We are trying to develop a data-base of cruise ship workers so we can keep in contact with them. If you have any ideas, please share them with us.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

- ◆ In an effort to keep the PMI membership better informed about what is going on and to each other more in touch the Chronicle will be published more frequently. The plan is to send out the newsletter out every two months which equals six times a year. In order to save money, the committee felt like the news letter should be sent to you via email and will be posted on the PMI web site, www.pminet.net. Jared Walley is now putting the newsletter together and if you have any stories, photos, thoughts or comments about the letter please email him at Jared@portministry.com.

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If you have any questions about PMI, please contact one of these board members. They would love to hear from you.

This new article is meant to provide a deeper, theological, thought provoking look at ministry. If you have any thoughts on port ministry and would like to contribute to this new column, please email Jared at Jared@portministry.com

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A Deeper Look @ Port Ministry

The purpose of this column is to take a deeper, theological look into port ministry. Some of the topics that may appear in this column from time to time may be very familiar to some of you. However for some of you it will be chance to look at port ministry from a different viewpoint.

In the three years that I have been working with port ministry, I have had several people ask me what exactly is a holistic ministry. Some believe that it is holistic because we strive to meet physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the seafarers. While this is partly true, it is not completely accurate. If it were completely true, then port ministry would be *wholistic* ministry, since we minister to the whole person. The word wholistic is not in some dictionaries. So what is holistic ministry you may ask?

The theory of holism is that the parts of any whole cannot exist and cannot be understood except in their relation to the whole. The term holistic comes from the field of biology and is a symbi-

otic term. The term symbiotic is made up of the prefix *sym*, meaning interdependence, and the root *bios*, meaning life. Together they mean the living together of two or more different organisms in a way that they are beneficial to each other.

Wholistic or Holistic? Which is it?

In other words, these two organisms are fused together in a relationship in which they would not be able to live without each other. Each is heavily dependant on each other. The question then becomes, "What two or more parts of port ministry are benefiting and are dependant upon each other?"

On one hand we have the humanitarian part of the ministry. In this part of the ministry we minister to the basic physical and emotional needs of the seafarer. On the other hand, we minister to the spiritual side of man. These two aspects of ministry are inter-

twined together in such a way that they are dependant upon each other to survive. If we were to only meet the physical needs, then we would only be humanitarians. While this would be good in some eyes, we would fail in the command that God has given us to make disciples of all nations. If we were only to meet the spiritual needs, then we would not reach as many people for Christ, since the physical is connected to the spiritual. BUT, since we do both and they are intertwined, port ministry is a holistic ministry.

We as Christian port ministers hold to holism which states that the whole of man is greater than the sum of all his parts. We cannot minister to the physical or emotional or spiritual needs without them affecting each other. So while in some ways port ministry is wholistic, it is not merely that; we are holistic.

Jared Walley

Prayer Calendar for November 2004

This month we are introducing a prayer calendar. We are starting off by praying for a different center each day. In each newsletter, we will pray for different items such as chaplains, seafarers, port workers, and events. If you have something you would like to add to the prayer calendar please send an email to Jared@portministry.com. Thanks!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Pray for the ministry in Port Manatee, FL	5 Pray for the ministry in Cape Canaveral,	6 Pray for the ministry in Tampa Bay, FL
7 Pray for the ministry in Jacksonville , FL	8 Pray for the ministry in Palm Beach, FL	9 Pray for the ministry in Savannah, GA	10 Pray for the ministry in Burns Harbor, IN	11 Pray for the ministry in Baton Rouge, LA	12 Pray for the ministry in Gonzales, LA	13 Pray for the ministry in Mobile, AL
14 Pray for the ministry in New Orleans, LA	15 Pray for the ministry in Reserve, LA	16 Pray for the ministry in Baltimore, ML	17 Pray for the ministry in Pascagoula, MS	18 Pray for the ministry in Wilmington, NC	19 Pray for the ministry in Philadelphia, PA	20 Pray for the ministry in Georgetown, SC
21 Pray for the ministry in Charleston, SC	22 Pray for the ministry in Port Royal, SC	23 Pray for the ministry in Barbours Cut, TX	24 Pray for the ministry in Freeport, TX	25 Pray for the ministry in Portsmouth, VA	26 Pray for the ministry in Newport News, VA	27 Pray for the ministry in Everett, WA
28 Pray for the ministry in Kalama, WA	29 Pray for the ministry in Milwaukee, WI	30 Pray for the ministry in Gulfport, MS				

How do we pray for the different centers?

- ◆ Pray that the love of Christ will be evident to the seafarers.
- ◆ Pray that each center will have financial support to operate properly
- ◆ Pray for each center as they recruit volunteers.
- ◆ Pray for souls to be saved at each center.

- ◆ Pray that the centers are run with God's wisdom.
- ◆ Pray for the safety of the workers in and around the port.
- ◆ Pray that the centers would respond to situations that arise.
- ◆ Pray that the ministry of each center would increase.

Prayer Calendar for December 2004

This month we will be praying for seafarers of the world. each day we will pray for the men and women from a particular country. If there are any countries that you see on a regular Basis that were left out, please pray for them as well.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pray for the Seafarers of Indonesia	2 Pray for the Seafarers of India	3 Pray for the Seafarers of South Korea	4 Pray for the Seafarers of Malaysia	5 Pray for the Seafarers of China	6 Pray for the Seafarers of Maldives
7 Pray for the Seafarers of Myanmar	8 Pray for the Seafarers of Pakistan	9 Pray for the Seafarers of Singapore	10 Pray for the Seafarers of Sri Lanka	11 Pray for the Seafarers of Turkey	12 Pray for the Seafarers of Egypt	13 Pray for the Seafarers of South Africa
14 Pray for the Seafarers of Croatia	15 Pray for the Seafarers of Bulgaria	16 Pray for the Seafarers of Germany	17 Pray for the Seafarers of Greece	18 Pray for the Seafarers of Italy	19 Pray for the Seafarers of Latvia	20 Pray for the Seafarers of Lithuania
21 Pray for the Seafarers of Norway	22 Pray for the Seafarers of Poland	23 Pray for the Seafarers of Romania	24 Pray for the Seafarers of Russia	25 Pray for the Seafarers of Ukraine	26 Pray for the Seafarers of England	27 Pray for the Seafarers of Honduras
28 Pray for the Seafarers of Jamaica	29 Pray for the Seafarers of Peru	30 Pray for the Seafarers of Brazil				

How do we Pray for the Seafarers?

- ◆ Pray that they will meet Christ.
- ◆ Pray that they will stay safe.
- ◆ Pray for their families as they are away.
- ◆ Pray for the Christians on the ship to be bold in their faith.
- ◆ Pray for the seafarers to share Christ with people back home.

