

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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Promoting Communication Between Southern Baptist Port Chaplains"



Cruising in the New Year

This new year is a promising one for those who are ministering in ports that have cruise ships. The past year saw several ports begin ministering aboard cruise ships. This ship ministry is very exciting. Every week now, Jerry Key in Tampa is now holding a worship service for the crew. Dan Bailey is visiting the cruise ships in Cape Canaveral, where he can walk around and counsel with the crew. In New Orleans, they were able to have a Christmas service for the crew on one ship.

One of the great things about the cruise ship ministry is that the ship returns every week. In some cases the ship comes back more than once a week. This allows chaplains to engage in discipleship, a ministry that is often overlooked in port ministry. On most ships there is a Bible study that meets during the week. If the port chaplain can find the Bible study leaders, they can supply and equip them with the different Bibles and materials that they need. These leaders also need encouragement and prayer.

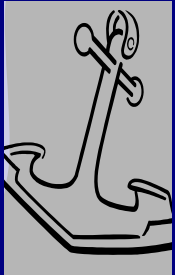
Another great part about ministering on cruise ships is that the crew is so diverse. Most ministries come into contact with many different nationalities each year. But on a cruise ship you can find them all on one ship. The crew members often change ships when their work contract is renewed. Not only is it possible to have an impact on one ship, but one could have an impact on other ships as well. If you are having trouble getting on a cruise ship in your port, please contact Dan Bailey.

2005 Membership Fees are Due!!

In just a few days, you should receive an invoice reminding you that it is time to pay your 2005 dues. The membership dues for 2005 are \$50.00. Your dues will entitle each member to a free email address (YourName@pminet.net) and each represented ministry to a page on the web site. You will also receive discounts from Mall Publishing. Besides, membership will give you a voice, and vote, in the business of Port Ministries International.

A Word From the Vice-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

How broad is my ministry?

Each port ministry varies in its development, resources, personal preparation, skills, and spiritual gifts. But, have you ever considered how the Prayer of Jabez might be applied to your ministry? Some of the areas of ministry opportunities in port work may surprise your supporters and perhaps even yourself. I know that we may see the work from our present perspective and based upon today's circumstances, but what if we really prayed for God to "expand our tents" (broaden our ministry's effectiveness)?

Each of us is concerned about the core of our work, which is usually international seafarers. While this group has many needs, there is hope that at some point we will actually get our arms around it and be reaching our basic ministry goals with them. Looking beyond those goals lies even more areas where we might be able to minister on our own mission field, as many ports have striking similarities.

Consider some of the following mission strategies:

1) Are there shipyards in your port? Studies show that in most businesses in America nearly 70% of the employees don't go to church and don't know the name of a pastor they could call in the event of an emergency. Could you build relationships and offer your ministry's availability to the businesses in the event of a death in an employee's family, a crisis, or just the need of a confidential friend? Many of these situations can lead to great ministry results as we demonstrate the love of Christ in practical ways.

2) How about serving the growing number of security workers, police officers, and others who work in support areas of the port? These folks who have a lot of time on their hands often readily accept spiritual reading materials. One ministry in Florida has a regular day each week that they offer free hot dogs to port workers. This brings people into the center and offers the opportunity for a brief spiritual encounter.

3) The growing cruise industry offers a wonderful opportunity to build relationships with individual vessels and their crew. Some ministries are now visiting the vessel each time it docks and specifically caring for the spiritual needs of the crew, including regularly scheduled worship services. Each vessel varies, but crewmembers usually serve for six or seven months and rarely find time to leave the vessel for spiritual reasons. There is normally no provision made for their personal spiritual development. However, a regular onboard ministry while in port can be a support for ongoing Bible studies, prayer needs, and providing resources unavailable to them.

As we evaluate our work and consider how God may use us in new ways, take a closer look at your own mission field. There may be more work available as the ministry matures.

Jerry Key



Lord, please expand my ministry.

Meet A New Board Member

The purpose of this article is to introduce a member of PMI to the membership. At the last PMI meeting, Ms. Virginia Gonzales, from New York, was voted to the executive committee as a member-at-large. Virginia has been involved with port ministry for six years. She became involved with port ministry when she was required to do Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) for her seminary education. As God would have it, by the time that she applied most of the hospitals were filled. Virginia says that "there was only one vacancy and I really did not feel my heart desiring to accept it. Before I accepted, someone called me and told me about a new CPE program with the seafarers. I asked, 'Seafarers, who are they?'" She really did not know who they were until after she went for an interview. When she went for an interview, she stated that it was like a piece of the puzzle for her life was found.

Virginia goes on to state that "God had spoken to me two years before and gave me the title of 'Chaplain/Missionary'. I really did not understand what He meant. I knew of Chaplains in the hospitals, prisons and military but 'Chaplain/Missionary' I could not understand. I used take short-term mission trips to different countries. And before I went God would place a country in my heart. It had been six months and I had not received a country. I would ask God, 'Aren't we going anywhere?' All I heard was, 'Wait on me'. When I was finally lead to the Seafarers CPE program, I understood why God had not given me a country, because He was bringing the whole world to me!"

Virginia went on to seminary and graduated from Alliance Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity. During seminary she founded Adonai Seafarers Fellowship, Inc., to allow born again Christians the opportunity to serve in this awesome ministry.

Ms. Gonzales likes port ministry because it is a unique ministry in that you have contact with the whole world without having to travel very far. She believes that one has the opportunity to fulfill the Great Commission that we are commanded to do. She likes to apply Matt 25:35-36 to the ministry: "*For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.*" Jesus concluded His last days of ministry with His disciples washing their feet, saying in John 13:17, "*Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them?*"

Virginia has a son and a daughter, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The father of her children died a few years ago. She currently has no husband now which allows her to serve the Lord in any way that He wants to use her and anywhere wants her to go.

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NEXT TIME WE WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO JERRY KEY FROM TAMPA, FL. JERRY IS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

If you have any questions about PMI, please contact one of your 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

In an effort to keep the PMI membership better informed about what is going on and to keep each other more in touch, the Chronicle will be published more frequently. The plan is to send out the newsletter every two months. 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.

As port ministers we all have several things in common. We are all saved by the grace of God, we are all called to this ministry, we all spend too much time away from family, we all wish more people were doing more, and we all love seafarers. We are a community because we hold certain things in common. In fact the root word for community is common. We are a community of port ministers. Another word that has common as the root word is communication. Communication is the exchange of thoughts, messages, or information, as by speech, signals, writing, or behavior. Since communities and communication come from the same word, there is a close relationship between the two. Port ministries are a community, so communication between us should be important to us as well. We should communicate ideas, concepts, praises, and prayer requests. It does not take much effort to pick up the phone or email a note to the fellow members of your community. This newsletter is the perfect format for the exchange of ideas and concepts, etc. Another arena that we have at our service is the PMI web site. The web site has several pages where members can post ideas, concepts, etc. The site is under used and needs your help. This new year please make an effort to communicate to the community to which you belong. Your fellow chaplains would love to know what you think about different ideas and concepts. The website is www.pminet.net

**Community
Should
Equal
Communication**

2004 Stats!!

At the last conference we compiled port ministry stats for the various PMI centers for 2003. Many expressed any interest in seeing the stats for 2004. **SO**, if you would please send us your centers stats we will compile them and publish them in the next newsletter. Please send 1) ships visited, 2)seafarers contacted, 3)salvations, 4) Bibles and videos given out.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Please send them to Jared@portministry.com.

2005 Conference Information

The annual PMI meeting for 2005 will be held in Orlando, FL.. "Why are we 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 or stay after the conference and enjoy the local attractions. The annual meeting for PMI will be held on Sunday, July 24, to Tuesday, July 26, 2005. The accommodations and meetings will be at the Clarion Hotel Universal in Orlando. The Clarion Hotel Universal is a three-diamond, full-service hotel with many amenities. The hotel is close to the attractions and shopping areas. You may get more information about the hotel at www.ClarionUniversal.com or by calling (800) 445-7299. The conference rate will be \$65 per night + \$2.50 surcharge for unlimited free local calls and the room safe + tax. A full breakfast buffet will cost \$6.95 plus tax per person. Children under 9 eat free with a paying adult. To make reservations call (800) 445-7299 and ask for the special group rate for PMI. You may stay up to three days before or after the conference for the same rate. The group rate is guaranteed only if you make your reservations before June 24, 2005 After that date the rate will be offered on a space available basis only. As the conference gets closer, we will give you additional information. For more information please contact Shari Glover in Port Canaveral, FL @ 321-783-0007.

Happy Birthday!!

We wish the following a Happy Birthday! If you see someone you know on the list, please give them a call and wish them a Happy Birthday.

January

Jared Walley 01/02
 Keith Cogburn 01/04
 Sally Lennon 01/12
 Charles Frantz 01/13
 William McFatter 01/26

February

Jerry Key 02/03
 Marshal Bundren 02/22

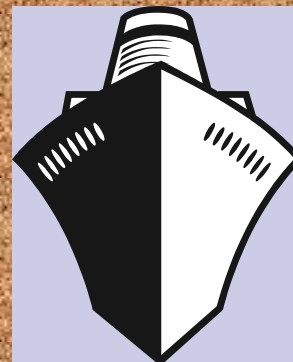
(This list is not complete. It represents only the birthdays that PMI has on record. If we missed your birthday or someone you think should be on the list, please let us know. We apologize that we do not have everyone's birthday.

Hopefully this will help us get them all.)

PORTFOLIOS FOR \$10

PMI has several portfolios left over from the convention last year. If you would like one, they are on sale for \$10. All proceeds will go to the PMI Mission fund. Please contact Jared or Philip if you would like to purchase one. Supplies are limited, so hurry.


Thanks!!



Prayer Calendar for January 2005

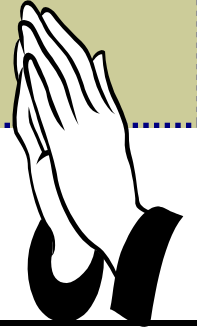


Each month in this space we will be praying for different aspects of port ministry. This month and continuing into February we will be praying for different port chaplains. If you have something you would like to add to the prayer calendar please send an email to Jared@portministry.com. Thanks!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Don Johnston	19 Pete Jones	20 Scotty Langford	21 Anna Lawhon	22 Byeong Eun Lee
23 Larry Leming	24 Ted Mall	25 Ed McCaskill	26 Jim Morgan	27 Ray Mungo	28 Hee-young Oh	29 Daniel Peterson
30 Ezzie Price	31 Calvin Reid					

How do we pray for Port Ministers?
See page 7 for ideas.

Prayer Calendar for February 2005



This month we will be continuing to pray for port ministers and we will be continuing this list into March. If you have something you would like the members of PMI to pray for please let us know.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Norman Reid	2 Bill Richards	3 Joe Seale	4 Warner Sebren	5 Joe Serra
6 Igor Sonin	7 Oliver Sparks	8 Hugh Spencer	9 Edward Stewart	10 Alice Thomas	11 Doug Thomas	12 Julian Tipton
13 Adrian Turner	14 Sandy Vandercook	15 Jared Walley	16 Yun Yong	17 Keith Cogburn	18 Sally Lennon	19 Charles Frantz
20 William McFatter	21 Jerry Key	22 Marshal Bundren	23 Dan Bailey	24 Trish Alligood	25 Philip Vandercook	26 Virginia Gonzales
27 Jack Thompson	28 Emmanuel Salvador					

How do we Pray for Port Ministers?

- ◆ Pray that they be bold in sharing their faith with others.
- ◆ Pray that they will stay safe as they visit ships and drive through the port.
- ◆ Pray for their families as they often do not spend as much time with them as they should.
- ◆ Pray for wisdom as they make decisions.
- ◆ Pray for effectiveness in ministry.

