



Reaching every nation,
one ship at a time.



Handfuls of Purpose Being in the Lord's work is so wonderful for a thousand reasons and more. As we grow obedient and submissive to the Lord, we get to just stand back and watch Him work in and through our lives in ways only HE can do! For a solid year, we have been praying for more access - more ports equals more ships, and more ships means more opportunities to reach souls with the Gospel! Due to the present and ongoing distress, the port facilities have been in desperate need of a "Port Escort" to drive pharmacists to and from the ships. Since there is just about nobody else in this area with the qualifications, the administration began calling on us to do the job. With much prayer and some counsel, we agreed to help so long as it does not interfere with our church or our ministry. We only get very few calls to do this, but God has used this opportunity to open up many "closed" doors for us to get into "restricted areas" where we would never be able to go otherwise. Praise the Lord!

Late last year, Haylee and I began praying about how the Lord would have us increase our missions giving for the coming year. The Lord gave us a number and at the start of the year, we began to give that amount. Only a few days later, a check came in the mail from the port administration as a "donation" for our help. That check was just enough to cover the total amount of our missions increase for the entire year! Hallelujah!

O MAN! No... not literally... Through the opportunity mentioned above, we got to board a ship at the Port of Virginia's large intermodal container pier. The ship was mostly Russian, Ukrainian, and Filipino. I had a good opportunity to speak with the Captain and he gave me permission to distribute Russian and Tagalog tracts and scripture portions. On my way out, I passed a young seafarer, all bundled up for the cold weather, who appeared to be about 12 or 13 years of age... and not from any one of the other countries onboard. I just had to ask him, "My friend, how old are you, and where are you from?" To my shock, I realized, this was not a young boy but a 28 year old lady from the country of **Oman!** Oman is directly beneath Saudi Arabia and next to Yemen. It is 86% Muslim and the remaining 14% are either Catholic or Hindu. I had no Arabic Bibles to give her but she said English would be just fine. Although our conversation was cut short due to the nature of this particular pier, she seemed very open to the gospel and gladly accepted a Bible. Please pray for this young Omanese lady. (whose name I could not remember let alone pronounce)



A Goodly Heritage At the close of this month, we were visited by my parents who flew up from Florida. They spoke at our Friday night teen fellowship and also boarded some ships with us while they were here. They provided for us the much needed wisdom and encouragement. Haylee and I are both very grateful that we have a *goodly heritage!* **Psalm 16:6**



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