



Reaching every *nation*,  
one *ship* at a time.

**EMMANUEL | GOD with us** This is the message that we carry to the world. This is the good news that we take to the regions beyond. This is the worthy cause for which billions of dollars have been spent, millions of miles have been traveled, hundreds of thousands have been tortured and killed, and countless millions are now SAVED! This is the gospel message... Jesus Christ... BORN to DIE!

**THIRSTY SOULS** One cold December morning, my friend James and I boarded a Chinese vessel. There were four men on deck, trying in vain to stay warm. We approached them with a "Ni Hao!" (Hello!) We then proceeded to give them copies of John's Gospel in Chinese and English. "Have you seen one of these before?", Some said "No... what is it?", others said, "Yes! This is Bible!" To which I happily responded, "Yes! I know you are on duty, but can I take a few minutes and tell you about Jesus?" "No, we not busy... this good time for us... please, tell us about Jesus!" So they followed along as we skipped across the mountain tops of the entire book of John! I can't explain it, but it is such a thrill to open the Word of Life to those who are thirsty for it! Please pray for these men.

**THE INNER CIRCLE** There is a stereotype that I have found to be generally true. The warmer climate cultures tend to be lively, personable, and welcoming. However, with cold climate cultures, (Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, etc.) they tend to be hard, bold, direct, and matter of fact. It is very difficult to enter what I call "the inner circle". This month the Lord allowed us to penetrate into the inner circle! We had a ship with ten nationalities onboard, most of them being cold climate cultures. The first day onboard, I was able to witness to some Indonesians and a South African. The next day, I took some Bulgarians, Romanians, and Ukrainians ashore. We got to know each other a little, and I preached to them in the van... but still, very distant. By Sunday (Christmas Day), the Captain allowed us to have a service onboard and we were able to sing and then preach the Gospel to all the crew! With some of our church members also aboard and the giving of gift bags to the crew, it was a great time! On Tuesday, I spent over eight hours with the European officers on their last day in port. They invited me to eat with them (HUGE!) and told me how thankful they were for the Bibles and preaching and we had one last sweet conversation about Jesus! When I said goodbye, many of them gave me a big hug and one of them nearly cried. Please pray for them!

**Countries Impacted** Lithuania, China, Indonesia, India, Egypt, Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, South Africa, Maldives...



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