

Reaching every *Nation*
One *Ship* at a time.



5 This month Haylee and I celebrated 5 years of marriage! Time flies when you're having fun, and we sure have enjoyed serving the Lord together! I love her so much and am so thrilled at the thought of writing the chapters of our life together! We tried a few times to take a mission trip for our anniversary, but they all fell through. So we just decided to visit D.C. from Norfolk by train. If you have never visited the Museum of the Bible, I highly recommend it!

Turkish Coffee It is about like drinking a 2.5 ounce cup of motor oil with mud at the bottom. But it is SO GOOD and rich with flavor! In Turkish culture, it is considered a high honor to be served the first cup of Turkish coffee which has the most crema on top. God granted us a wonderful open door of opportunity aboard a Turkish / Filipino ship this month. The first visit was Divine appointment, and quickly grew into a personal relationship with the Captain (**Salihfrd**) who began to open up personally. We had all kinds of conversations over the course of the week. He allowed me to spend all the time I wanted aboard, and we also took many of the crew out shopping which led to other profitable conversations. I was invited to stay up in the bridge (command center) when the ship was shifting to the other side of the pier. That was a first for me and it was so neat to see how the ship operates. After that, I was invited to eat lunch with the Turkish officers where I met the **Chief Engineer** who also happened to be their "Coffee Guy". He seemed very interested in the Bible and what I believed. After our meal, he made us delicious Turkish coffee and we went into the "smoke room" to discuss the Bible and Jesus further. When I was answering a question from Ephesians chapter two, it hit me just how special it was to be reading this letter to the Ephesians with a Turkish seafarer! (Ephesus is in Turkey) Although our time was cut short, Ch/Engineer gladly took a Bible and promised to read it. On the last day, I had a group in the van to go shopping and had a wonderful conversation with **Eser**. He openly claimed to be only a "cultural muslim" and that he was interested in learning more about Jesus and the Bible! God is working on their hearts! I pray that the kindness shown to them and the Scripture and tracts they now have in their language will continue to water the seed sown in their hearts!

Indian Cuisine Limited textual real estate will not allow me to write the details of a wonderful invitation my wife and I had to eat a meal with some Indian seafarers I had been helping. The food was exquisite, but the opportunity to minister the Gospel of Christ to seeking Hindus was priceless!

Countries Impacted Philippines, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India, Turkey, Poland, Ukraine, Russia



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