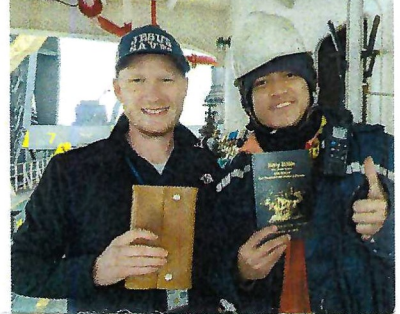




Reaching every *Nation*
One *Ship* at a time.



"Not Allowed" Last month, we asked for prayer for a young Israeli named **Ben**. I met him at our local Shawarma restaurant when my in-laws came up for a visit in January. I was wearing my "JESUS SAVES" ball cap and Ben (who was serving us) asked me, "So, why do you Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus? You know Jesus was a Jew, right?" "Why... that is a loaded question." I replied and looked in the line behind to see how much time I could squeeze in. And to my surprise, there was nobody in line behind us during lunch hour! I spoke with him for a few minutes about why I love Jesus. He seemed VERY interested. I went back to visit him with a Hebrew - English Bible. He was overwhelmed that I had remembered his name and hunted him down to give him the Bible. Ben said, "I actually told my Rabbi about you and asked him if we could get together and talk about the Scriptures. I told him that you believe the Scriptures too, but he then forbade me to speak to you! I will ask again though, I would love to talk with you about God!" Four visits later... "Hey Ben!" He looked up at me and hung his head and said, "Hey Blake, I have asked three different Rabbis if I can speak with you about God and all of them forbade me to speak with you again. It seems so hard core, but I CAN'T speak with you. I am sorry." Ben seemed very emotional and shaken by the fact that he was forbidden to speak with a "seeking Gentile" about his beloved Scriptures! I do not have the room for all the details but please pray for **BEN** that God will put doubt in his heart about his dead religion and open his heart to the Savior!



SAVED and SEARCHING This month, God allowed me to lead a young Filipino seaman to the Lord named **RENARD** (Top photo). Praise the Lord! Within a few minutes of boarding a Turkish vessel, a short, bald, middle-aged Turkish man asked me in broken English for a Bible! The next day, I brought him a Bible and took some more of them out shopping. I found out by our conversation through Google translate that he found his first Bible only four years ago and has since come to the conclusion that Jesus is God, the Savior of the world! He also was excitedly trying to tell his co-workers about his simple faith in Christ! God also allowed me to personally witness to the Muslim Captain **Yaman** who was very open to the Gospel message of Jesus.



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