

## WHEN SEAFARERS NEED US, WE ARE THERE

The Mission is on call every day to support 1.5 million seafarers in over 260 ports around the world. Seafarers seek our assistance because all too often they have nowhere else to turn. Whether caring for victims of piracy, providing a lifeline to seafarers stranded in foreign ports, or simply providing a space to relax and a listening ear, the Mission is on hand night and day.

### Emergency response

We respond swiftly to tragedy, maritime disaster or personal crisis with welfare teams trained in post-trauma care and critical incident stress counselling.

### Centre hospitality

Where demand exists, we offer seafarer centres which provide a safe and warm environment for crews to relax away from the ship, or to seek confidential counselling and advice.

### Communication facilities

We provide free Wi-Fi hotspots while seafarers are in port through our Flying Angel centres, allowing crews to reconnect with loved ones at home.

### Hospital and prison visits

When a seafarer is injured, or is detained by the authorities, welfare teams can visit regularly and help in sourcing medical or legal support.

### Ship visits

Welfare teams welcome crews to port by visiting them on arrival, and providing mobile communications to those who are unable to get ashore due to working patterns. If necessary, they can also provide practical and spiritual support and counselling to seafarers who request it.

### Spiritual support

In line with our Christian principles, we are able to offer spiritual guidance to seafarers, as well as provide information on places of worship for all major faith groups. Christian services are carried out either on board ship or in a centre.

### Transport

Our minibuses and cars transport hundreds of thousands of seafarers from the bleakness of ports to our centres and to relevant places of interest, such as shopping centres, banks and, when time allows, tourist attractions.

Mission to Seafarers Africa Region:

Telephone: +27 31 572 5405

Email: [cedric@mtssa.co.za](mailto:cedric@mtssa.co.za)

[www.missiontoseafarers.org.za](http://www.missiontoseafarers.org.za)

Bank account name: Mission to Seafarers

Bank: The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited

Branch: George. Branch Code: 051001

Account number 071723129

Account type: Business Current Account

Swift Code: SBZAJJ

# SEA SUNDAY

10 July 2016



THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS

BRINGING CARE,  
SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP  
TO SEAFARERS AROUND  
THE WORLD



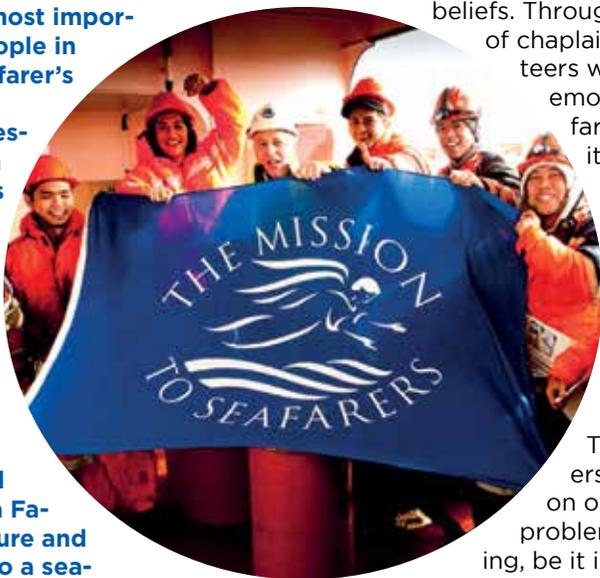
## THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS HAS BROUGHT COMPASSION AND CARE TO SEAFARERS FOR 160 YEARS

As a charity funded entirely by voluntary donations, we provide help and support to the invisible workforce of 1.5 million men and women upon whom we all rely to bring us 90% of the goods we use on a daily basis.

“

**The Port Chaplain is one of the most important people in any seafarer's life. His very presence on board is reassuring. He is a mentor, a counsellor and a spiritual guide, a Father figure and family to a seafarer.**

– Indian seafarer



We work in over 260 ports across 71 countries caring for seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs. Through our global network of chaplains, staff and volunteers we offer practical and emotional support to seafarers through ship visits, drop-in centres and a range of welfare and emergency support services. Piracy, shipwreck, abandonment and separation from loved ones are just a few of the problems merchant seafarers face. In an emergency, The Mission to Seafarers is often the only help on offer. No matter what problem a seafarer is facing, be it injury, abandonment, non-payment of wages or personal difficulties, they know they can turn to the local Mission for help, advice and support.

**807 000**  
VISITS MADE TO  
OUR 121 FLYING  
ANGEL CENTRES

**208 000**  
TRANSPORT RUNS  
FROM SHIP TO SHORE  
WERE MADE

**3 000**  
JUSTICE AND  
WELFARE CASES  
WERE MANAGED

**68 000**  
VISITS TO SHIPS WERE  
MADE BY THE MISSION  
TO SEAFARERS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS IN AFRICA

The well-being of seafarers is at the heart of everything we do. The Mission to Seafarers is there for the 1.5 million seafarers who crew the world's merchant fleet.

Here is an example of a seafarer whom the Mission has helped in Africa.

In January 2016 Mark Classen, the Chaplain in Richards Bay, South Africa, heard about two Filipino seafarers, who had suffered third-degree burns in a fire on board their vessel whilst at the outer anchorage. Mark immediately went to the local hospital and made contact with Kenneth Orias and Robert Bacolcol.

He was able to provide them with sim cards and air time, which meant they could contact their parents who at that stage had not heard about the accident – nor about the condition of their sons.

His regular visits were part of a chaplaincy team effort of support during their six week stay in hospital. Mark was able to care for their practical needs by supplying extra items to eat and drink and also to offer spiritual support, prayer and words of encouragement. He arranged for the two seafarers to celebrate the Eucharist during their stay in hospital.

Mark also became the liaison between the seafarers and the shipping agent, which meant that both men were constantly updated with regard to their arrangements.

This story is an example of the ministry that all our chaplains and ship visitors offer to seafarers in ports across the region. We are committed to ensuring we care for seafarers with the love of God in all situations, providing both practical and spiritual help to those in need.



*The Mission to Seafarers' chaplain at Richards Bay, Mark Classen, ministers to Robert Bacolcol who had suffered third-degree burns in a shipboard accident.*