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The Big Move!

The Missions to Seafarers (an international Anglican organisation at the Table Bay Harbour and also known as the Seaman's Club) has been around for more than a century and is a place where all the sailors come and visit when they are off duty, once they have arrived at our shores.

For a long time now, Biblia, Missions to Seafarers and other organisations have had the dream of forming an ecumenical seaman's centre from where they all can serve and share the gospel to seafarers who anchor in the harbour.

After several years of talks, meetings and planning, that dream finally came to fruition on 1 December 2014. Dane du Plessis, chaplain at Biblia says: "My team and I undertook the enormous task of packing up Biblia, and moved all our possessions to our new building at the Seaman's Club in December last year. After being alone at Biblia for about 18 months, I welcomed the



The Mission to Seafarers building.

move with great anticipation.

"Since we moved to this premises I, as a chaplain and ship visitor, am now able to speak to, share with, reach and help more sailors than was ever possible before. The number of sailors I am now

able to see, has now almost doubled. I am so grateful to the Lord for this wonderful opportunity.

"Also on behalf of Biblia, I would like to extend our thanks to Father Charles (chaplain at Missions to Seafarers) for his help, vision and passion for the sailors."

Tafelbaai Hawe gee om vir Seemanne

Ons almal het al gehoor hoe uitdagend dit is om dag in en dag uit 'n lewe uit die see te probeer maak, om maande lank nie jou geliefdes te sien nie en om soms uitermate aan die elemente blootgestel te word.

Buiten die vissermanne, kry jy natuurlik ook die bemanningslede van reuse-skepe van groot maatskappye wat gereeld by Tafelbaai Hawe aandoen. Mense wat hul skepe en bote veilig van hawe tot hawe moet stuur en in stand hou, en net elke nege maande of tot slegs net

elke twee jaar hul gesinne en geliefdes kan sien.

Verbeel jou jy is 'n seeman wat anker gooi in Tafelbaai Hawe en jy word tydens teetyd op jou skip hartlik uitgenooi na 'n plek aan land waar jy met vriende kan kom pool of tafeltennis speel, TV kyk, ietsie te ete en te drink kan geniet, maar veral die buitengewone diens van persoonlike gesprekke en berading in 'n kapelletjie kan ontvang.

Dane du Plessis is die persoon wat

namens Biblia Hawesending (BHS) hom ontferm oor hierdie seemanne. Hy vertel: "Aanvanklik het BHS net gefokus op die geestelike versorging van seelui, maar dit het intussen verskuif na 'n meer holistiese bediening; daar word ook omgesien na hul maatskaplike- en arbeidsprobleme waar nodig. Klere (bv. gebreide mussies) word ook aan seemanne verskaf, en as hulle nie salarisse ontvang nie, word dit na die regte persone verwys wat dit verder neem. Seemanne word ook gehelp om in die hospitaal opgeneem te word, indien nodig."

Volgens Dane werk hierdie nuwe reëling nou baie beter, aangesien hy in die verlede altyd na die skepe moes gaan om die mense daar te bedien, maar nou het hulle nie net hierdie pragtige ruim area van Missions to Seafarers tot hulle beskikking nie, maar ook 'n kapel waar daar 'n meer spirituele atmosfeer heers, en daar vir die manne gebid kan word.

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inligting.



Die kapelletjie waar seemanne kan kom stil word voor die Here.

Dane's passion for BIBLIA

Dane du Plessis has been at Biblia Harbour Ministry in Cape Town Harbour since June 2013.

His focal point when visiting the ships is to share the love of Jesus Christ to seafarers from all over the world, to show a Christ-like love to the seafarers and to see to the welfare of the sailors who arrive at our shores.

"I take up Jesus' Commandment doing my ministry," he says. "In Mathew 22, the Pharisees had just asked Jesus what the greatest commandment in the entire law was, and Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul and mind, and the second is, love your neighbour as yourself; all the laws and prophets hang on these two commandments,' and also Mark 16 vs. 15: 'Go into the entire world and preach the

good news to everyone.'

"This is exactly what I do at Biblia, every day, five days a week," Dane says. "I do this with all I have in me. Through Biblia, countless lives have been led to the Lord over the last more than forty years. This ministry has blessed my life in countless ways and I'm extremely grateful to the Lord for this ministry.

"I encourage all of you to apply Mathew 22 to your own lives, by loving God first, then loving your fellow human beings. After all, this is an instruction from our Lord.

"I pray that you will continue to support and pray for us, and that the Lord's favour may reign over you and your loved ones."

If everything goes well, Dane will complete his B.Th. at UNISA this year. Because he is a member of the Reformed



Dane du Plessis

Church in Grassy Park, he would like to be ordained as a reformed minister and will therefore also complete a one-year correspondence course at the North-West University in Potchefstroom in order to meet the requirements. His dream is to, apart from being a minister, remain involved with Biblia Harbour Mission.

Contact Dane at duplessisdane@yahoo.com for more information.

Die Bruwers van Mosselbaai glo in vriendskappe



Daniël en Sally Bruwer

Nadat Daniël en Sally Bruwer in Mosselbaai kom aftree het, het hulle gou onder die indruk van die geestelike

behoefte van die ongeveer 500 plaaslike vissermanne gekom.

Met behulp van ds JP van der Merwe is 'n trusteeraad gestig en die Biblia Evangelie aan Seelui, Mosselbaai, het in die ongebruikte doeanegebou tot stand gekom. Treilvisvangmaatskappye is genader om die evangelie op die bote aan die vissers te bring, maar die verwagting daarvan was maar baie skepties –

"vissers is rowwe ouens," is aan hulle gesê.

Ten spyte hiervan, het Daniël en Sally vriende met die vissers begin word en in hulle as mense begin belangstel. Op hierdie

manier is hul vertrouwe gewen en kon hulle, deur middel van hul vriendskaps-evangelisasie, die mense geestelik begin bedien.

"Die beste tyd om die seemanne te bedien, is op Maandag- en Dinsdagoggende voordat die meeste van hulle op 'n 10-dag uittog gaan, want met die terugkoms, is hulle te haastig om hul 3-dag verlof aan land te gaan geniet!" sê Daniël.

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Redaksioneel

Laat ons nooit vergeet dat ons as Christene almal 'n roeping het nie; God het ons elkeen geroep om te getuig en ons roeping uit te leef – veral in die plek waar ons werk. Mense moet 'n stukkie van God se liefde in ons kan ervaar.

Dit is een ding om te kan sê jy weet daar is 'n plek soos die Biblia-gebou vir bediening aan vissers in Kalkbaai, maar dis iets heel anders as jy, as visserman, eers Marvin en Veronika Petersen se liefde en aanvaarding daar ervaar. Dis een ding om die Missions to Seafarers se gebou in Tafelbaai te sien, maar dis iets anders as jy sien hoe 'n seeman die kapelruimte gebruik om voor die Here stil te word. Dis een ding om te hoor hoe Gerhard Pietersen in Houtbaai hande vat met vele nie-regeringsorganisasies, maar dis 'n ander ding as jy sien met hoeveel respek hy met die vissermanne op die kaai praat. Dis een ding om te hoor Saldanha word deur ongeveer 350 skepe per jaar besoek, maar dis iets anders as jy sien met hoeveel omgee Gert Tredoux die seemanne bedien.

Lees hiervan en nog meer in hierdie uitgawe en besef jou verantwoordelikheid om as Christen die liefde van die Here teenoor almal om jou in die werkplek uit te leef.

Editorial

Let us never forget that we as Christians all have a calling; God has called each one of us to witness and to live accordingly – especially in our workplace. People have to experience something of God's love in us.

It is one thing to be able to say you know there's a place like the Biblia building for ministry to fishers in Kalk Bay, but it's different when you, as a fisherman, experience Marvin and Veronika Petersen's love and acceptance. It is one thing to see the Missions to Seafarers building in Table Bay, but it's something else if you see a seaman uses the chapel space to be quiet before the Lord. It's one thing to hear Gerhard Pietersen in Hout Bay is joining hands with many non-governmental organisations, but it's another thing when you see with how much respect he talks with the fishermen on the pier. It's one thing to hear that Saldanha is visited by about 350 ships a year, but it's something else when you see how much Gert Tredoux cares about ministering to the sailors.

Read about these stories and more in this issue, and realise your responsibility to live the love of Jesus to all people in your workplace.

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Montagu besoek Metropool-bedieninge in die Kaap



Montagu op besoek aan Biblia.

Verlede jaar het 'n groep gemeentelede van die NGK Montagu in die Zikomo-woonstelsel, Strand kom bly vanwaar hulle verskeie bedieninge wat deur die KGA (Kommissie vir Getuienisaksie) ondersteun word, besoek het.

Ds Kobus de Jager van Montagu vertel: "Wat 'n lewensveranderende naweek!" Nadat hulle die Donderdagaand die Sokhanya Bybelskool in Khayelitsha besoek het, het hulle die volgende dag Biblia Hawesending in Tafelbaai besoek.

Ds De Jager vertel verder: "Die Vrydagoggend het ons vir Dane du Plessis by die Biblia Kiosk in die Kaapse hawe ontmoet. Dane het eers gedink hy kom help net tydelik by Biblia uit, maar sy lewe is omgekeer met 'n passie om die liefde van Christus na seemanne te bring.

"Hy besoek die skepe daaglik. Ons het hartseer én inspirerende verhale gehoor en was verras oor die feit dat die Biblia-bediening netwerk met soortgelyke bedieninge oor die wêreld heen –

seemanne word as't ware 'aangegee'. Bid asseblief saam vir die samewerkings-gesprekke wat tans gevoer word tussen organisasies in hawebedieninge."

Die Vrydagaand het hulle Straatwerk besoek en die Saterdagoggend die Helderberg-gemeente.

"Ons is huis toe met 'n dieper oortuiging," sê ds De Jager, "dat ons nie net mag ontvang uit die liefde van God nie; ons moet ook uitreik na die wêreld."

Bringing the Church to Kalk Bay Harbour

If you're driving through the beautiful Kalk Bay again, remember to pop in at the white-and-blue-painted Biblia Harbour Mission kiosk just after the boom on the left. This is where Marvin Petersen and his German wife, Veronika, will welcome you with open arms.

This newly married couple ministers to the fishing community of Kalk Bay in general, but focusses, especially from Tuesdays to Thursdays and Sundays, on the fishermen in the harbour. They provide a cosy and hospitable space where the fishermen are cared for spiritually and where they are provided with Bibles and other spiritual information.

They also serve the youth of the fishing community; on Fridays Veronika leads Bible study with a group of children (10-17 years) and on Saturdays they are sometimes taken out on interesting trips.

Marvin is currently studying part-time at the Baptist Seminary in Athlone towards being a pastor and is already working on his fourth year of the five-year course.

Veronika obtained a degree in Social Work in Germany already, as well as her Licentiate in Theology from the Bible Institute diagonally across the harbour.

But let them speak for themselves. Marvin explains:



Marvin and Veronika Petersen

"Most of the workers in the harbour can't attend church in the mornings due to their busy schedules. Therefore, we have decided to bring the church to them. We have devotions at the Biblia Kiosk and experience it as a blessing to the harbour workers.

"The Bible studies with the children living in Kalk Bay continue to be a success and blessing. My wife and I still conduct these in the afternoon at the Bible Institute.

"Recently we received encouraging acknowledgement from one of the parents.

She noted that we are doing a good job because her child's behaviour and school grades are improving. She furthermore said that we should continue doing the good work.

"It is always a blessing to hear such words of encouragement because it also helps us to keep our focus on what God has called us to do," he says.

Contact Marvin and Veronika Petersen at marvin.spetersen@gmail.com for information.

BIBLIA cares for seamen at hospital

“With all the changes that have been taking place here at Biblia (moving in with the Missions to Seafarers), many exciting opportunities have presented themselves,” says Dane du Plessis.

“It has come to our attention that many sailors, whilst at sea, get either injured or sick. If an injury occurs, they are usually taken to the nearest hospital, which in this case, is Christian Barnard Hospital.

“I have come to learn that many seafarers get lonely during their stay in the hospital of a foreign country. Therefore Biblia has decided to, once a week, visit sailors who may be in hospital.

“My purpose for doing so,” explains Dane, “is to provide company to sailors who will not receive any visitors while they are in hospital, to pray for recovery and to help provide them with whatever basic necessities they will need. The fishermen in

our port are still working in the most horrible conditions. They work at sea for up to two years at a time, with very little pay, and they appreciate and are grateful for any help and support that they receive. Second-hand clothes, beanies and other basics are always needed.

“Astrid (from the Catholic Church) has been doing hospital visits since last year, and has introduced me to the ins and outs of how to care for sick sailors.

“Churches are also always welcome to visit us at the port. In the past year we have had several visits, and in turn have visited some churches and retirement homes. If any church would like for us to visit, or wish to visit us, they are most welcome.”

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One of the sailors who was visited at hospital.

Op besoek aan NGK Heidekoppie

Carin Brink, streekbestuurder van Arbeidsbediening Kaapstreek en Dane du Plessis van Biblia Hawesending in Kaapstad was onlangs op besoek aan die NGK Heidekoppie, Brackenfell se senior burgers, die Silwer Jare-groep.

Nadat Johan Ackerman die byeenkoms met die 'Senior Burger Loflied', Psalm 71, geopen het, het Mercia Conradie (koördineerder van die seniorgroep) almal verwelkom en Carin aan die woord gestel.

Carin het aan die groep verduidelik hoe

Arbeidsbediening uit die destydse Nywerheidsbediening ontwikkel het tot vandag se uitgebreide ekumeniese niwingsgewende maatskappy (NPC), Arbeidsbediening, wat vier fokusareas bedien, naamlik Handel & Nywerheid, Transnet, Vissers en Seelui. Hulle beskou hulself as 'n verlengstuk van Christelike kerke en fokus daarop om verhoudings te bou en mense in die werksplek geestelik, sosiaal en fisies te ondersteun.

Nadat Carin 'n video oor hul werk

vertoon het, het Dane du Plessis meer van sy werk onder seelui in Kaapstad-hawe vertel. Daar vind hy dikwels vissersmanne wat in haglike omstandighede in oop vissersbote vir tot ses maande bly en in alle seisoene die elemente moet oorleef. Hulle is meestal van die Philippynse, Indonesië en China en word 'n hongersloon betaal, aangesien mense van bv. Amerika nie bereid is om vir so min geld te werk nie.

Hy het hartroerende verhale vertel van vissers wat leef vir Bybels, klere en mussies wat aan hulle uitgedeel word, en hoe dit hul lewe van meestal twee jaar weg van die huis per keer, draaglik help maak.

Dane bedien ook die twee polisiestasies (waarvan een die immigrasie-polisie is) op die hawe se personeel met Bybelstudies.

Dane het ook die NG Kerkfamilie en Gereformeerde kerke spesiaal bedank vir hul reuse-bydraes om mussies te brei, klere te skenk, ens. en sodoende hierdie kosbare bediening aan die gang help hou.

Indien enige persoon bydraes in die vorm van mussies, klere, toiletware en kos wil maak, of Dane op die hawe wil gaan besoek, kan u vir **Carin Brink** by cbrink@kaapkerk.co.za / **083 651 9515** kontak.



Biblia besoek Heidekoppie.

Wolseley Belydenisgroep besoek BIBLIA

Die NGK Wolseley-gemeente het die gebruik om die eerste naweek van die skoolkwartaal met die belydenisgroep te gaan kamp. Aangesien die groep hierdie jaar besonder klein is (net vyf) het hulle dit goedgevind om die katkisante eerder 'n ander blootstelling te gee aan die begin van die jaar.

Ds Wouter van Velden vertel: “Op Vrydagaand het ons by Straatwerk aangesluit en tot laatnag saam die stadslewe beleef. Dit was tog effens anders as ons dorpie wat nie eers 'n robot het nie!

“Saterdagmiddag het Biblia aan die beurt gekom. Dit was vir ons almal 'n eerste besoek aan die hawe en ons is baie vriendelik deur Dane du Plessis, die geestelike werker daar, ontvang. Die passie vir sy werk is opvallend. Hy het beslis 'n kant van Christenskap gewys wat baie van die katkisante nie ken nie. 'n Mens kan maar net hoop dat dit aansteeklik is en dat die kinders ook so 'n



Wolseley Belydenisgroep besoek Biblia.

'commitment' en passie vir die Here sal hê.

“Biblia se getuienis is vars,” sê ds Van Velden, “en die foto's en verhale is van die afgelope week of twee; nie oor wat 'n jaar of twee terug gebeur het nie.”

“Blootstelling kry darem net baie meer reg as 'n kategese-klas of 'n preek op

hierdie ouderdom.” is ds Van Velden se mening na hul besoek.

Ons hoop dat baie gemeentes nog in die komende jaar 'n draai sal gaan maak by Biblia in Tafelbaai Hawe. Mag die Here die bediening seën en Dane in alle opsigte toerus vir sy groot werk onder die seemanne.

Hout Bay's Fishermen

If you stroll around Hout Bay's harbour between the (mostly abandoned) fish factories, you will see Biblia Harbour Mission's building diagonally opposite Snoekies, the popular fish and chips cafe.

When you go up the wooden stairs, you will meet Rev. Gerhard Pietersen, also lay preacher of Hout Bay DRC. Gerhard ministers part time at Industrial Ministry's Fishermen's Ministry in Hout Bay. He says, “At first I just focused on the fishermen,

but I soon changed to a more holistic ministry of the whole community.

“The fishing industry has declined,” he continues, “factories were closed down (there is only one operating in the entire port), fish is scarce, quotas are a problem, and the men who work as fishermen are away from their families for sometimes up to six days a week. All of these factors contribute to severe social problems, such as drug addiction, domestic violence,

conflict and gangs,” says Gerhard.

In an attempt to address all these problems, he formed partnerships with many non-governmental organisations, such as *Cares Rehab*, a support group for drug addicts, and *Community Cohesion*, which also uses their Hout Bay Biblia kiosk and serves the community's social needs. Volunteers are used to support and counsel families.

Gerhard pays regular visits to the fishermen and people at the kiosk at the harbour and prays for their needs. Bible study is also part of his ministry in the Biblia Harbour Mission building, where many outcasts find a welcome home.

Several pre-school buildings were also erected in the community where their children can be cared for.

The teenagers and young adults are also ministered with the gospel by means of Sports Ministry, and 21 coaches were equipped to help. They completed the mentoring programme so that they can act as role models for the children, and establish trusting relationships with them. This is to ensure that the children have a mentor who they can talk to if needed. These children have a lot of aggression and need mentors in the community, as well as the opportunity to participate in any form of sport.



Gerhard Pietersen in conversation with a fisherman.

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Gert van SALDANHA se warm hart

Biblia Hawesending het in Walvisbaai ontstaan en bedien tans 'n mag der menigte seelui van regoor verskillende hawens aan ons Suid-Afrikaanse kuslyn.

Saldanha word jaarliks deur ongeveer 350 skepe vanuit dertig tot veertig verskillende lande besoek; 'n groot sendingveld dus hier reg op ons voorstoep! Dit bied 'n gulde geleentheid aan Biblia Hawesending om seelui wat hier aandoen, geestelik te kan bedien.

Die persoon wat hierdie kosbare werk sedert 2007 doen, is Gert Tredoux, 'n afgetrede visserman wat die taal van die seemanne ken en so na hul hart praat. Hy vertel: "Ons doel is om die persoon met wie ons in gesprek tree aan Jesus bekend te stel, en as dit moontlik is, in 'n lewende verhouding met Hom te bring."

"Die meeste van hulle kom vanaf China, Indië, Griekeland en die Filippyne," vertel Gert verder. "Ek deel Bybels uit aan diegene wat daarvoor vra of dit nodig het en deel ook Christelike literatuur (wat ek van verskillende mense



Gert Tredoux in gesprek met 'n seeman.

ontvang) uit aan die seemanne. Hierdie persoonlike gesprekke en omgee maak 'n groot positiewe verskil aan hul lewens."

Verskillende gemeentes maak 'n groot bydrae tot geskenkpakkies en bemoedigende Bybelversies wat gereeld aan hierdie mense uitgedeel word. Dit maak die moeilike en uitdagende lewe op see vir hulle meer draaglik en bring 'n menslike warmte waarin hulle God se liefde kan ervaar.

Biblia Hawesending Saldanha funksioneer onder die vaandel van die NG Kerk Weskus-ring. Hul hoofkantoor is by

die NG Moederkerk te Vredenburg en gemeentes uit die streek word op die komitee verteenwoordig. Ds Jakes Barnard van die NGK Saldanha is die voorsitter.

Die voortbestaan van hierdie belangrike diens is baie afhanklik van bydraes en voorbedding – verlede jaar is 592 mense van warm mussies voorsien en 184 pakkies tydens Kersfees uitgedeel. Kom, raak gerus betrokke.

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A Gift of Warm Beanies from Huis De Kuilen

In May last year, dozens of colourful caps (beanies) were handed over to Dane du Plessis of Seamen's Mission Biblia Harbour in Cape Town by Huis De Kuilen in Kuils River, one of the northern suburbs of Cape Town.

Carin Brink, the regional manager of Industrial Ministry Cape Region was also present.

With this large donation Dane could provide many seamen with a warm beanie for winter. Caring gestures like these give Dane the

opportunity to tell seamen about Jesus and his love and care for them.

Many of these men see their loved ones only every two years and the circumstances in which they live and work are not always ideal. Biblia Harbour

Mission gives them a loving home where they are also provided with Bibles and Christian literature.

Contact Dane at seelui@mweb.co.za for more information.



Dane du Plessis (centre) with Carin Brink (right) receive a large amount of beanies from Huis De Kuilen.

Thanks for your support

Biblia has been sharing the gospel to seafarers for over 40 years now. It is only through your support and prayers that we have been able to do so.

Being a faith-based organisation, we are solely reliant on the support and contributions of the DR churches and our individual donors.

To keep Biblia running we need about R250 000 annually. Every bit goes a long way in helping us share the gospel to thousands of seafarers every year.

The statistics for the previous year: June

2014 to June 2015:

Harbours	Ships served	Seafarers seen	Evangelized
Cape Town	480	684	525
Saldanha	392	2 518	1 663

Menslike Nood in Tafelbaai-Hawe



Van die bemanningslede wat deur Biblia bygestaan word.

Dane du Plessis van Biblia Hawesending in Tafelbaai laat weet: “’n Groot vragskip met 21 Chinese bemanningslede is onlangs onder arres geplaas. Die vaartuig en bemanning is reeds in ons hawe vir ’n paar dae en dit kan tot vyf maande duur.

“Die skip (maatskappy) is onder arres geplaas omdat die bemanning sedert Augustus van 2014 nie besoldig is nie en van hulle alreeds 21 maande daarvoor wag. Beide die kaptein en beampete in beheer is, soos te verstaan, baie gefrustreerd deur die situasie. Die meeste seevaarders gaan op see vir maande per keer, terwyl hul vroue omsien na die kinders tuis.

“In hierdie geval, en vele soortgelyke gevalle, waar skepe onder arres geplaas word, ontvang die seemanne geen inkomste nie en kan dus geen geld huis toe stuur nie.

“Biblia doen alles in hul vermoë om hierdie seevaarders te help,” sê Dane. “Volgens die kaptein het hulle vir eers genoeg, maar die meeste bemanningslede is totaal uitgeput van hul voortgesette 21 maande-skof. Ons bid dat die situasie op een of ander manier so gou moontlik ontloot kan word.

“’n Ander vaartuig is, net ’n kilometer buite ons hawe, ook onder skeepsarres geplaas die moment toe hulle die hawe ingevaar het. Die bemanning en skip is nou al hier vir langer as ’n maand, en voorrade aan boord is karig.

“Laura Hayes, hoof van bemaking en kommunikasie, gebaseer in die Verenigde Koninkryk, het my gevra om aan boord ondersoek te gaan instel en om te gaan help waar moontlik. Situasies soos hierdie is altyd hartseer om van te hoor en te hanteer. Die maritieme bedryf kan soms wreed wees, veral teenoor seemanne en hul families.

“Biblia poog om te help waar ons kan, hetsy tov welsyn, in terme van fisiese versorging of geestelike vertroosting deur die liefde van Jesus Christus met hulle te deel,” sê Dane.

Ons doen ’n dringende beroep op jou gebede en enige bydrae waar enigsins moontlik.

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Knip hier... 

Ja, ek wil baie graag ’n medewerker van Biblia Hawesending word.

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Faks die inbetalingsbewys na **021 419 3154**.

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The heart of a fisherman

“As many of you have come to know,” Dane du Plessis says, “I have developed an immense passion and heart for our fishermen at the harbour. My first thoughts when I visited a fishing vessel for the first time were: ‘That’s the last time I put my foot on a fishing vessel!’ and I had (what I thought were) valid reasons at the time.

“Fishing vessels are incredibly small and old,” Dane continues, “and the smell on board is indescribable. However, I have come to learn of the horrible conditions this fisherman work under. There are usually thirty sailors on board at a time (mostly Filipinos, Indonesians and Chinese). Most are underpaid and some are not paid at all. Despite this, fishermen are some of the most humble and hardworking people I have met.

“Fishermen often have to deal with sad realities and conditions,” says Dane. “I have come to befriend Qichun, a Chinese fisherman captain in his 30s. He has a wife, two young children and also looks after his elderly father. He is also the sole provider for the family. He came on board

the fishing vessel *Shen fu* at the beginning of last year, with the intention of working a year-long contract, with the hope of providing for his family.

“After signing his contract, he came on board not knowing what lay ahead of him. The owners of *Shen fu* decided that once their vessel was anchored in Cape Town, they would abandon the vessel and crew, as they could no longer afford to run it.

“With 17 unpaid crew members on board, the ship was immediately placed under arrest. (When a vessel is under arrest, that vessel and crew cannot leave the harbour until matters have been resolved). And the crew and captain had to stay on board for eleven months – without provisions or a salary.”

During this time Dane became Qichun’s anchor and friend in Christ – he could come for advice and talk about his dilemma. Biblia became like a second home to him.

Dane continues, “With the help of the ITF (International Transport Workers’ Federation) the organisation that deals with such matters, the fishermen were able to



Qichun

leave on 1 January of this year. Qichun, being the captain, was however forced to remain on board, as the captain is responsible for the vessel when the owners have abandoned it.

“After a court case and a hefty fine paid by the owners, Qichun was finally able to return home to his family. Qichun cried with joy and relief as he was finally able to see his family after long 12 months.”

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A last word from Dane:

‘Ecumenical.’ I love that term. In short it means “a world-wide and unified Christian unity”. Reformed, Anglican, Methodist? What does it matter? I have met Godly men and women from all denominations, men and woman whose love for Christ and others is tangible. Among them, Father Charles and his team of eight (who are superb I might add) at missions.

I have worked with Rev Charles and the missions for six months now, and of my two years at Biblia, these last six months have been the better.

“Why?” you might ask? We all share the common purpose of loving, giving hope and caring for seafarers.

Secondly, I’m learning from people who have been in this ministry for decades. Rev Charles says, “The missions are absolutely thrilled to have taken this step of being one unified body under Christ.”

Being ecumenical, we are far more effective in our task and mission, and I absolutely love it, it signifies love, friendship, peace and unity, all to the glory of Christ.

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