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“So tell me, Pastor ...”

During one of our visits to the fruit basin I met a young Filipino man by the name of Mike. As we stepped inside the mess room (the crew's dining area) Mike knew exactly who we were and what our purpose for visiting them was.

As we began introducing ourselves, Mike asked me a question that surprised me, “So Pastor, tell me about this Jesus.”

I immediately seized the opportunity to share the gospel with him and told him about the love of Jesus. I explained how He died on the cross for us so that we may be forgiven for our sins, and that we have to repent and accept Him into our hearts to be with Him for eternity.

Having learnt that Mike had a young daughter of two years old, I asked him, “Mike, tell me, do you love your daughter?” to which he responded, “Yes, very much!”

His smile immediately vanished and he was saddened, as he missed her very

much. I explained to Mike that this Jesus, who he doesn't know, loves him so much more than he can ever love his daughter.

Hearing and understanding this, Mike was in tears and before leaving I gave him a Bible, introduced him to some key books within the New Testament to focus on and took the opportunity to pray for him.

Sadly I never saw Mike again, but I continue to pray for him and trust that he is still walking with the Lord.

It is during times like these that I realise the importance and value of my work. At times when things get tough, which often happens, I always remember the story of my friend Mike and how the love of Jesus can captivate the heart of a seaman.

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Mike (with the Bible in his hands) in the middle with friends.



Gert Tredoux

God verhoor seeman se wens

Gert Tredoux van Seelui in Saldanha was sy lewe lank 'n visserman wat op vissersbote aan ons kus visgevang het. Omdat hy die vissersmanstaal ken, help dit hom baie om Jesus aan seemanne tuis te bring. Hy vertel:

“Biblia tree seker oral in die hawens met dieselfde doel voor oë op, maar wat ek graag wil uitlig, is om Jesus as Persoon, en geen godsdiens nie, aan die seevaarders voor te stel, want dit gaan nie oor 'n denominasie of 'n godsdiens nie, maar oor 'n Persoon. Verder bid ek vir hulle wat seer het of behoeftes het en help ook waar ek kan.

“In Februarie 2009 het ek 'n seeman ontmoet met die naam, Filipyn, wat by die ontvangstafel waar ons uitteken 'n Bybel gevra het. So vertel ek toe aan hom dat die Bybel 'n liefdesbrief van God aan sy kinders is en dat ons aan Hom kan behoort deur kinders van Hom te word deur sy seun, Jesus Christus.

“Nadat hy die Here aangeneem het, het ek ons name voor in sy Bybel geskryf. Ek bid toe vir hom en hy vra my of ek vir

hom vir 'n vrou sal bid. Ek vra hom toe watter karaktertrekke hy van so 'n vrou verlang en het toe saam met hom daarvoor gebid.

“Toe ek op 17 Mei 2013 aan boord van 'n skip gaan, sê die persoon aandiens dat hy my ken. Hy vra toe my ID-kaart van die hawe en sê hy wou net seker maak dis my naam wat in sy Bybel staan! Ek kon duidelik sien dat sy Bybel al baie gebruik is en dat hy gedeeltes daarin onderstreep soos die Here met hom praat.

“Hy vertel toe verder dat hy toe hy sy vrou ontmoet het en reeds 'n seun het. Hy vra toe of ek dan nie onthou hoe ons gebid het vir 'n vrou vir hom nie.

“Toe ek hom die volgende dag gaan groet, vertel hy my dat hy sy vrou gebel het om haar te vertel dat hy weer die persoon gekry het wat vir hom gebid het vir 'n vrou. Ons het weer saam gebid voordat ons finaal gegroet het.”

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Dane du Plessis



Beanies open doors to Gospel

Because so many people don't have any connection with God anymore, Industrial Ministry in South Africa (IMSA) brings the healing and comfort of God's love to people in their workplaces. IMSA is an extremely effective partner in assisting congregations ministering to communities in these great needs of the modern world.

On the docks of Cape Town's harbour you will find Industrial Ministry's enthusiastic Dane du Plessis of Biblia Harbour Mission, one of IMSA's ministering areas, sharing the Good News with the crews and seafarers. He is often supporting and assisting them in unforeseen circumstances.

Last year Dane decided that, after having a look at the conditions of the fishing vessels, he would focus on sharing

the Gospel to these seafarers in particular.

Dane says, "To my astonishment I learnt that many of them are away from their families for up to two years at a time. Besides this, they are poorly paid and many days I see them bathing themselves on the deck of the vessel, out in the open.

"Looking through the store room at our office, I found a few bags of clothes along with some scarves we had received from congregations, and the much appreciated beanies our friends at old age homes knit for us on a regular basis. I gathered these clothes and day by day I started handing it out.

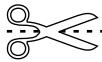
"This turned out to be a great means and starting point for me to be able to share the gospel to these seafarers. Despite most of them being from other

religions I am delighted to report that many of them were very receptive to the gospel, often rushing to their tiny cabins to store the Bibles that they received as a gift.

"During this time God has truly shown me the value of the small things we often take for granted. I continue visiting these vessels, and by doing so I have been truly blessed and humbled in the process. And I also learnt the truth: *Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.* (Mathew 25:4)"

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Knip hier...



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