

# Mission to Chinese Seamen

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## Ministry Update

It's hard to believe that it's December already. The world certainly has looked a lot different this year, and we, like everyone, have been affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic. As of March, ship visits were no longer possible which hit us at the heart of what we do. Optimism returned as conditions improved over the summer but the ports remained closed to visitors. Rev. Byeong Lee was finally able to resume ship visits in October, but there is still hesitancy by some of the ships' captains to allow visitors.



Nonetheless, as long as the ports stay open, we remain committed.

This is the time of year when we'd normally be packing and delivery our ditty bags. Many will recall that we use the ditty bag ministry as a way to provide winter essentials to seafarers, many who come from milder climates and are not used to the cold weather. By serving this need, we are able to make a connection and share the hope of the Gospel. However, due to the surge in COVID-19 cases and increased restrictions, we made the difficult decision to postpone. We are still hopeful that we can pack in January and still deliver in

the cold winter months! Thanks to the many knitters out there who have used their spare time to knit balaclavas that we can include in the bags! In previous years we've been able to pack around 300 ditty bags. At a cost -\$10 each, we need to raise -\$3,000.

I want to express how grateful we are to the individuals and churches who have continued their support through these trying times. We know the hardships that many are facing during these times and appreciate your continued faithfulness to our small mission organization.

## Prayer Requests

- Wisdom to know how best to carry out our mission as we navigate the ever evolving pandemic.
- That Rev. Byeong Lee may follow the port and ship's guidance faithfully and stay safe as he visits the ships.
- Fundraising efforts and ability to carry out our annual ditty bag packing and delivery.



## Bible Meditation: Psalm 62: 1-8

Psalm 62 is written by David. He starts this psalm by confessing his faith in God. He says only God is my rock, my salvation, my fortress, and my refuge. He reveals how he understands God and how much he trusts in God. If we are Christians, then we should know who God is, and we should trust him every day.

Underneath his beautiful confession, there is a big danger that he was put in. He is now in a great battle against the enemy. We don't know who his enemy is and how long this battle will last. That makes David frustrated and shout, how long will you assault a man? Even though we are Christians, we are not excluded from the danger and peril in our life. The question is how we can handle that.

Against his enemy, David encourages himself, saying, find rest, o my soul, in God alone, because my hope comes from Him, and my salvation depends upon Him. This confession shows how the believers overcome the dangers that he encounter. The only answer for our danger is to find rest in God, because He is our refuge. David extends his exhortation to all people. Trust in him at all times, O people. He encourages all people to trust Him. There is no exception to trust in God. We all trust in Him. We also trust Him at all times, because we don't know how long the enemy's attack will last.

We are all now in the attack of COVID 19, and many people have died, and our life is stopped from normal routines. To the worse, nobody knows how long this will end. That makes us frustrated, discouraged, depressed, and terrified. But if we are true Christians, then we have to know who God is and what He has done for us in Christ Jesus, who is the descendent of David. He battled against the enemy on the cross and won by resurrection. Therefore let us trust Him at all times, o people of God, and pour our hearts to Him to win this battle against COVID 19.

## In Memory of Jennifer Johnson

We mourn the loss of Jennifer Johnson, long time board member, who was currently serving as our Vice President. Sadly, she lost her battle with cancer over the summer. We are so thankful for her life and her service to the Mission to Chinese Seamen. She loved the Lord and lived a life pointing to Him, wanting others to know of His saving grace.

Please keep the Johnson family in your prayers, especially as we enter this holiday season.



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