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Global Fest 2011

Friday, September 30, 2011

Dinner & Auction 5:30–7 p.m.

Music by *Tapestry* at 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

5290 Canal Boulevard

New Orleans, LA 70124

Make Your Plans to Attend!

You won't want to miss GLOBAL FEST 2011. It will be an exciting night of good food, a fun silent auction, and great entertainment. Last year was a huge success, and this year looks to be even better. We will start with a catfish and shrimp dinner. You will have time to bid on many unique auction items and then enjoy some great entertainment. A local Jazz ensemble will play throughout the night, and our feature entertainment for the night is a group called *Tapestry*. It is going to be a great evening. You won't want to miss a single second of all the fun.

But wait, there is more! For the very reasonable cost of \$15.00 per person, you get a great dinner, wonderful entertainment, and an opportunity to bid on some fantastic items. We already have several exciting items for the auction, including jewelry, artwork, and a football autographed by Sean Payton, head coach of the New Orleans Saints! To make this offer even better, while you are enjoying this great night you will also be helping to support Global Maritime Ministries. Our "dream team"

planning committee is working to make this the best event yet. They have also set a challenging goal. They aim to raise enough funds to provide support for the ministry and additional chaplains as the need arises, and there is a need now!

They have set this goal because the ministry is facing three great challenges this year. First, like everyone else, we are experiencing the effects of this difficult economy. While donations decrease, our expenses do not. Last year's event was the reason we were able to end the year in the black. God provided once again. Second, new security regulations being enforced in the port are creating an increasing demand on the ministry. While these regulations are often a challenge, they have created new ministry opportunities for the ministry. The terminals have become restricted areas, and the seafarers are not allowed to cross the terminals without being escorted by preapproved escorts. What this means is that seafarers cannot leave the ship to go to the center, church, shopping centers, or any other place unless someone goes to the ship and takes them through the secure areas. There are only a few companies allowed to do this. We are the only group that does it for free. The other transportation services

often charge \$130 or more for a round-trip ride to Wal-Mart (a trip of about four miles round trip). Third, we are preparing for three new cruise ships to start coming to our port each week. The Carnival *Conquest* and the Royal Caribbean *Voyager of the Seas* will begin doing seven-day cruises from New Orleans. The Carnival *Elation* will be replacing the Carnival *Triumph*. What does this mean for the ministry? Each week we will have four or five cruise ships in port. Each cruise ship has a crew of about one thousand people. We will have the opportunity to minister to almost five thousand people each week just on the cruise ships! We will need additional chaplains to help minister at the center and drive the shuttle. We will also need additional chaplains so that we can have one chaplain on each cruise ship while it is in port to minister to the many crew members who are unable to leave the ship. We must hire additional chaplains and find more local volunteers to minister to all new crewmembers. At the same time, we cannot neglect the many crews on the cargo ships coming to the port each day. The challenge is great, but God is greater!

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There are other ways you can help to make this event successful. You can help promote Global Fest in your church and community. You can help by donating items or contacting others to donate items for the silent auction.

We are also looking for corporate sponsors for this year's event. Perhaps you know a business that would like to help offset the cost of this evening.

Please make your plans to come and help support the ministry. Your presence will make a difference. Bring

your family. Bring a large group from your church. Buy your tickets today! For more details on the event or to purchase tickets, you can call the center at (504) 895-2028 or visit our website at www.portministry.com and clicking on "Donate Now."

The Extra Mile

Our ministry depends on volunteers. With thousands of ships calling on our port each year, our staff is just not able to get to every ship or meet every seafarer. We have several faithful volunteers who are able to act as staff when the need arises. One such volunteer, Tom, has become an important part of our work.

Early in July, I received an email from the captain of the *Livorno* stating that the ship was going to be in port July 8. He was requesting transportation for himself and his crew. I was not going to be at the center that day, so I asked Tom if he could fill in for me. Tom volunteers every Wednesday, and he is a tremendous help. I emailed the captain Tom's phone number so when

they arrived in port, they could give Tom a call. The next week, I received the following email from the captain:

Hello Norman,

On behalf of our staff and self personally we really want to thank you for all the arrangement with Mr. Tom while we were at New Orleans, he was really patient and very helpful gentleman.

We really appreciate your deep concerns for us seafarers; you guys really go that extra mile in many different ways.

Thank you once again, I will see you in 6 weeks. Have a nice day.

Warm Regards,

Capt. Aziz Juneja

Master / Livorno Express

Norman Mangum

I could not thank Tom enough for taking time to come in and help these guys out. It is not easy being a seafarer, and thanks to Tom, these guys' needs were met. Tom said, "I could have sat home and watched TV. I am retired and I didn't have to come and do anything, but I wanted to be there for these guys. I also had a chance to witness to the captain while I was at it." I appreciate Tom taking time to volunteer. Who knows what he said that might change the captain's life. Who knows whose life you might impact if you chose to volunteer one day a week. If you would like to know more about how you can help, please email me at Norman@PortMinistry.com or call us at the center—504-895-2028.

Camp Missionaries

Back in the Spring I was asked to consider being a camp missionary at Camp Garaywa in Mississippi. When I was asked, I had some reservations about being a camp missionary, but I agreed to it. Last month my family and I went for a week and represented Global Maritime Ministries as camp missionaries, and am so thankful that we did. The week at camp was incredible.

During missionary visits, we shared twice a day about what we do as Port Chaplains. In the evenings, we shared a

message during worship time. During the week we were able to invest in the girls and cabin leaders and really get to know the campers and the cabin leaders and build some great relationships with them. Through the week we dealt with some difficult situations and saw God work through them. We were able to see God bring many girls into His family. Some gave their lives to missions. Camp was truly a blessing to my family. We have been asked to come back next summer for a couple of weeks, and we are so excited about

Ron Townsend

the opportunity to return and be able to invest in these girls' lives.



Ron shares with the campers about missions and about ministry in the Port of New Orleans.

In Memory

In Memory of:

Mr. Frank Deerey
 Mr. Peyton Dempsey
 Mr. Charles Hartwell
 Mr. Burton Hill
 Mrs. Kathryn "Kitty" LaBarre
 Mr. Riley McDaniel
 Dr. C.H. Melton
 Mrs. Millie Miller
 Mrs. Lois Russell
 Mrs. Lois Russell
 Mrs. Mary Louise Booty Sylvest
 Mr. Henry Wolfe
 Parents of Mr. Randy McCall
 Parents of Mrs. Randy McCall

Given by:

Rev. & Mrs. Ralph Blevins
 Mrs. Eva Dempsey
 Mrs. Marsha Crozat
 Mrs. Barbara Russell
 Mrs. Marsha Crozat
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Burleson
 Mrs. Vera Melton
 Mrs. Barbara Talley
 Mr. Donald Russell
 Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Russell
 Mr. Francis Sylvest
 Rev. & Mrs. Ralph Blevins
 Mr. & Mrs. Randy McCall
 Mr. & Mrs. Randy McCall

In Honor

In Honor of:

Mrs. Della Dillard
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 Rev. & Mrs. Norman Mangum
 Rev. & Mrs. Norman Mangum
 Mr. Francis Douglas Sylvest, Sr.
 Rev. Philip Vandercook

Given by:

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Anderson
 Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Mizell
 Mr. & Mrs. Vesey Richardson
 Mrs. Dorothy Sturtevant
 Mrs. Alice Rose Thompson
 Byron and Marcel
 Mrs. Melissa Poag
 Zebulon Baptist Church
 Mrs. Carolyn Hughes
 Dr. Daniel O'Reagan

2011 Statistics

(through July 2011)

<i>Ships visited</i>	210
<i>Seafarers contacted</i>	7,402
<i>Port workers contacted</i>	524
<i>Countries represented</i>	100
<i>Seafarers visiting center</i>	4,581
<i>Professions of faith</i>	8
<i>Scriptures distributed</i>	302
<i>Evangelistic Presentations</i>	199

2011 Budget Requirements

<i>Budget needs</i>	\$ 175,000.00
<i>Budget income</i>	\$ 148,525.55
<i>Building LOAN balance</i>	(\$ 325,708.66)
<i>"Pay off the debt" pledges (\$1,000)</i>	16



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Did you know we have a facebook page? To find us, simply search for "Global Maritime Ministries". If you click on the "LIKE" button, you can keep up with all that is going on with the ministry and how best to pray for us!

Building Fund / Square Foot Fund

Rev. & Mrs. Ralph Blevins	Mrs. Melissa Poag
Mrs. Eva Dempsey	Mrs. & Mrs. Charles Sanders
Mr. David Gautreaux	Mr. Wayne Tubbs
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Mangum	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Turner

Reserve Report

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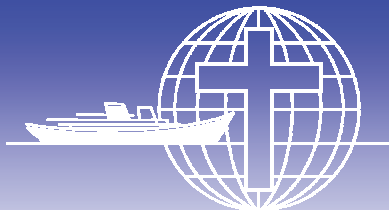
The last two months provided many golden opportunities. The Reserve Center got really busy with seafarers, and I had sometimes to call for urgent help. This was necessary when I had to drive the van and some visitors wanted to stay in the center. I traveled with many seafarers for shopping to New Orleans. I am thankful to everyone who stepped

in to spend some time in the center with the seafarers: Emile, Eric for the Spanish speaking visitors, Jasmine and Shannon, John P. and Ron.

Some seafarers liked to be around so much that they asked me one day if they could stay until early morning. I could not support this idea, so they

wanted to stay outside the house to have the benefit of the wireless connection. I really had to convince them that they would be safer on their ship *M/V Sunshine*. One seaman from the Philippines said, "The seafarer centers help us survive far from our homes."

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Global Maritime Ministries exists to provide holistic Christian ministry by meeting the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of seafarers and maritime workers .

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Very special connections and relationships can be established, if I am able to go on a ship. But this is rare, due to the fact that I do not have a TWIC card. From one of those ships the captain himself came three times to the center, and his crew spent one afternoon here just playing games and using their laptops. Another captain came walking from the terminal with a group of his crew after I had visited the ship in the morning.

In the last two months I had 254 visitors in the center. Not all of them were seafarers: Twelve members from Tulane Memorial Baptist Church came on June 25th from the Women's Ministry group to check out the center and to find out how they could get involved. I received a spontaneous donation from them and already a phone-call indicating their activity concerning donations of requested items, such as T-shirts and un-

derwear. They are scheduling another visit where they want to stay overnight and help one full day. One lady wrote a card, saying, "We are still rejoicing about our visit in the center." Thank you, ladies and one gentleman from my church, the Tulane Memorial BC in New Orleans, for your generosity!

The Calvary Baptist Church of Erwin, Tennessee, appeared in May and July not only as the giver of all good gifts but also as active workers for the center. In May the Youth Pastor Adam A. came with another gentleman and delivered seven (!) huge containers filled with clothing goodies; the seafarers came running for the blue-jeans and the shirts. In July he brought more good gifts, but also on two days he brought his youth-group (15 and 19 people) that was staying in St. Rose and they helped with everything outdoors and indoors: mowing grass, weeding, cleaning the bunk-house, cleaning floors, vacuuming and dusting, baking and washing dishes.

Thank you so much, people of Calvary BC of Erwin for your commitment and faithfulness in pleasing God!

On my birthday I got a special present: Philip brought the youth group from Tequesta, Florida, and they helped diligently with cleaning up outside and inside. What great joy it is to see these young people working hard for the glory of God! Thank you all and God will not forget the good things you have done to all the saints and He will reward you greatly!



Tulane Memorial Baptist Church group