

HARBOUR LIGHTS CORK TIDES



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From Darkness to Light

Then they said to the woman, *"Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."* John 4:42

Dear Friends,

The infamous 'drug ship' mv Matthew finally left the Port of Cork on 17th July after spending almost 3 years here. It cost the State €16.8, and was sold for \$1. I was involved with the ship since it first arrived in Cork and was intrigued to discover the meaning behind the small Greek tug boat 'Foteini' which towed the empty Matthew ship away. The name means "light," "bright," or "luminous," and represents clarity, wisdom, and spiritual enlightenment. According to Eastern Orthodox tradition the name is linked to the unnamed Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well in the Gospel of John. Legend says she later traveled to spread the faith and became a martyr under Emperor Nero. Her story is one of transformation from darkness to light. She is considered one of the very first Christian evangelists and holds a unique status as an apostle in Christian tradition. One month after mv Matthew left Port, the Christian ship mv Logos Hope returned after 17 years! Let's pray that our Ports and nations will see many in these days giving testimony of how Jesus has transformed their lives from darkness to light!

Video of mv Matthew leaving Port:
<https://bit.ly/mvmatthew>



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For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light. Ephesians 5:8



Our family enjoyed visiting the Logos Hope when they visited Cork in August

An upside down lighthouse and an upside down ministry

At a church meeting I learned about the 'upside down lighthouse' on Rathlin Island. This reminded me of the lighthouse on the Isle of Wight which also needed to be placed closer to sea level. The hymn 'Let the lower lights be burning' comes alive when we think about these lighthouses. The mist and fog were too strong... Only by placing the lights lower down were they able to pierce the darkness. Similarly in our ministry, it is the humble feet of the chaplains and missionaries going in among the crew which are effective in reaching souls for Christ. The Captain of the Logos Hope told us that Ireland is an island surrounded on its four corners by lighthouses. What a beautiful image.



Left: Logos Hope departing Port



Right: mini souvenir woolly hats



Service we were able to hold on a cruise ship

In October and February I'm looking forward to visiting N.Ireland to bring an update to our supporting churches. I value your prayers for us during this time when I'm away from my family. Charles will be looking after the ships and crew while I'm gone, so please continue to remember him and his wife Mary in your prayers.



We have an online updates group. You can sign up here: bit.ly/scfsteam
And a group for knitters on FB: <https://bit.ly/scfscare>



Charles Hancock has been such a blessing since he joined the SCFS team some years ago. He has a real pastoral heart to care for the seafarers. In the above photo we are in church with a Filipino Chief Officer who survived an explosion on his tanker in Foynes.

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"We work for 22 hours without rest when we're fishing, and the swell is 6 metres!"



Our son was having his appendix out, and amazingly a Sri Lankan fisherman who had been airlifted to hospital was in the same ward. Patrick spent months in Ireland and it was a privilege to minister to him and help him in different ways. We brought him pyjamas, Indian food (which he missed so much), and even brought him to church. He was so grateful that God had me in the right place at the right time to meet him. Unfortunately he had to have 2/3rds of his thumb amputated. He was 40 years fishing!



I had a free voyage with a lovely Dutch cargo ship. It was amazing! We travelled from Cork to Warrenpoint. It was a great way to spend my 2 days off work, and I'd a special time sharing with the 7 crew about the Lord.



Jae (SCFS Dublin) and me receiving Christmas presents, hats, teddies etc from our supporters



Receiving 1000 hats from Sandra in Ballymena



Kirstin's wife stitched Gospel colours into the hats



Ben (18) from Nigeria met Nigerians in church



Christian crew from a Princess cruise ship came to church



Bringing crew from mv Matthew to the safari park



Cargo ship crew really grateful for my visit & gifts



Crew Lounge in Cobh for cruise ship crew



Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the Crew Lounge in Cobh.
- Pray for increased favour with the Port of Cork, and increased partnership with local churches.
- Pray for us to be able to get facilities in Ringaskiddy to provide another 'Centre' for the crew of cargo ships.
- Pray for the seeds we have sown to be watered by other port missionaries in different ports, and for a great spiritual harvest from the Seas.
- Pray for Christian seafarers, and the 'Church on the Oceans'. Also for the SCFS ministry in Limerick/Foynes.
- Pray for Colin's upcoming travels to N.Ireland.
- Prayers appreciated for Sunhwa's family in Korea, and for Aidan (in college near Cork), and Jenai.

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Family

A very big thank you to everyone who prays for our family. Aidan is now 18, and Jenai is 15 (4th year).

**Thanks for all your love,
prayers and support,
Colin, Sunhwa, Aidan & Jenai
Jenkins**

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