



TEXAS PORT MINISTRY exists to provide spiritual, social and physical care to the Freeport Harbor Community.

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## *Shipping the Good News around the World*

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Summer is almost here. With it comes hot & humid days with very little rain in sight. While many of us will plan vacations and lazy days around the pool, the shipping industry doesn't take a break. Ships will continue to come and go, trucks will continue to travel the roads, and port workers will continue their work despite the heat. Texas Port Ministry will encounter many men and women over the summer months. Many of them will be looking for a cool place to rest for a few moments before returning to their work. While we're ministering to their physical needs, our hope is that we will also be able to meet their spiritual need by introducing them to Jesus. **Pray with us that our volunteers will share the love of Christ with everyone they encounter.**

I was reminded yet again last week how dangerous the transportation business can be. One of our regular ships was in a collision with a fishing vessel off the coast of Mississippi. Several men on the fishing vessel were injured and two lost their lives in this incident. **Pray for the safety of the men and women who make their living on the seas.**

One of the regular truck drivers to our area stopped in yesterday on his way to load his truck. We were watching some of the news coverage of the tornados in Missouri and I asked if he had been able to avoid most of the storms. He began to tell us of several recent encounters with bad weather and how close he had come to the storms. **Pray for the safety of the men and women who transport goods across the country so we can enjoy the items we need.**

Port workers often tell us of near miss accidents and other dangerous situations that come up in the day to day operations of the port. While efforts are made to keep everyone safe, accidents can and do occur. As we head into the summer months, heat and exhaustion can contribute to small mistakes which can have drastic consequences. Pray for safe working conditions for these port workers. **Pray that they will stay diligent in order to protect themselves and the people around them.**

95% of the goods that we use in our daily life are imported to the United States via ships. These goods are loaded and unloaded with the help of port workers. Truck drivers transport the goods to your local stores. Though you may not be aware of it, the transportation industry is a vital part of your life. The next time you purchase a bunch of bananas or fill up your gas tank think about the seafarers aboard the PERUVIAN REEFER and the EAGLE TACOMA who brought those goods to you. Think about the port workers who helped to load those goods onto the trucks. Think about the truck driver who brought those items to your store.

**Pray that Texas Port Ministry would be able to meet the spiritual, physical, and social needs of seafarers, truck drivers, and port workers in the Freeport Harbor Community.**



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*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

The ends of the earth are coming to us on ships. Judea and Samaria are coming to us in trucks. Jerusalem is working in Port Freeport. Port Ministries have the fastest access to the ends of the earth and we don't even have to travel very far. No passports, no packing, no TSA security check points!!

Are you looking for a way to be an Acts 1:8 church? Are you interested in participating in missions but don't have a week of vacation time to use? Do you simply want a place where you can engage people in meaningful conversations about Jesus?

We have opportunities for you to minister to international seafarers, truck drivers from across America, and people who live right in your own community. International missions, North American missions, State missions, Local missions—Texas Port Ministry has you covered!



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### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Pray for the safety of the men and women who work aboard ships, in the port, and driving trucks.
- Pray for the safety of our volunteer missionaries as we minister to seafarers, truck drivers, and port workers.
- Pray that God will lead and guide us as we make plans to increase our truck driver ministry.
- Pray that God will provide the necessary finances to allow us to purchase language Bibles, Jesus Films, and other tools of the gospel.

### **DONATION ITEMS NEEDED:**

☉ Coffee

☉ Lip Balm

☉ Emery Boards

☉ Powdered Lemonade Mix

Financial donations can be mailed to: Texas Port Ministry, 1103 Cherry St., Freeport, TX 77541

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