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BALTIMORE INTERNATIONAL SEAFARERS' CENTER

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Who We Are

About 90% of what we own comes to the U.S. in a vessel. But most of us never get to meet the 22 or so seafarers, typically from Asia or Eastern Europe, who make up the crews of vessels about three football fields long.



Most Americans are happy to buy “good stuff cheap,” but rarely interested in our brothers and sisters who transport it. U.S. security rules (among the toughest in the world), along with grueling work schedules during seafarers’ time in port (often less than 24

hours), leave crews feeling unwelcomed and even imprisoned.

Baltimore International Seafarers’ Center chaplains and volunteers visit these crews in port, seeking to represent God’s unconditional love through our manner, actions, and words. We listen to accounts of terrifying storms and devastating homesickness during seafarers’ ten months at sea, we pray as requested, we provide what is often their only affordable transportation ashore, and we advocate for seafarers’ rights. Our vans cover over 50,000 miles a year. Your support of this stand-alone 501(c)3 is essential as we strive to seek and serve Christ in these invisible servants of the global economy.

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