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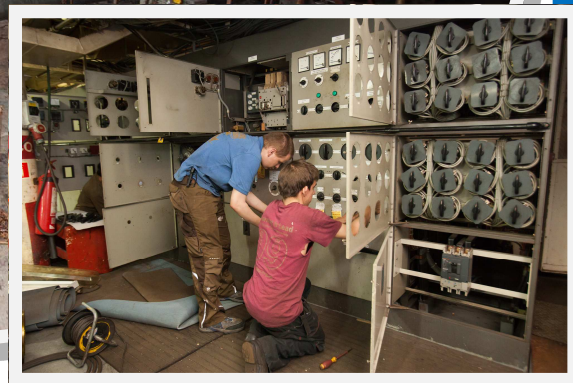
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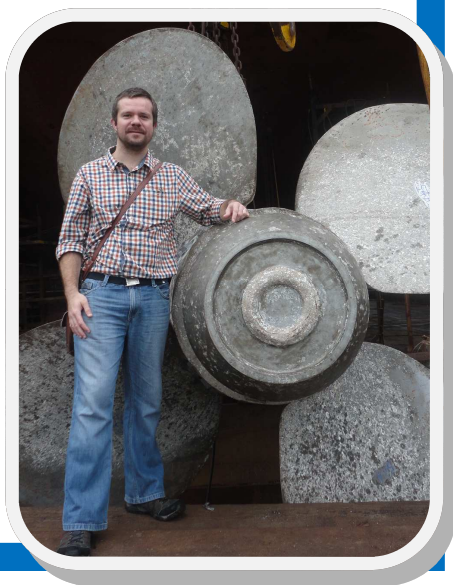
# DRY DOCK 2013



On the 2nd April, most of us left our home: whether the families, to move to onshore accommodation, or Challenge Teams to their respective destinations. On the 5th of April our Dry Dock work phase began. This Dry Dock, part of the annual legal requirements for the Logos Hope work took place over 6 weeks in Yiu Lian Shipyard, Hong Kong.

**Pictures. Main picture:** one of the major jobs in this Dry Dock was the removal of the propellers from the shafts for maintenance, cleaning and work. To the left is a picture of me in front of one of the propellers! **Inset pictures from L-R starting at top left:** Natalya (Russia) working in the Engine Room. Caleb (Canada) laying down the protective floor covering that traversed most of the ship during Dry Dock. Electricians Andy (Germany) and Brad (NZ) doing some important electrical work. Technical Manager, Harald (Netherlands) inspecting the underneath of the hull.

This year, as well as the regular certificates and maintenance that needed to be done, the propellers and tail shafts were taken out, cleaned of barnacles, painted and put back in place. This process is done once every five years to meet legal requirements.



## Tellin' Tales

Every movie blockbuster has its end credit sequence—the movie star and director gets the spotlight, but there is an army of background personnel who are cheering along when the Oscar is presented.

During this newsletter, we will be sharing a number of stories that transpired during our Dry Dock time, from the

Challenge teams who went out from the Logos Hope to minister not only in Hong Kong, but in many countries, to diverse people groups and in unique situations.

Representing those who stayed behind, the Wallis family is thrilled to be able to share these stories with you. Though some of these stories have been gleaned from various

sources (Currents Newsletter and OM Ships Latest News), we unite our hearts and minds with our shipmates featured in these accounts.

Whether out on the 'front line', or serving in the background, we are all unified in OM Ships' purpose statement of bringing "Knowledge, Help and Hope"

*We hope these tales encourage you in the telling!*



## Playing soccer with monks (Myanmar)



Together with Glenn, a local Christian, crewmembers Tobias Schüßler (Germany) and Lena Goncalves (Brazil) went to local shop owners to pray for them. They were invited into the home of a woman named Lorda, and after being asked what they could pray for, she broke down in tears. Lorda, age 30, told the group how lonely she was, since her parents died and her husband left her alone with her sick son. **"I really need God, I am not just saying it, but I really need Him!"** But she felt that God could not accept her because of her mistakes and doubts. Tobias and Lena told

**"We would be playing football with guys, bumping into them and the next day we would see them in their robes,"** said Simeon Bothma (South Africa). Simeon and his fellow crewmembers on a challenge team in Myanmar had been told not to touch or look at Buddhist monks but they soon found themselves making friends. The team helped OM Myanmar run a youth group called The Upper Room. Young people come to learn more about

Christianity but also to learn English. Simeon built a friendship with a young man called Aung who stayed in the same building as the team. Before he left Myanmar, Simeon sat down with Aung and explained the Bible to him. The two have since stayed in contact.

**"God loves the people of Myanmar very much, if only they would realise it,"** added Simeon

## ← Lorda's Lord (Philippines)

Lorda about the unconditional love of God, that He accepts people as they are and brings peace into their lives. Together with Glenn, they prayed for Lorda and she accepted Christ! The next Sunday she came to the church together with her son, where she received a Bible and could connect with the community of

Christians. In Sunday School her son heard about Jesus as well and decided to start his life with Him!



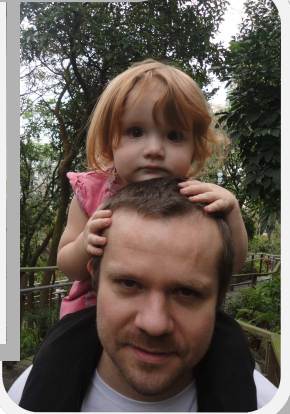
## Peace from turmoil (Taiwan)

**“She tried to live at peace with the spirit but the spirit never wanted peace so she decided to get rid of it,”**

Maurice Jackson (Jamaica) said of a woman that a team from *Logos Hope* helped while in Taiwan. The woman had a shrine on the upper floor of her house that was said to invoke spirits but had been keeping her and her granddaughter from

sleeping peacefully because of the ‘noise’ it made.

She asked the local church to get rid of it and Maurice, with another team member, helped as well. “It felt like God wanted to show her how powerful He is and that He is with all His children,” Maurice said about the experience. The woman, now at peace, has started to cook for the local church.



## “There was space to just be kids”

While the ship was in Dry Dock the families moved onshore to a nearby island called Mawan where we stayed at a Christian Camp while the men travelled back and forth to the ship for work. The school was also moved onshore and run in the church next to the camp buildings.

Living onshore for 4 weeks was a great

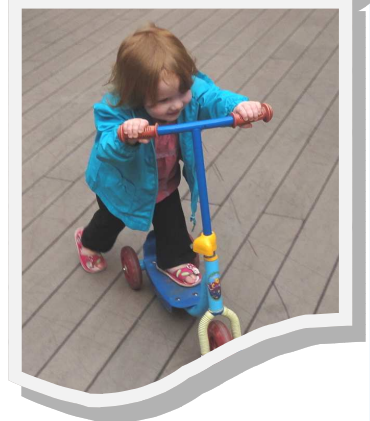
experience for the kids.

**There were trees and birds and space to ride their scooters and bikes and run and yell and just be kids.**

Sometimes it’s difficult onboard letting them have the freedom and the space to just play like that.

Enya learned to ride a bike, Maya conquered potty training while

Ariana mastered the scooter. Wendy learned how to cook meals with only a microwave, a rice cooker and a sandwich toaster. She had to get creative, but quite enjoyed the challenge :) Dan enjoyed the simple pleasure of commuting in and out of work—it was almost like being normal (if traveling to and from a Hong Kong shipyard can be considered normal!)

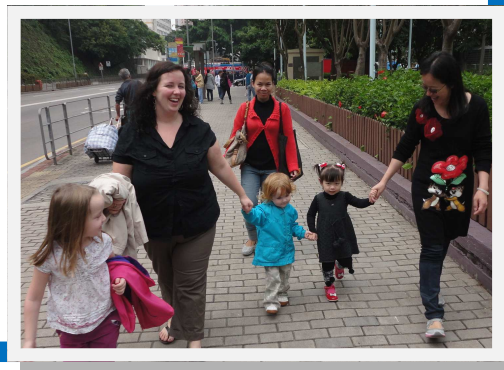


## Carpe Diem (Hong Kong)

Wendy: Just before Dry Dock, I had taken the kids to a playground. As usual, they started playing with the other children while I started chatting with one of the other moms (Phoebe) at the park. She asked where we were from and then I told her about the ship. Phoebe was interested since she lived in an apartment building near the wharf. Her son had been asking about the ship they could see from their window. I invited her

to the ship later on that evening and she came with her kids. I was able to show her around and get to know them a bit more. After many attempts to get together before Dry Dock, we invited them onboard for an Easter egg hunt with the ship kids. The next day they took us out for Dim Sum (traditional meal). There was some great conversation, ending with Dan talking to Edmund, Phoebe’s husband about spiritual things. After the 6 week Dry Dock,

we returned to this same wharf for 1 day and so were able to leave an Apologetics book and a gospel of John with them which Edmund said he would read during his holidays. **Please pray God would continue to speak to this family though this book and His Word.**



## God's interruptions are not always convenient

**Wendy:** One day during our time on living on Mawan Island some other moms and I took the kids to the beach after school. While the kids were playing in the sand, I met a young mom named Mila and her 11 month old son. Mila and I started talking about babies, which flowed on to talk about the ship. She was really interested in what we do, especially being families onboard. We started talking about faith and her experience with the church, when I was interrupted with a screaming Ariana covered in sand! It was time to leave. But as I was about to leave, in the midst of the chaos I felt the Holy Spirit tug at my heart. After an inward battle, I made the decision to go back to

Mila. This allowed us to make plans to meet at a coffee place in a few days time.

At the coffee shop, Mila opened up about her past, and, amidst tears, was able to share her doubts and feelings and struggles. I was able to speak truth and love into her life from God's word and along with my friend Kim (another mom), was able to pray with her.

**Please pray for Mila and for her to continue to seek the Lord. Please pray that she would attend a local church she has gone to once before.**



**Must watch video:**  <http://www.logoshope.tv/video/67007896>

### How you can partner with us in prayer...

Please pray

- ⇒ **For the Logos Hope as it prepares for future ports in Malaysia, Thailand and Sri Lanka** (to keep up to date on future ports, please visit [omships.org](http://omships.org)).
- ⇒ **For the crew members who will be leaving in a few months.** Pray that they finish, having accomplished all that God had for their time on board.
- ⇒ **For those who made commitments as a result of the many challenge teams.** Pray for local churches who can take responsibility for these new believers, turning them into disciples.
- ⇒ **For our low manning situation.** We are 50 people "undermanned" on the ship, with that number set to climb to 80 or higher before our next intake in September. Pray for wisdom for the leadership in how to deal with this situation, for strength and energy.
- ⇒ **For our future. Our current commitment ends in January 2014.** We would covet your prayers as we continue to seek to follow our Lord's footsteps wherever He leads us.
- ⇒ **For a long-term Chief Engineer.** The Engine Room is long overdue a long term C.E. who can invest in the Engine Team both technically and spiritually. Please pray!!