

SHIPMATE

Newsletter of the Christian Boaters Association

"...and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water." – Genesis 1:2b NASB

PRAY ABOUT ATTENDING! CHRISTIAN BOATER'S ASSOCIATION 2019 CONFERENCE

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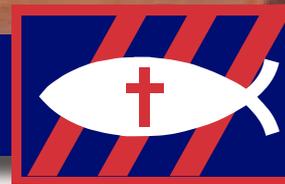
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A Word From the President



Greetings Fellow CBA Members!

The Word says in John 10:27, “My sheep hear My Voice and I know them, and they follow Me”. Have you ever thought, after having made a particular decision, that you might have missed it – either by not obeying God’s Voice or perhaps by stepping out and embracing or doing something that may not have been His Voice (or leading) after all? I have. I’d venture to say that we all have at some time or another in our lives.

Usually such feelings come when we face obstacles, things don’t go the way we thought they would, we encounter opposition, or the “thing” requires more time, money, or effort than we expected. I’m learning more and more the value of, and necessity to truly spend time with the Lord – listening for “His Voice, His Way”, seeking to hear, obey, and follow Him. I’m also learning that even when things might not go the way we anticipate or think, it doesn’t necessarily mean that we “missed God”. If we truly live our lives “daily” delighting in Him - spending time in His presence, prayerfully seeking to hear and follow His Voice every day, we can trust that He will direct our paths. (Ps. 37:23 & 24; Rom. 8:26; I Cor. 14:15)

I might add that it is possible for us to miss God, especially if we spend our time making our own decisions, doing what we think is right – without having a daily relationship with the Father – Worshipping and acknowledging Him as our Savior, God, King, and looking to His Holy Spirit as our GUIDE.

In October of 2017 we felt that the Lord spoke to us to receive a boat (Scintilla) into our ministry that the previous owners wanted to donate to a 501C3 ministry. We had ideas about it’s possible use but no specifics. We even felt that we possibly possessed it temporarily for another ministry to use. Getting it to Savannah from the Florida Keys was not without unexpected obstacles, opposition, expense, and time. And... things didn’t happen as we thought they

would. Our minds questioned whether or not we had truly heard from God concerning the vessel! But our hearts felt that we had. So we continued to trust the Lord that He would reveal His plans for the boat.



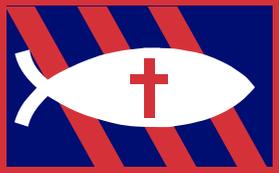
In July 15, 2019, as the vessel Scintilla pulled away from our dock headed south to Florida, and then on to Haiti (and wherever the Spirit of God should lead in the future) to be used for “God’s Glory” under the leadership of Captain/Pastor-Evangelist Ray Bideaux (and his wife, Kathy) of Islander Evangelistic Ministries, Inc., we knew our hearts had been right – we had heard and obeyed the Voice of the Lord.

Anchored in the One Who died for me,



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*May the God of Peace fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in Him
So that you may overflow with Hope by the Power of the Holy Spirit.” (Rom. 15:13)*



New Direction for Melanesian Maritime Missions: ANNE HAMILTON & GINA NIE

Tyndale Bible Translators has a new Maritime Director, its first—James Nie. James and Gina, Colton and Niki Nie just returned via the Marshall Islands from five years in the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, and Vanuatu. James and Colton are currently sailing Sweet Dreams back across the North Pacific to start the switch from live-aboard sailing to purpose-built powerboat ministry.

Impetus for this mission began when Glenn Smith, our CBA Advisor, was stationed in PNG with JAARS (Jungle Aviation and Radio Service, an arm of Wycliffe Bible Translators). Air travel wasn't an option; he was sending out volunteer and career missionaries by local boat across 300 miles of Solomon Sea with its reefs and islets, and had no radio contact. No Satphone or cell phone, no Epirb or PLB, no safety equipment, no spare parts... We all know the transportation perils in undeveloped island nations.



Glenn put feet to his prayers. Back in the USA, he started the Maritime Division of JAARS and recruited Larry and Anne Hamilton in S/V Bittersweet to make a thorough survey of boat travel concerns and needs throughout the Melanesian

region. The Hamiltons sketched out an up-to-date, fiberglass power vessel, Kwadima II. Glenn raised the funding and it was built in Australia, then put into service in eastern PNG. Glenn passed the Maritime mantle in JAARS.

Larry and Anne documented the needs for additional vessels and fleets of them, run in a professional, economically responsible manner. Their reports were read by CBAers Jim and Gina Nie, who caught the vision to provide safe, dependable transportation for translators, Scripture Use workers, medical and humanitarian aid missionaries.

After five years of boat ministry in Melanesia, the Nies learned the same lesson the Hamiltons had learned in eight—you can't sail upwind to meet schedules required for workshops, clinics, and other remote outreaches for short-term missionaries and consultants who fly in elsewhere. Although the sailboats remain great platforms for the family here, they are inadequate for the work we need to do here to fulfill our call in the Great Commission we all press toward. Sweet Dreams and Bittersweet are now for sale.

So, we have a vision and a purpose for maritime ministries in Melanesia, a supportive platform in Tyndale Bible Translators, and a need to design and build the dedicated vessels desired by Glenn Smith, recommended by the Hamiltons, and specified by the Nies.

God is moving. People are joining our team. Fundraising has begun. If you feel God tugging at you to get involved, here's how you can help:

PRAY... SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER...

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GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK



Captain Dave's Boat Cruises



CBA Member Gives Free Boat Rides And Fishing Trips To Handicapped, Special Needs And At Risk Kids

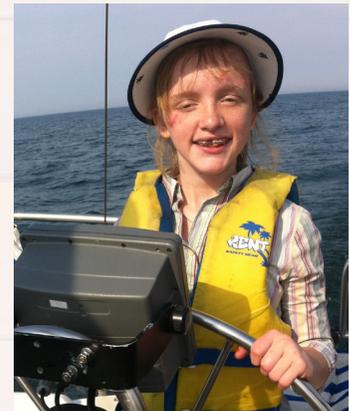


Captain Dave's boat cruises for "special" kids is a 501 C3 Non-profit charitable organization that gives free boat cruises and fishing trips to handicapped, needy, homeless and at risk children - with their family and friends. This includes foster kids, those who are seriously ill, those with special needs, and those who have lost one or both parents due to death, divorce, neglect, abandonment or military service



Master Captain Dave Tripiciano founded this Non-profit organization in 2013, using his first large "fixer upper" sailboat, which was also rigged as a fishing boat. Since that time they've grown and the ministry now includes three beautiful boats in three great locations! One is docked in Youngstown,

New York - giving kids and their families cruises up the lower Niagara River to "The Silo" restaurant for dinner and ice cream. A second is docked in Rochester New York at the brand new, state of the art, Port Of Rochester Marina - where they give fishing trips and lake, bay and Genesee River cruises. And a third is based near Geneva, New York at the north end of Seneca Lake - for fishing trips, dinner cruises and sailing trips.



If a deserving child and their family live in a different part of the country and money is "tight", Captain Dave and his crew will even pay part or all of their travel expenses to get them to a cruise location. They may also help cover lodging and meals for them if needed. Please help them spread the word and tell interested parents to call for more information. (All contact information is on their web site)

To find out more information and see first hand what they do, please take a moment to look at their website & view the thank you letters and short videos that feature many of the kids and parents they've had aboard.

WWW.CAPTAINDAVESCUISES.ORG

Aliyah Adventure

A 30 Year Vision Becomes Reality

by Bill Nicole

Capt. Keith McFarlane, a longtime member of Christian Boaters Association and owner of the sailing vessel Sunshine Too, has dreamt for 30 years about being part of returning Jews to Israel as described in The Tanakh (Old Testament for Jewish people) during the end times. Capt. Keith feels that it is time to begin the process of returning the Jews to Israel in a fashion that demonstrates that there are many ways to return God's people to their homeland. The vision shows that one of those ways is by boat; in this case a 47 foot sailboat!

As anti-Semitism, both in Europe and the United States continues to increase, the need to take a serious look at any and all available methods of returning God's chosen people to Israel must be investigated. Capt. Keith, along with his highly competent and experienced crew, which includes other CBA members, is going to initiate that process by returning an adventurous Jew or two to their homeland via the sailing vessel "Sunshine Too".

History, and its many examples of the horrors of anti-Semitism, shows clearly that it will be an immense project to return (ISH 49:22) the Jews to Israel, and that any and all people connected with this process will be called on to accomplish Aliyah. Centuries of longing to return to their homeland was finally fulfilled in 1948 with the creation, in one day, of the state of Israel. This one-day creation was a miracle in and of itself.

This long-awaited voyage to Israel, the home of their forefathers, is a process that is already in action with the return of 6 million Jews, many from highly persecuted regions of the world, since 1948. Many Jews outside of Israel are fully aware of the importance of Aliyah and they look forward to being part of this process as called for by the God of the Bible. Many Jews

look forward to returning to their homeland where they can live happily together in harmony and safety. We feel that this trip will awaken the heart and soul of all who have compassion for those who have suffered so much throughout history.

MAKE THE TRIP WITH US! Be the first across the North Atlantic into the waters of the Mediterranean to Cyprus and then to Israel itself. As with the ships of Tarshish, who returned the gold and silver to the same region that is now the state of Israel; the Sunshine Too looks forward, with great anticipation, to returning something far more precious than valuable metals, the Jews themselves.

The highly experienced Capt. Keith, as confirmed in his biography, has all of the qualifications to make this a successful adventure. The Sunshine Too is a capable sailboat in the hands of an experienced crew that has many hours of open ocean experience. If you are an experienced sailor we would very much like you to pray about signing up to help out during this adventure. We need many crew members to sail the various legs of this trip. As you can see by referring to the attached map (as small as it is) that the adventure will begin on the treasure Coast of Florida, head to Bermuda, then the Azores, north Africa, Cyprus, and then to Israel itself. Crew members are welcome to sail on any or all of these legs. This of course is a big commitment and we fully understand that not all will be able to make the entire trip. There are other ways to help of course.

Some ways to help:

Prayer first and foremost. We need intercessors to be praying for this venture, before, during and after for those that make the journey successfully, as there is much opposition and difficulty once they make Aliyah.

Equipment and any nautical items that could be

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Aliyah Adventure

used on the vessels, as this is only the first vessel to go. (Life rafts, electronics, sleeping bags, food provisions, etc.) Anything is appreciated.

*T*echnical and mechanical assistance. If you are gifted in any marine repairs or carpentry that would help equip this vessel to be safe on journeys.

*A*dministration, secretarial skills, advertising backgrounds, anything to incorporate the foundation of the message to get out to those who God would call.

*A*liyah adventure 2020, God willing, will set sail in the month of May 2020 and head for the island of Bermuda. That part of the trip is a very beautiful SAIL. It is exciting just to think that we could spend a short time investigating that beautiful island. It is a place that we will refurbish, perhaps exchange crew members, and spread God's word to that island. The boat itself, as you can tell from the pictures, is quite an attraction. Each and every time we dock many people gather around to ask questions concerning what we are doing and why we are doing it. This is a great opportunity to discuss with the people the vision of Capt. Keith and the immense

importance of Aliyah. It will also give us an opportunity to tell people how important supporting the Jews and the state of Israel is for any and all peoples throughout the entire world. Please pray about how the Lord may want you to be a part of this mission in any way.



Quote from Capt. Keith:

"I am reminded by friends and family that as long as 30 years ago I spoke of a calling on my life involving a seagoing vessel and the return of Jews to their native land. I find today as we prepare for the voyage in 2020 my personal archives show that I have attempted more than once to put such a trip together and failed... Way to go Abraham... Now is the time! Others have stepped up to the plate, the family of God, now we are a team sharing the same vision. The first to go; blazing a trail for those who will follow."



Captain Keith McFarlane

Israel Trip: We have decided that as of April 30, although the vessel would be ready enough to sail, the resources were not yet in place for a May/June departure. We ask CBA to pray with us for another vessel and participants to team up with us for next year same time same place, God willing.

Haiti Project: It is likely that I will return to Haiti in early June to journey back with the vessel I sailed down on in the last issue of Shipmate. Pastor Ray baptized 40 people Easter Sunday and more the following Sunday. That's powerful by anyone's standards. I have also been asked to inspect a vessel lying in Haiti now. Cheap or free - owner died. Problems- wood built in 1944??? Details to follow on next Shipmate



CBA Member Reports

GUATEMALAN MANNA

*H*i there! My name is Mirtha Budow and we have the boat Vamonos, in Guatemala. Whenever I get the Shipmate newsletter in the mail it brings a smile to my face and I always sit down with a cup of coffee to read all the great things that God is doing around the world. We have been in Guatemala 7 years now and I read in the newsletter that we can submit stories. This is a story of what God taught us shortly after the Volcano de Fuego erupted last year. God is always teaching us and giving us stories using the people of Guatemala. Have yourselves a “Jesus day” and thank you for the Shipmate. I wish it came weekly :) Mirtha Budow

A friend of ours brought us these to eat. You eat the white part raw and the rest you boil. They really don’t look edible. In fact it looked like Science Fiction, alien food. But if we denied his gift he may have gotten hurt. So we had to eat it. This is by far the weirdest thing I’ve ever eaten, and it tasted as bad as it looked. I hope that’s my first and last encounter with them.



*O*ur friend tells us that when the corn crop fails this is what they eat to survive. Although I really didn’t enjoy eating them, I did like the lesson they taught me. They are called Paternas, which means from the father. It reminded me of the Israelites Manna and how God provided for a multitude in the desert. God is the same today as he was back then. This is Guatemalan Manna.



*A*lthough it is true that sometimes life serves us something hard to swallow, a greater truth is that God ALWAYS provides for His children. When we went to the villages at the skirt of the Volcan De Fuego I expected them to ask me ‘Why did God allow this?’ To my surprise they had no questions for us. The only thing coming out of their mouths was praise and thanksgiving because God had spared their lives. We went there to minister to them but instead they ministered to us. We went there ready to dry their tears, but we were the ones crying. We cried because we went up the volcano thinking we were the stronger brothers going to serve the weaker brothers. But we came back down the mountain humbled - knowing that we, not them, were the weaker brothers.

*T*hey taught us that when there are Paternas on the menu you don’t “call social services on God”, but instead, you thank and praise Him for what He’s providing. The people there were a walking billboard of Philippians 4:6-7 “Do not be anxious about anything, but INSTEAD by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God.” I’ve read about the Israelite Manna and I’ve had the Guatemalan Manna. But then, there is Heavenly Manna! He is the true bread from Heaven. He put on skin and bones and walked among humanity to be the Bread of Life for us. ‘O taste and see that the Lord is good’... Ps. 34:8”

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PASTOR RAYMOND L. BIDEAUX AND WIFE, KATHY

Raymond Bideaux was saved in March of 1972. He felt called to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ at the age of twelve and was ordained in March of 1984. Most of his ministry, along with wife, Kathy, has been on the foreign mission field (Africa, Jamaica, the Bahamas and Haiti). They lived twenty years in Haiti full time where their four children were raised. Now they spend four to six months in Haiti every year ministering as head Captain and President of Islander Evangelistic Ministries (I. E. M.) They have four vessels, used for ministry (3 sailboats and a trawler), and oversee three churches/community centers on the Island of Ile a Vache, Haiti. and 12 associational churches on the mainland.

When in the states they reside in Cross City, Florida.

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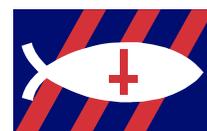
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