



# My Life on Board the Logos Hope

OM Ships

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## Set Sail!

It has been almost seven months now since I stepped foot onto a boat that would take me for the "ride" of my life. The ride has been smooth sometimes and rocky at other times, but to say that I have not seen the greatness of the Lord through it all would be a lie. What encourages my heart more than anything is to see God at work in lives and that is exactly what I have seen happening these past seven months.

One of my biggest journeys began a month and a half ago, when the ship set sail for the first time into full time ministry. If I had to say when I experienced my highest point on the ship, it would be when I heard the words, "We got the permission to sail, and we are sailing tomorrow!"

After waiting five months to hear those words, you can only imagine how loud it was when everyone broke out into shouts of excitement. Many of you might have heard the story, but to sum up what happened, I would say: *the impossible happened*. The Logos Hope had to hold in our hands a specific certificate before we

could sail; we were told that it would take a few weeks until we could even receive it in the mail. The day after this announcement was made, we were holding this certificate in our hands. Amazing, isn't it! If I could share with you all one thing that God has taught me on board over and over, it is this: when you are dealing with the Creator, everything that is humanly impossible is possible with Him.



## The Largest Floating Book Fair in the World!

On Feb. 18th, I switched to the Book Fair Department as a "shift leader." Basically what this means is that I am overseeing a team and assigning work roles for them. The thing I love most about my job is

that it is right in the middle of where the ministry is taking place! You don't know how much I was praying to be able to work right alongside the local people everyday, and now it is happening!



## Praise Points:

- The ship is now sailing and in full time ministry!!!
- I get to be right in the middle of the ministry on board because my job is in the Book Fair. This is what I really prayed for ever since the beginning.
- God has given me so many wonderful friends who have really added so much to my experience on board.
- I have never watched so many God stories take place right before my eyes than I have here on the ships.

## Prayer Points:

- That I can be faithful in making the most of every opportunity here.
- Pray for my job as a shift leader in the Book Fair: that my team would really be united and that God would give me wisdom to lead in love.
- That God would give me a willing heart and the strength to share my hope with the people who come on board.
- That the Europeans would have open hearts and be receptive to the amazing news of the gospel!

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## BLT (Basic Leadership Training)

Because I have a leadership role in the Book Fair, I was given the wonderful opportunity to go through leadership training with a group of about 28 other people. A church in Holland graciously hosted our group every day, for an entire week. I felt so blessed just to get away from the busyness of ship's life and take a week to reflect about my position as a leader... The last day of training, we got the privilege of having George Verwer come and speak with us about living every day, full-on for God!



## Sweden: February 19-22, 2009



## Harlingen, Holland (Feb. 24- Mar. 9, 2009)



## Scheveningen, Holland (Mar. 10— Mar. 29, 2009)



...Let's just say that I was practically bursting with excitement as well! I feel so blessed that God allowed me to see him drawing a life closer to Him!

# The Chinese Bible!

Just last week there was a young man in his twenties who wandered into our Book Fair with a question. He wanted a Chinese Bible. Unfortunately, we had no more Chinese Bibles in our shelves in the Book fair. Really wanting to give this man a Bible, one of the book fair staff went down to our book hold to try and find it there. Well, guess what? We just happened to have ONE last copy of the exact Chinese translation that he was looking for.... But that's not where the story ends. The interesting fact comes in when we found out that this man had NEVER read a Bible before. You see, all he wanted to do was learn the Chinese language. He was told by someone that the Bible would be an easy way to learn and practice the Chinese language. So, he came on board

with the hopes of getting one. I wish you could have seen how intently this man sat, reading the Bible in his own language and then in the Chinese language. After he was finished picking out a Dutch and English Bible as well, me and another book fair worker got to talk with him. We told him that he should start with the *gospels*. He gave us a puzzled look and we quickly found out that this man didn't even have a clue what the old and new testament was. So, we explained everything out. We also told him that the Bible had changed our lives and had given us so much hope. I wish you could have seen the look of excitement on his face when he heard us say that. He exclaimed with a HUGE smile, "I'm sooo, sooo excited to read this book... I really am!".....