

November 2021- February 2022

Michelle's Updates

MV Logos Hope

Logos Hope left Bridgetown, Barbados on 2nd November 2021 and arrived in Freetown, Sierra Leone 2 weeks later on 14th November 2021. Then we were in Takoradi, Ghana from 21st December- 19th January. Now the ship is in Tema, Ghana.

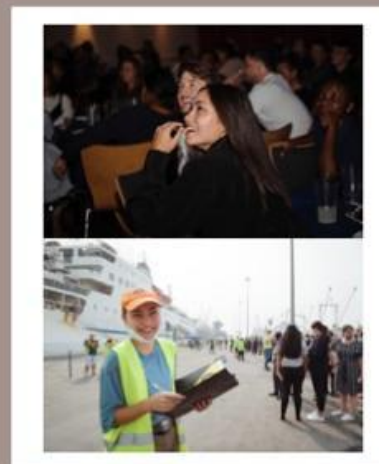


Happy New Year friends! The past couple of months have been a rollercoaster of ups and downs for me, since it was my first Christmas and New Year away from my family and I faced many challenges but God has been faithful and really shown me how he can make good things come out of bad situations. When we arrived in Takoradi, Ghana, we ended up with several COVID cases on board and had to go into a lockdown that lasted until the middle of January. I was in quarantine for 3 weeks during Christmas and New Year. It was definitely not what I was expecting and although it was hard at times as I missed my family, I was able to talk to them more during the quarantine period. I was also able to connect with people from other departments who I may not have been able to meet otherwise.

Ship life

In the end of November I finished my Marine Services training and we were able to celebrate with a small graduation. I feel very blessed to be able to receive this training and have the privilege of being part of running the ship.

However I do find it difficult tat times, one aspect of my job as a Deckie is to take care of the rubbish and food waste of the ship, and unsurprisingly it is quite a smelly task. During my time here I have been learning to do everything with a joyful heart and to remember that I can serve God even through the unpleasant jobs.



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Ministry *in Africa*

Freetown, Sierra Leone



I was chosen to lead a team on a church visit, where we spoke about OM and missions at their prayer meeting. We were very encouraged by the Church's enthusiasm for missions and sharing the gospel, and after praying together we were able to connect the church with the OM leader in Sierra Leone. Some of the people at the church also expressed interest in learning more about OM so please pray that they will be able to get in reach the right people and that this can be the start of a partnership.

Tema, Ghana

I also led a few teams to visit different schools in the area. We did presentations about the ship and the ministry we do and then led worship as well. We were also able to share a little about our various countries and cultures. Both the children and teachers were very excited and engaged during our program. Some of the teachers even expressed interest to learn more about OM and the ship. It was also very encouraging to see their appreciation for our visit, and what we had shared.



I also had the opportunity to visit a church and do a drama for them. Later we also joined them to do street evangelism the area. I was quite tired that day and wasn't sure how it would go, but I ended up having some great conversations with people of all ages. I had a particularly interesting conversation with two men, one of whom was a Muslim, while they were working in their clothes shop.

I was able to talk to them about what it means to be a follower of Christ and how being a Christian has impacted my own life. They listened very intently which surprised me and we invited them to the church. I had never done anything like this before and although it was a bit out of my comfort zone, it has shown me that even when we don't feel confident God can still use us.

Prayer Requests

- For safety and wisdom while work in the Deck department
- That I can make the most of this experience and manage my time well
- For good conversations and good relationships with people, and that I can be welcoming to the new joiners
- Wisdom for my preparations to study when I get back home
- That we will have good ministry opportunities in our next ports: Takoradi and Monrovia



Thank you for your support!
Blessings,

Michelle X

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