EASTER PORT REPORT, Pastor John

It was my privilege and pleasure to be back in the Port of Palm Beach for Easter and the main event of the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection with the seafarers, from some four ships, in the white tent. Russ and helpers did a great job to put this together.

During these four weeks I spent some time with staff of Tropical Shipping and other Port staff, I am always amazed at the harmony and good atmosphere of so many workers and so much going on.

Of the ships visited four were freighters with yachts. This was a Dutch company. Since I am Dutch I know the language so there was always some fun.

A Filipino sailor had a very difficult day with just learning that his mother had passed away, He shared his story and his heart. How important it was to bring comfort of the Lord.

On two molasses ships their welcome was exceptional. They assured me that it was a good thing that they see a different face. Along with this they were very happy to hear the Gospel and receive New Testaments and Christian DVDs.

With Covid 19 things are very different in that visits are around the gangway on shore with lots of care and masks.

I sure missed the cruise ships. I hope and pray that they will be back soon.

Easter Mass picture of crew receiving Holy Communion with Pastor John and Brother James at the Alter.

