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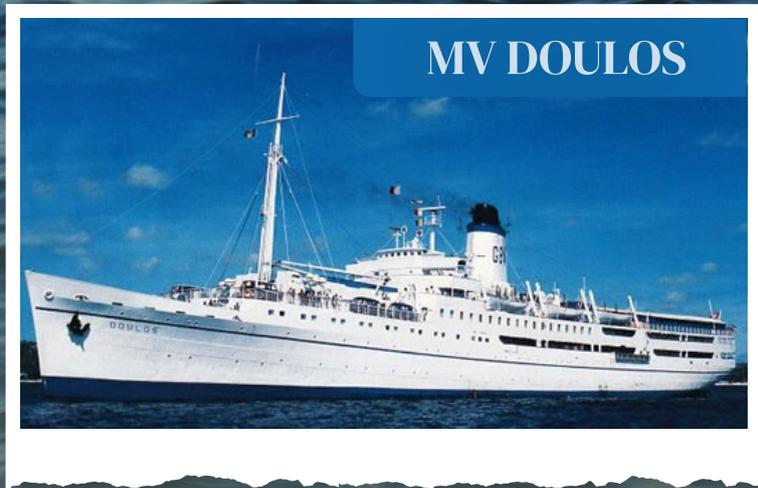
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Pari's 1997 Doulos Update



February 1997

Hello! It has been four weeks since I left Malaysia. I have been on three voyages since then and by the grace of God am doing well. The Lord has indeed been my source of comfort and my refuge whenever I feel down.

Thank you for your constant prayer, especially in the area of

seasickness. I cannot say I have been spared, but it has been minimal. On the last voyage from Labuan to Sandakan, we rode through a storm. Other than feeling some discomfort and wishing I was at home, I was all right.

Pre-ship Training

Pre-ship training is two weeks long and usually held away from the



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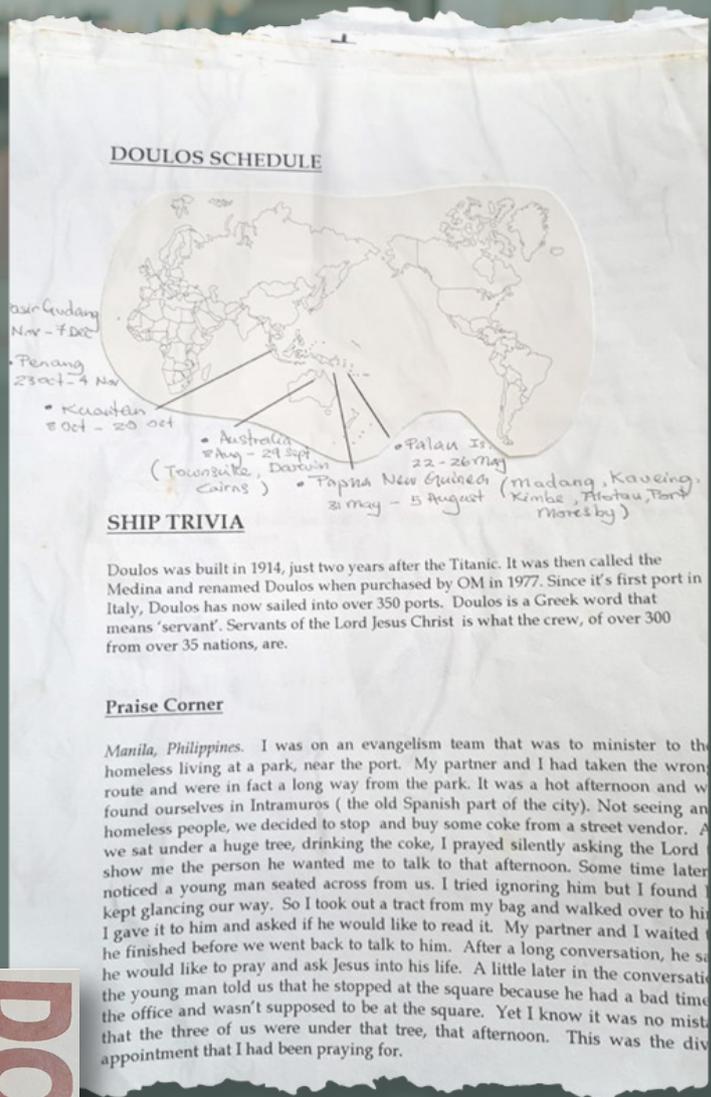
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ship. Due to the ship's schedule, my pre-ship training consisted of a week in Cebu and the second on the Doulos. There were 57 new recruits from 18 countries, with South Africa and Malaysia having the largest representations. The training was intensive with sessions from 8 am to 10 pm.

The main teaching was in the area of Spiritual Disciplines. Department heads gave an orientation to their respective departments and to the various ministries on Doulos.

The training was also fun. Each afternoon we were introduced to the creative ministries, such as juggling, drama, and clowning. My favorites were mimes and balloon sculpting (especially effective in children's ministry). Pre-ship was also a time to get acquainted with other new recruits. In the beginning, it seemed absolutely impossible to remember all the names and the correct pronunciations. And they say I have a difficult last name!





忠僕號 快來蘇澳港囉！

五千多種圖書 五日起免費參觀 七日晚間還可登船喝咖啡

（記者梅玉蘭報導）擁有最多書籍的船隻希望之船，五日將首度停靠蘇澳港，船上有科學、文學、藝術、烹飪、醫藥及基督教書刊等共五千多種不同類型的書，將開放供民眾參觀至八日為止，上船參觀免費，但若進入圖書館參觀則每人的收十元參觀費（十二歲以下免費）。

忠僕號建造於一九一四年，目前是在航行於七海中最古老的船隻，只比著名的鐵達尼號年輕兩歲而已。現在隸屬德國的一個非營利慈善機構，自一九七八年起開始營運，它的英文縮寫GBA就是好書共享的意思，船上總計有來自三十五個不同國家的三百二十名義工運作。

忠僕號過去雖然到過高雄、花蓮、台中等我國其他港口，但最近蘇澳港還是第一次，五日起將在蘇澳港二號碼頭開放參觀，書展開放時間是十月五日到七日的上午十時到晚上八時，以及八日下午二時到晚上八時。

七日的晚間並安排有燈塔咖啡屋的活動，歡迎民眾上船喝咖啡，和船上義工聊天、練英文，七日及八日的下午二時到五時也有家庭嘉年華會活動。

忠僕號先遣人員巴瑞軒等人昨天拜會縣長劉守成，邀請縣長及縣民屆時上船參加活動，為了鼓勵縣民踴躍參加國際性的交誼活動，劉守成當場指示教育局及社會科等單位將忠僕號相關消息上網站，鼓勵縣內各級學校師生及縣內社會福利團體踴躍參加，他也承諾會前往參觀。

Work Assignment

I work in the book exhibition department. During the first two weeks I worked upstairs in the bookshop, but since then have been working in the bookhold. The book hold is where all the book supplies are stored. It is located at the bottom of the ship and can hold five container loads of books. I work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and have one day off each week.

My job is to open new boxes of books, price them, and store them on the racks. There is much lifting of boxes involved and I just may develop muscular arms. At the moment there is no system for locating the books and that is what we aim to do.

Ship Trivia

Doulos was built in 1914, just two years after the Titanic. It was then called the Medina and renamed Doulos when purchased by OM in 1977. Since its first port in Italy, Doulos has now sailed into over 350 ports. Doulos is a Greek word that means 'servant'. Servants of the Lord Jesus Christ is what the crew, of over 300 from over 35 nations, are.

Praise Corner

Manila, Philippines. I was on an evangelism team that was to minister to the homeless living at a park, near the port. My partner and I had taken the wrong route and were in fact a long way from the park. It was a hot afternoon and we found ourselves in Intramuros (the old Spanish part of the city). Not seeing any homeless people, we decided to stop and buy some coke from a street vendor. As we sat under a huge tree, drinking the coke, I prayed silently asking the Lord to show me the person he wanted me to talk to that afternoon. Some time later I noticed a young man seated across from us. I tried ignoring him but I found he kept glancing our way. So I took out a tract from my bag and walked over to him. It to him and asked if he would like to read it. My partner and I waited till he finished before we went back to talk to him. After a long conversation, he said. he would like to pray and ask Jesus into his life. A little later in the conversation, the young man told us that he stopped at the square because he had a bad time at the office and wasn't supposed to be at the square. Yet I know it was no mistake that the three of us were under that tree, that afternoon. This was the divine appointment that I had been praying for.

Paalam (Goodbye in tagalog)
God's grace be with you.



By Parimalam Balasubramaniam

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Prayer for Sunday School

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

1. For the number of children willing to serve in the 8.45 am Sunday School Worship Team has increased from 5 to 10 children. Since July'23, the children have been leading worship on every alternate Sunday instead of once a month. We are thankful for the parents who have been offering their assistance to help with the worship or guiding their child to practice at home.
2. For the increase in the teaching Team by an additional 4 Teachers and 5 Helpers. They signed up to join the Sunday School Ministry during the recent Teachers Recruitment drive held on 3 September 2023.



PRAYER REQUESTS

1. For the upcoming Christmas Celebration to be held on 16 December 2023. For the children to invite their un-churched friends, neighbors, relatives to attend where the gospel message will be shared by Brother Allan Yong.
2. For the existing team of teachers and helpers for both Gospel Kids and Kingdom Kids to continue serving faithfully and for those on sabbatical to return back to serve next year. May the Lord bless them with renewed strength, perseverance, good health and JOY to serve in the Ministry.

