



# Thy Kingdom Come



An Invitation to Write the Next Page  
of Your Story with OM's Ship Ministry



## Casting the nets of God's love far and wide for 'Thy Kingdom Come'

In the heart of every believer lies the prayer, 'Thy Kingdom come' – a yearning for God's rule to manifest on earth. This prayer compels us to reach out to people in distant places, to share God's love and truth and see His Kingdom flourish.

As we dock in port after port, the Ship Ministry's outreach extends from the bustling city harbours to sprawling urban areas where many have yet to hear the good news of Jesus.

**Each vessel carries a vibrant vision of what God's Kingdom looks like when OM workers, local churches, and supporters like you join in God's mission to transform the world.**

Onboard **Logos Hope** and **Doulos Hope**, thousands of people enter a world of discovery. They visit a vast bookstore like nothing they have seen before. They engage with the gospel through our interactive Journey of Life exhibition and stop by the International Café for meaningful conversations.

What's more, our ships are hubs for ministry and discipleship training. Hundreds of Christian leaders catch the vision to serve God in the marketplace onboard.

As **Logos Hope** and **Doulos Hope** get ready to sail to several ports in Southern Africa and Asia, we invite you to join in God's mission with us.

**Together we can write a new chapter of OM's mission story.**



**Seelan Govender,**  
CEO OM's Ship Ministry

OM's Ship ministry began with passionate workers and mission-minded supporters like YOU...



**1970-1988: LOGOS**

'The Word' in Greek. Sailed her maiden voyage to India in 1971. Ran aground in the Beagle Channel, Tierra del Fuego.



**1988-2008: LOGOS II**

This former passenger ferry proved a worthy replacement for *Logos* once she was converted into a service vessel for God's glory.



**1977-2010: DOULOS**

'Bond-servant' in Greek. Guinness World Record for the world's oldest ocean-going passenger ship.



**2009-NOW: LOGOS HOPE**

This 12,519-ton ocean-going ferry is OM's biggest ship. A crew of 400 from over 60 nations has welcomed more than nine million visitors since 2009.



**2023-NOW: DOULOS HOPE**

The latest addition to OM's fleet, *Doulos Hope* entered service in May, 2023. Meaning 'Servant of Hope', she brings many fresh and exciting advantages to our ministry.

# From Sudan to Mombasa....

## ***There are two sides to every OM's Ship Ministry story***

In the bustling streets of Mombasa, Kenya, Abdi Mahmood's journey from a devout Muslim to a follower of Jesus unfolds. This is a story of transformation, faith, and the far-reaching impact of one man's decision to respond to the gospel.

Abdi, a Somali by ethnicity and a Kenyan by nationality, never imagined his steadfast Muslim beliefs would one day be swayed towards Christianity.

In 2004, Abdi's life took an unexpected turn when he encountered a Christian outreach group. Unaware of their mission, he was drawn to the community centre they operated.

**"I liked meeting them. But the last thing I wanted was to become a Christian," – he admitted.**

Then in 2005 the *Doulos* ship arrived in Mombasa.

And Abdi like thousands of other people came onboard this ship filled with Christians. Among them, a young man dressed in traditional Muslim attire caught Abdi's attention.

"He dressed like a Muslim, and he looked every part of Muslim" – said Abdi. "I got very angry at him. So, I told him I understand why these other guys are Christians. I don't understand why you are one. Is it because you want to go on a boat? How much money did they pay you to become a Christian?"

Ayman, the young man who caught Abdi's attention, is a Sudanese Christian who at that time was serving onboard *Doulos*. Smiling at Abdi he invited him to discuss their beliefs over lunch.

**An encounter with an OM ships worker ignited a passion to spread the gospel far and wide...**

When they met, Ayman opened the conversation saying: "I know the Quran, the Hadith and the Bible. And I choose to follow the Bible. Do you know why you are you a Muslim?"

These words and other conversations that followed between them shook Abdi to the core and led him to wrestle with the Bible for three years.

Then in April 2007 Abdi gave his life to Jesus.

**Now the Lord is using Abdi to raise local labourers for the gospel...**

Since he gave his life to Christ, Abdi has been serving in his local church. Also, he has been discipling more than 300 Somali believers in Somalia and Kenya. And he is one of the key contributors to a network of over 200 Christian leaders in the Horn of Africa.

**"I am extremely grateful for my Sudanese brother who shared his heart with me and enabled me to write a different story for my life.**

**Now I can't wait to see what other stories God is going to write in the lives of many others who don't know Jesus as *Logos Hope* returns to Keyna soon."**



# Actually, there are three sides to every OM's Ship Ministry story... because amazing supporters like you are part of every story too.

## Cyndy and Denny's story

**"After graduating from Indiana University with degrees in telecommunications and Spanish, I spent two unforgettable years (1978 - 1979) serving on board Doulos during her maiden ministry voyage. I love that OM's ships are part of my life story."**

Cyndy Hanson, OM's Ship Ministry supporter and former volunteer

"From Mexico to Argentina, every port visit was a faith filled adventure. And the most remarkable part was using my language skills in such a unique way and experiencing firsthand how God's love reaches out to every culture, every nation, every tribe. Serving on board Doulos taught me that His love is available for anybody who will receive it."

"When I returned home to the US, I met and married Denny. We built a life together in Florida, we raised our children and established a thriving business."

But my heart never really left OM. Denny and I always remained within 'arm's reach,' from OM's ministry always connected to it through reading their newsletters and making occasional gifts."

"In 2021, Denny and I attended a supporter's weekend that focused on the Ship Ministry. Meeting leaders like Seelan Govender and reminiscing with those who had journeyed with me onboard Doulos was incredibly reaffirming."

"We're always asking God: What's next? How can we grow? How can we continue stepping forward in that path that He's put before us? Reconnecting with OM has answered some of these questions. It has focused our prayers and has fuelled our generosity."

"We find tremendous joy in giving—whether it is helping someone serve onboard the ship, gifting a car, or supporting the ministry in various ways. It's our way of being on mission with God, a reflection of the joy we receive when we give."

Right now, we are excited about writing a new chapter of our story on mission with God and with OM's Ship Ministry."

## David's story

**"Ukukhanyisa leaders. I heard this powerful phrase from an African brother, and it means 'illuminating leaders.' I believe that the leadership training onboard OM's ships is akin to kindling a myriad of flames; each one, in turn, can illuminate the path for others, spreading the light of the Gospel far and wide."**

**If we continue to partner with OM's Ship Ministry through prayer and giving, then I think we will continue to see countless expressions of 'Thy Kingdom Come' all over the world."**

David Malcolm, an OM's Ship Ministry supporter

"Ask yourself this question: 'Do you believe that every person regardless of their background or circumstance, can contribute in a significant way to the fulfilment of the Great Commission?'"

"Because if you believe that everyone, including you and I, can impact countless lives with the gospel, then we must commit ourselves to diligently nurture and 'ukukhanyisa' (illuminate) more workers for God's mission, especially aboard OM's ships."

"I have seen for myself what happens when people from different nations come onboard OM's ships. Through helping the poor, ministering in prisons, telling strangers about Jesus, and studying God's word, they catch the vision to serve for the rest of their lives."

The ripple effects from their time spent with OM are huge. They can be seen in hundreds of ministries that have sprung all over the world from individuals who were equipped and sent forth from OM's Ship Ministry."

"What keeps me drawn to OM's Ship Ministry are the leaders we train. There are few rewards in life more fulfilling than knowing that your gifts and prayers are equipping someone to carry God's love and shine His light into the darkest corners of the world."



Cyndy Hanson (second left) serving with an OM summer outreach in Spain in the late 70s.



Cyndy Hanson (seated in back) during her time serving on board the Doulos.



# Write a New Chapter of Your Journey with OM...

As we join in God's mission to see 'Thy Kingdom come' your support is what enables us to go boldly to new places, to sow the gospel broadly and to transform more lives totally.

Fuelled by your generosity, our ships sail to distant shores. They offer hope through the Gospel, inspire amazing ministry partnerships, build global prayer networks, disciple and train local believers and care for the oppressed and the marginalised.

For over fifty years, generous friends like you have been the backbone of our ministry, supporting our diverse crew of volunteers — from Bible teachers to technicians, builders to street performers who are using their talents and skills to accelerate the fulfilment of the Great Commission.

**OM ministry is driven by the conviction that everyone is invited to join in God's mission to take the gospel to the unreached.**

Whether you are a crew member from the USA, India or Malaysia or a supporter like you who gives and prays, there is no 'them and us' — we are all on mission with God together.

We all have a role to play in OM's Ship Ministry **because we passionately share the belief that every person on earth should have an opportunity to hear the gospel and respond.**

Each of our stories — and the way we support OM — are God-inspired and unique, emphasizing our collective commitment to "Thy Kingdom Come."

That's why today I want to invite you to reflect upon your own story with OM and how the work we do upholds your values and beliefs.

May this reflection inspire you to support our Ships ministry so that the message of God's hope and love can reach every place we visit.

**Seelan Govender,  
CEO OM's Ship Ministry**



**What is your OM's  
Ship Ministry story?**

**We would love to hear it!**

Share it with us at:  
[MyOMStory@om.org](mailto:MyOMStory@om.org) or  
call (678) 674-1435  
for a friendly conversation



## Why Your Support Is Needed More than Ever...

**TO GO BOLDLY** to at least 21 port cities in the next 12 months reaching more than 1,629,600 people with the good news of Jesus. In the next three years we are aiming to train hundreds of local and regional leaders onboard our ships.

**Key Goal:** To raise \$4,142,000 for this vital area of our ministry including over \$800,000 for fuel needed for both ships to travel to different ports annually.

**TO SOW THE GOSPEL BROADLY** by distributing over 150,000 copies of Christian literature annually during the next three years. And, to impact over 4,888,800 people's lives with the gospel through our ships' ministry.

**Key Goal:** To raise \$126,000 towards printing and distributing over 450,000 copies of Christian literature.

**TO TRANSFORM LIVES TOTALLY** by sharing God's love in practical ways with the unreached in port cities and urban areas because we know that the gospel in action has the power to transform lives, communities, and entire societies from the inside out.

**Key Goal:** To raise \$300,000 to share God's love in practical ways through community projects in the next three years.

# How your gift is multiplied



## Your gift to OM's Ship Ministry is greatly multiplied...

...through people like Pastor Emmanuel (Sierra Leone). As a young boy Emmanuel fled his village to escape being sacrificed to their local goddess. He came to know the Lord and was a pastor in Sierra Leone when our crew met him in 2005 during *Logos II*'s visit to Freetown.

At that time, we gifted him with Bibles, discipleship materials and even a van so that he could plant churches in remote villages.

17 years later, he came to *Logos Hope* and told us that he is running a Christian school. He is the pastor of a growing church and is discipling hundreds of local believers to go and serve in the Sahel ...

In fact, he said – “I just can't keep up with what God is calling me to do ...”

Thanks to the generosity of OM supporters like you the seeds planted in Pastor Emmanuel's life and the resources we provided are bearing so much Kingdom fruit.

**Praise God for dedicated workers like Pastor Emmanuel and big-hearted friends like you!**

## On any given day...

- **500 volunteers** from **67 nations** serve onboard *Logos Hope* and *Doulos Hope*.
- **3,100 visitors** are welcomed onboard *Logos Hope* and **1,000** onboard *Doulos Hope*
- **100 local people** experience God's love through Community Development projects
- **Thousands of free books** and **gospel literature** are given away
- **15 future leaders** are discipled through the LEAD programme.



## Since 1970 OM's ships have...

- visited **152 countries**
- shared the love of Jesus with over **50 million people**
- welcomed over **11,000 international workers** who have served onboard our ships and more than **50,000 local volunteers**
- distributed more than **80 million pieces of free gospel literature**
- been a springboard for over **100 new ministries launched** by believers who have served with us
- sent over **20,000 teams** who have run community projects in over **1,600 ports**.

# Join Logos Hope and Doulos Hope on their next voyages!

In a world yearning for hope and transformation, OM's Ship Ministry is pioneering vessels of change.

For over **50 YEARS**, our ships have sailed to more than **500 PORTS** in over **150 COUNTRIES** to share the gospel and make *'Thy Kingdom Come'*.

**OM's ships typically visit 15 - 20 port cities each year.**

In the coming years, we are seeking to expand our fleet so that each vessel can remain in ports for longer, enabling us to be more effective in serving vulnerable communities.



**Today, we invite you to write the next chapter of your story with OM by making a significant gift to our ships' ministry.**



## TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF GIFTS NEEDED OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS

Donors Needed	Number of Donors	Year 1 Pledge	Year 2 Pledge	Year 3 Pledge	Total per Donor	Total Contribution
Horizon Expanders	2	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$750,000	\$1,500,000
Lighthouse Leaders	3	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$900,000
Compass Keepers	5	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$180,000	\$900,000
Wave Makers	8	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$600,000
Navigators Circle	12	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$360,000

# Join Logos Hope and Doulos Hope on their next voyages!

## **Sow Broadly:**

You can take the gospel to those who don't know Jesus.

Your leadership gift of \$250,000 or even \$100,000 annually over the next three years can help stock our vessels and equip our community engagement teams with gospel literature in many languages (in partnership with other Christian organizations).



## **Go Boldly:**

You can train tomorrow's mission leaders.

By making a significant contribution of \$60,000 annually over the next three years towards our LEAD program, you will play a vital role in training, mentoring and coaching future Christian leaders for a lifetime of service for Jesus.

Who knows what God will do through these precious brothers and sisters as they go and tell others of His amazing love and salvation!

Take past crew members like Filipe for example, who benefited from our training onboard *Logos Hope*. Now he is serving God by running a small inn and café in a remote place in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains in North Africa.



## **Transform Totally:**

You can share the love of Christ with the poor and the marginalised.

Thanks to your generous gift of \$25,000 or even \$10,000 annually for the next three years, and in partnership with local churches we will share God's love with the poor and marginalised in every port we sail to.



## We Promise to Be Good Stewards of Your Generosity

OM is committed to carefully and responsibly manage all resources entrusted to our ministry.

When you choose to invest in OM's mission work to advance the Great Commission, you can expect us to deliver on these four promises:

- 1. Planning:** All written ministry plans will be submitted and approved by national and regional leaders before execution. This ensures each plan serves its target community, aligns with organizational objectives, is well-planned and is of the right scale.
- 2. Impact Reporting:** We will send you an impact report from our OM ships ministry at 6- or 12-month intervals, demonstrating the fruit from your generosity.
- 3. Fiscal Responsibility:** In many countries, OM commissions audits conducted by accredited, independent professionals. We are accredited by The Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). Also, we meet the ECFA's "Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship."
- 4. Financial Accounting:** At OM, our internal finance system yields complete, end-to-end trackability of gifts. Linking financial and impact reporting provides an incentive to deliver a timely, accurate account in of both the use of funds and the benefit created among the least reached.

**Thank you for your willingness to write a new chapter of OM's Ship Ministry mission story with us.**

Your generous gift will make it possible for thousands of least reached people to hear the gospel and for multiplying the numbers of mission workers worldwide.



## About OM's Ship Ministry

***By mobilizing local churches and mission-minded Christians like you, OM's ships are writing new chapters in the history of global missions.***

Together we are fostering vibrant communities of Jesus followers worldwide and sparking a global movement of prayer and collaboration for accelerating the fulfilment of the Great Commission.

Write a new chapter of your mission journey with God and OM.

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