

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Simply complete this form and return it to the Fishermen's Mission at the address below.

And remember the Gift Aid scheme increases the value of every £1 you give by 28p.

Yes, I would like to become a friend of the Fishermen's Mission

Direct Debit Mandate

Title..... Initials..... Surname.....

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Please pay the Fishermen's Mission

£5 £10 £15 £20 or £.....

per month per quarter per year

Debit my account titled.....

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Bank sort code

Starting on date & continuing until further notice.

Signature.....

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Bank Address.....

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Thank you!

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To qualify for Gift Aid you must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that we reclaim on your donations in the tax year. (Currently 28p for every £1 you give).

Please treat this donation and all future donations to the Fishermen's Mission until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid. (please tick the box)

Date (Declarations MUST be dated to be valid)

Please tick this box to receive a Mission legacy leaflet.

MC2 Please tick the box if you prefer not to receive information on the caring work of the Fishermen's Mission.

MC3 Please tick the box if you prefer us not to pass on your details to other like-minded organizations.

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Once completed, please return this form to:
The Fishermen's Mission, Mather House, 4400 Parkway,
Solent Business Park, Whiteley, Hampshire, PO15 7FJ.

Become a Friend of the Fishermen's Mission

AND HELP PROVIDE EMERGENCY AND WELFARE SUPPORT TO FISHERMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, 365 DAYS A YEAR.



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A regular donation to the Fishermen's Mission will help secure the welfare of the UK's fishing communities.

We are the only national charity caring specifically for our fishermen and their families. We receive no government funding & depend entirely on voluntary contributions to continue our vital work in providing financial, practical and pastoral help to the 12,000 working and 50,000 retired and disabled fishermen, their wives, widows & children.



Tragically each year some 65 fishermen are killed or seriously injured and 25 of our boats are lost, wrecking lives and livelihoods. Further to this, the cost of a life spent at sea is often ill-health, debt, loneliness and poverty in retirement.

Our aim is to provide emergency and welfare assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year wherever it is needed. We do this through a network of Mission staff and dedicated volunteers working in over 70 ports and harbours around our shores. But for the Mission to be always on hand to offer the support our brave fishermen deserve, we need your help.



The perils of DEEP SEA FISHING

Life at sea is unpredictable and fraught with danger. Conditions on-board a fishing vessel can be harsh & extremely hazardous. Lack of sleep, the cold, heavy seas, slippery decks and working with heavy industrial plant are all factors that can lead to a fatal accident or serious injury, which all too often deprives a family of it's sole bread-winner. It is at these times that our port staff are constantly on call, giving vital support to the shipwrecked, injured or bereaved.

NORTH SEA TRAGEDY

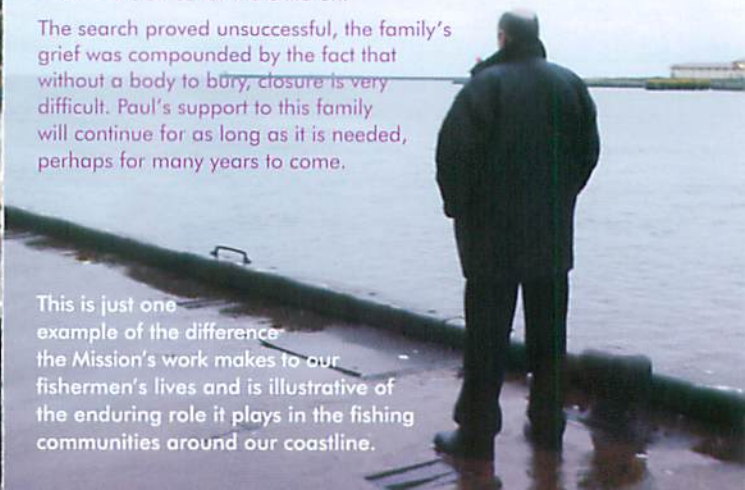
Paul Shone, Mission Superintendent in North Shields, lives and works in the Mission Centre just a stone's throw from the dock, putting him in daily contact with local fishermen. Fishing communities are notoriously proud and self-reliant. The Mission Man is one of the few people they trust.

One tragic winter's day, the Jann Denise II crewed by brothers, Rob Temple (34) and Brian Allison (27) went missing. The search, which had begun as soon as the alarm was raised had been called off at 21.00 hrs; at 06.30 hrs the following morning the fleet set out again. The fishermen were determined if the men were alive they were going to find them.

While the search continued, Paul knew there were families to consider. Both men were married; their anxious wives were at home looking after their young children and awaiting news. As a Mission Man, Paul knew his work was just beginning: his place was with the families, protecting them from media enquiries, making tea, smiling with them as they recalled happy times, sharing grief and prayers and sitting through the silences.

There were the practical considerations that might require his help and advice: bills, insurance, mortgages, money for immediate needs like food and clothes for the children.

The search proved unsuccessful, the family's grief was compounded by the fact that without a body to bury, closure is very difficult. Paul's support to this family will continue for as long as it is needed, perhaps for many years to come.



This is just one example of the difference the Mission's work makes to our fishermen's lives and is illustrative of the enduring role it plays in the fishing communities around our coastline.