

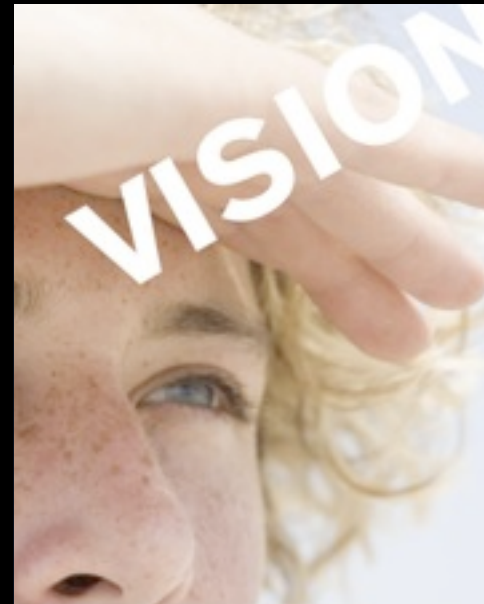
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Vision Challenge: Sure of a Shade by Day and Warmth By Night

As the children of Israel travelled through the Sinai desert towards their promised land, they were led by a cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. And as much as these provisions of God gave direction to the journeying nation, they were shielded from the heat of the day by the cloud and given warmth in the night by the fire. This is an experience no pen can ever convey in words but is so great in impact, that it leaves an impression that sustains for generations upon generations building an unshakeable conviction in Yahweh.

The Lord is himself the experience of those who have ventured on the path of the great commission. Whether it is in planting, watering or nurturing the Lord is himself a shade and warmth to every Andrew, Paul and Apollos. He is the Jehovah Jireh with sufficiency that spans enough to sustain eternity.

There are countless stories from the mission field of how God cares for his children even more so than he does for the sparrow. The beginnings of most Christian mission organizations is a small step of faith looking unto the Lord Jesus. From humble beginnings God has led many of these organizations to astonishing growths as in the case of Operation Mobilization ministry, Campus Crusade for Christ, Open Door and others. Looking unto the Lord, he became their direction, shade and warmth.



The Vision Challenge for this month is to take that small step of faith, travel the fascinating path of the Kingdom of God and let him become your experience in life!



V2M is pleased to report on the Ship ministry of MV Logos Hope, the world's largest floating book fair.

We caught up with Logos Hope Public Ministries Director Mr. Seelan Govender while the ship was berthed in Kochi, India two months ago.

OM Ships International is the organization behind Logos Hope. The Ships Ministry began in 1970 as part of the global Christian training and outreach movement, OM International. Logos Hope is operated on behalf of OM Ships International by GBA Ships e.V., a private, non-profit, charitable organization registered in Germany.

Seelan explained to us that the goal of the Ship ministry is to bring knowledge, help and hope to the people of the world by supplying vital literature resources, encouraging cross-cultural understanding, training young people for more effective life and service, providing needed relief, and sharing a message of hope in God wherever there is opportunity.

The ship visits each port for several weeks each and open the gangways to hundreds and sometimes thousands of visitors each day. On average, over one million visitors have been welcomed on board every year! The floating book fair offers over 5,000 titles, providing many visitors their first-ever opportunity to purchase quality educational and Christian literature.

An international crew and staff, representing 50 nations, live and work on board the Logos Hope. "No one is salaried onboard. They must raise their own financial support to join for a year or two, have a reference from a fellowship they attend, be able and willing to do hard work", Seelan adds.

He also explained that in addition to supplying literature the ship partners with various local organizations to have events onboard and onshore. These events take the form of school visits, men and women conferences, cultural events, sports events, orphanage visits, hospital, old age homes visits. Port visits offer unique opportunities to see the needs around the world and join with local believers in sharing God's love with port residents

Since its humble beginnings in 1970 , OM's ships have visited over 500 different ports more than 160 countries and territories and welcomed over 40 million visitors on board.

The mission challenge for this month is to pray for this floating ministry that touches and transforms many lives every year by powerfully demonstrating God's love through an international community living and serving together.

