

Brethren:

We arrived home last evening from a wonderful five days aboard the FASCINATION, a beautiful 700 ft. cruise ship. Along with 150 of our dear friends from across the nation, we enjoyed some incredibly sweet times of fellowship around the Word, as well as some great music from my family and the Daybreak Quartet. As many of you may know (if you have been on a cruise before), the food is outstanding and the service impeccable. We had the privilege of seeing five souls come to Christ during the cruise, several of whom were ship staff.



I praise the Lord for the influence that He allowed us to have aboard a ship filled with predominantly self-absorbed individuals (approximately 2200 people total). Our group stood out like a bright light. What a joy it was to see people carrying Bibles around the ship and winsomely sharing their faith with lost souls. Believe me, both the ship staff and passengers noticed the difference in our entourage. As one of the waitresses who accepted Christ said, "You all have so much joy! What is the reason for that?" We were able to tell her

that Jesus Christ is the basis for that joy, a joy the world cannot comprehend. What a blessing it was to see fellow believers laughing, fellowshiping, and enjoying time together without having to feel guilty afterwards.

One of the highlights of the cruise was the vocal talent contest held on Sunday evening. First place, in both the men and women's divisions, was won by people from our group--Nathan Kistler (men) and Sue Font (women).



Rick Trollinger, our travel agent (along with his dear wife Shirley), was aboard ship with us and did a great job coordinating all aspects of the cruise. In the next few weeks, Rick and I will begin planning for our 2010 cruise of the Mediterranean. This cruise will follow the journeys of Paul, as well as possibly spending some time in the Holy Land. Please check our website in the coming weeks for information on this eight day trip.



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