



OM announces new ship to set sail for ports of Southeast Asia

Operation Mobilization has expanded its fleet by acquiring *Doulos Hope*, a smaller vessel with less draft than her sister ship, *Logos Hope*, enabling her to operate in shallower waters and access smaller ports of call. The vessel is the first ship of a planned fleet designed to reach new regions, sharing knowledge, help, and hope with vulnerable or marginalised communities.

The ship will be based in Southeast Asia and stay in ports for extended periods to enable greater cultural engagement.

Seelan Govender, CEO of our ship ministry says, “It is a privilege for us to join God in His mission to invite others to see transformed lives and communities. That is why we have chosen the name *Doulos Hope*, ‘servant of hope’. We are excited for this new phase of our ministry; we have always been passionate about building a community of disciples worldwide and vessels like *Doulos Hope* will help us realise this.”

As we build the fleet in the future, each new ship will have a geographical focus in line with OM’s vision to invest in disciple making, leadership training, holistic community engagement, and collaboration with the local church community.

Following the handover of the new vessel, the ship will spend a year being outfitted and equipped for ministry ready to begin her new purpose in 2023. Like *Logos Hope*, *Doulos Hope* will be fitted with a floating book fair, bringing Christian and educational literature to the ports it visits.

Govender continues, “Our vision is for the Ships Ministry to draw people to work together in order to accomplish something they could never do as an individual church, denomination, or mission agency.”

The vessel contains a 130-seat meeting room and a 30-seat training room ideal for accommodating and training crew and external partners. It will also allow for the hosting of seminars, ministry training and fellowship events. Visit www.omships.org to learn more about *Doulos Hope*.

The team in Canada is excited to see how God will use this vessel to proclaim and demonstrate the



gospel especially among people who have yet to encounter Jesus. Please share this news with your friends as an opportunity to proclaim God’s goodness to His people who have been redeemed for His good work.

We thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Ships Ministry. This milestone would not be possible without faithful partners like yourself.