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M/V Anastasis

A Ministry of Youth
With A Mission

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*Sent to
Carolyn
9/1/82*

September 6, 1982

Ms. Carolyn Sundseth
Rm 191
Old Executive Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Carolyn,

Recently, President Reagan made an appeal to the private sector to do more to help the world's poor and needy. As you know, Youth With A Mission is committed to doing just that.

Our mercy ship, the M/V ANASTASIS, has just been released to respond directly to that cry. We are now docked in the Port of Los Angeles to be refurbished and provisioned with supplies and personnel.

The mission of the ANASTASIS is to rescue and redeem by ministering to the needs of the whole person - physically, emotionally and spiritually. We believe that our threefold goal of mercy ministries, training and communication of the Good News of the Gospel are in keeping with the President's heart for both our nation and the nations of the world.

We would like to obtain a welcome of the ship to the United States from the President and an endorsement of its mercy ministry from his personal perspective. If possible, this should be addressed to Mr. Don Stephens, Project Director M/V ANASTASIS.

Enclosed is the rough draft which you requested. Please feel free to revise it according to your discretion. Thank you in advance for any help you can give us from your office. Blessings to you as you continue faithfully in service to our Lord Jesus.

Sincerely in Christ,

Don Stephens
Project Director

DS:dk

PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE M/V ANASTASIS
ROUGH DRAFT

As President of the United States, I want to welcome The M/V ANASTASIS to America. I am personally excited by the scope and vision of this project and encouraged by the burden that your international crew has for the lost, lonely and hungry people of our world.

Recently, I urged the private sector to become more involved in the lives of the world's poor and needy. Youth With A Mission is fully committed to that task by recognizing that the needs are not only physical and economic but also spiritual.

I heartily endorse your merciful involvement with disaster aid and refugee relief victims as well as your emphasis on training and communication of the Good News of the Gospel.

The M/V ANASTASIS serves as a challenge to God's people everywhere to seek a deeper and more sacrificial level of love and compassion for those less fortunate than ourselves.

As President, I am proud of the way in which my country is represented; as a Christian, I am humbled by the way in which you represent my God.

Signature

10/6/82

DS:dk

September 16, 1982

Dear Mr. Stephens:

I am pleased to welcome the M/V ANASTASIS to America. The mission of mercy which this ship and its crew, representing many nations, will carry out is highly commendable. The ministry you have chosen will not only bring solace to the spirit but comfort to the sick. This undertaking is an excellent example of what can be accomplished by the private sector.

America's greatest strength is the ability of her people to reach out to those in need. The M/V ANASTASIS and her crew, in bringing aid to refugees and victims of disasters, carries a message of love and compassion to all who will see and listen.

You have my best wishes for success and my hopes that God will bless this enterprise.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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