



# HAMPTON HERALD

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*Welcome to the Doulos!*



Well, I finally made it! It was a surreal moment to pull up to the Doulos the first day and see hundreds of the crew standing on either side of our bus, waving their national flags, and cheering for our arrival. God is so good! The first week on board was spent in safety training. Not the most exciting time of my life, but definitely necessary. We recently found out what department we are in and I will be working hard in the book exhibition over the next

year. It is what brings most people to the ship, so I will be able to interact with many individuals in the countries we visit.

I am starting to know my way around the ship and it is becoming a home for me. For all those who have stood faithfully by me over the past few years of preparation...I hope you enjoy the photo of me with the ship as much as I enjoyed being able to take it!

## *Children of the World*

I was able to meet with 12 children from the Philippines that had traveled to the United States for an International Children's Choir with my old job. They have grown so much over the past 6 months or so and we had a great time hanging out for a few hours!



## *My 28th birthday!*



"You have to work on your birthday?" It was a question with sympathy behind it. The well-meaning person who asked didn't realize how different I was feeling about working on my birthday this year. I am on the Doulos in the Philippines...how can I complain about that? I had a great birthday serving in different positions in the book shop; including standing in the rain. That night I had a party with part of my small group, pictured above. One of my most memorable birthdays so far!

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Don't forget to check my website, [www.rachelhampton.com](http://www.rachelhampton.com), for updates while I am serving overseas. Though our internet is very slow, I am trying to post updates as often as possible. This is the best way to keep up-to-date on how I am doing as well as any specific prayer requests I may have.

I have also changed my contact information at the bottom of the page. If you would like to send me any cards or letters, please send them to the address I have listed. If you'd like to send anything larger (If only cheesefries would ship perfectly), email me and I will give you an address in the states that will work. It takes 2-3 months for us to receive shipments, so be sure to send them well in advance.

### *Praise and Prayer Requests:*

#### Praise:

- Safe travel
- Successful month of training
- Finally arriving to the Doulos!
- Starting work on board
- New friendships
- God speaking through His Word
- God working in the first port of Cebu

#### Prayer:

- Me relying on God for EVERYTHING
- At least one, good girl to confide in
- Continued friendship built on board
- Safety as we travel
- Meeting of future boss and co-workers in Manila
- Ministry to the people of the Philippines
- Patience and love towards others
- Consistent time in God's Word

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