

Mission Newsletter



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“And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord.” (Acts 13:48)

After the Jews refused to hear Paul and Barnabas preach the gospel, the Gentiles begged that they preach to them. But seeing the multitudes gather to hear Paul preach and being filled with envy, the Jews tried to stir up trouble. Paul and Barnabas told them plainly that the Word was preached to them first, but since they refused it, Paul and Barnabas turned to the Gentiles (Acts 13:45-47).

The Gentiles, of course, “were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord.” The wall of partition was finally broken down, and Gentiles were as welcome to the benefits of Christ's spiritual kingdom as the Jews themselves: “But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us” (Eph. 2:13, 14).

The more we know of the gospel, the more we appreciate it. The more we have of the Word of the Lord in our hearts and lives, the brighter it shines. What light, what power, and what treasure the gospel brings to each one of us. How excellent are its truths, its rules, and its promises. How plainly divine and heavenly is its origin: “For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life” (Prov. 6:23).

When we have experienced the power of the Word of the Lord in our lives, when we have been comforted by its precious promises and have tasted the sweetness thereof, we will say with Jeremiah, “Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts” (Jer. 15:16).

(Update) New Faith Mission Building

When we first decided to go ahead with the new Faith Mission warehouse and office building, back in January, we were concerned about waiting for the frost to disappear so that we could get the concrete work done. Then we put the project on hold for a while because of the war between Ukraine and Russia. Now that we have decided to proceed with the project, we

are actually concerned about getting the concrete work done before the frost is back. The summer is so short. It is amazing how much time it actually takes to get all the preparation work done with engineering, permits and just plain running around. We are also taking extra time selecting local sub-contractors who are willing to donate some of their work or donate some of the building dollars back to Faith Mission. We feel tremendously blessed with the overwhelming support that our community has expressed toward Faith Mission in the past and we feel that it will not be any different with the building project.

(See the floor plan on Address Card of this Newsletter.)

Our hope and prayer is that this new facility will make it easier for our volunteers to work with the sorting and baling and especially for the men who faithfully come to help with loading the containers. The loading dock will make that task so much easier. PTL! We do not know where the Lord will lead Faith Mission but it is exciting as we follow Him into the future!



Here is our “new” place! 425 Roblin Blvd East. Right at the corner of Circle K Drive & Roblin Blvd East.

From the Faith Mission Office....

"Hello" this is Helena here again. In the last newsletter I wrote about my struggle with back pain. Since then I have gone to Germany and had two discs replaced. Let me take you on this journey I have been on the last two months.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

This verse really sums up how I felt. I trusted the Lord completely. I prayed for the Lord's will to be done and that He would keep us in His care, as we travelled, during the surgery and as I recovered later. I also prayed that He would direct the hands of the surgeon as he performed the surgery. We left for Germany on May 24th. Sitting during the flight was hard and painful but it worked out ok. My surgery was on May 27th. The first days after the surgery were hard because the doctors and nurses couldn't seem to find pain medication that wasn't too strong for my body. After much prayer and trying many different kinds, they let me try taking the pills I brought from home and the Lord worked through them and helped us control the pain at last. I started feeling so much better right away.

"God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1 "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." Psalm 18:2

I should probably explain that the pain I was experiencing now was not the same pain that I had before the surgery. Now I was having muscle and nerve pain in my hips, legs and left foot, which came as a result of the surgery. A lot of the muscle pain comes from the muscles having to find a new "normal", because the body needs to adjust to the new discs in the back. Although this pain is very normal in a surgery like this, with time, and as everything heals, these pains usually go away.

I had been told that walking was very good for healing so I tried to walk quite a bit every day, of course I had to work my way from walking a little bit to more and more every day. The nurses and doctors at the hospital were wonderful and I received very good care. After being in the hospital for a week I was discharged and we were taken to Gelsenkirchen Marriot Hotel and Medicos Rehab Center, which was attached right to the hotel. My days were spent at the Medicos, having many different appointments; for massage, with the doctor, with the nurses to get my dressing changed, and for exercises. Some days I had as many as seven different appointments. I had a wonderful, caring doctor with whom I had an appointment every day.

I developed a Urinary Tract Infection the first day that I was at the hotel and I was put on very strong antibiotics. This was a big setback for me, and that is why they started me very slowly on the exercises. The Medicos staff was so kind and caring, it made it such a nice place to be. Our days were busy at the Medicos everyday but our evenings were always free. We were so thankful that Eduard & Katja Ewert and Walter & Olga Penner, from Missionswerk

FriedensBote, came to visit us. We had an enjoyable evening with both of them, catching up on things that had happened in the last two years. They also came to visit us when Jake had his disc replacement surgery in 2012. There are also always things to discuss about Faith Mission with them as we work together with them in the mission. Another couple that paid us a visit was from the Winkler area, they had come to Germany to be with her brother and his wife from Mexico, while her brother also had disc replacement surgery. Having company sure made the time go by a lot quicker.

On June 9th we headed back home. The trip home was more painful than the flight out to Germany, seeing as it was only two weeks since I had the surgery, that was understandable. "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." Isaiah 40:29 I spent lots of time walking the aisles on the jet; I was just not able to sit for long periods of time yet.

What a joy when we saw the familiar faces of our loved ones when we arrived in Winnipeg. My, how good it felt to crawl into our own bed for that first night's sleep! I was so very tired but it felt so good to be home! The first days were hard because I had gotten very overtired while flying. I had a couple more huge medical issues; nonrelated to the surgery, which took a lot out of me and really set me back. I spent a couple of weeks mostly resting in bed or on the couch. Much of my time was spent praying and the Lord was right there helping me every step of the way. It is just over two months now since the surgery and I am gradually able to do more work, nap less, I'm taking much, much less pain medication and life looks a lot brighter again. I am ever so Thankful to our Heavenly Father for taking care of me during the surgery, and while I have been and still am recovering. I know this journey isn't over yet. Even though I feel so much better now already, I depend on the Lord daily for His strength in helping me in my recovery. He is faithful and for this I am ever THANKFUL!

Thank You to everyone that kept me and Jake in your prayers during the time that we were in Germany and I would ask that you keep praying for us even now as I continue to recover.

Thank You to everyone that has helped us out financially up to this point. We still haven't had any fund-raising events to help us pay off the huge debt we have incurred. If anyone feels led to support us financially, you can send your donation to us through Faith Mission just make sure you mark your gift: "Helena's surgery" or you may also mail it directly to us personally at:

Jake & Helena Elias
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Winkler, MB R6W 1H7

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Lord willing, I plan and hope to be back, working in the office at Faith Mission again in the near future. I have not decided when yet but I hope it won't be too much longer.

Carpathian News.....

Summer 2014

Greetings, Brother Jake and all friends from Faith Mission!

Another summer is coming to an end. As always, it's been filled with different ministry opportunities, not only with children but also with adults and elderly people. We attempt to use all possibilities to tell people about Jesus Christ. During this last week, we met with hundreds of people who came for humanitarian aid distribution. We also had friends here from Germany and France. Over 350 people attended our services in Yabluniv, Kosiv and Verkhovyna. We had not expected so many, but God once again blessed these meetings. Many people heard, for the first time in their life, that someone is really interested in them. They were happy to hear that there is still hope for their future and there is eternal life for them.

At one of the meetings, a distraught mom came to us. Her son was called to serve in the army and he is serving in the war in Eastern Ukraine right now. She cried and asked that we pray for him to come back home alive and healthy. She had brought her youngest son so I gave her two gift boxes from Faith Mission.

Christians in Ukraine are having a very special time because of the war in Eastern Ukraine. God has allowed this to happen in order to teach us how to pray and seek the Lord. Local authorities also came to our meetings. They were very grateful that we take such care of their local people. That was something new to them. We also received many requests about helping the elderly in the seniors homes, children in kindergartens and those people who experience difficulties in life. Again and again, they invited us to come back. For next Christmas we are planning to have many more children at our meetings. I told our friends from the mission that we will need more than 1600 gift boxes. As the territory of our ministry is expanding in the Carpathian Mountains, supply is increasing. We also distributed thousands of booklets you sent us in the Ukrainian language.

In the middle of August we will have one more camp for unbelievers from different villages. Some of them already visited us at the meetings I mentioned earlier.

Last week Thursday we had people from 19 different villages at the church. Some of them were from Donetsk and Luhansk. They are refugees from the Eastern Ukraine who have moved to the mountains in order to survive. We feel that God sent them to us!

Brother Jake, we will be happy to organize meetings like this when you come to visit us. It's easier for people to come during warm seasons but winter is also possible. I am glad that your health is better now and you can serve the Lord and people for their salvation.



We gave 22 Faith Mission gift boxes to children who came to our meetings. You can see that in the pictures. We are very

Praise the Lord... We have more bunks at Staiche Camp!



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2007-2013
These portable Office Containers were brought into the village a number of years ago. Finally, for this summer's camp, they did a major renovation to fix the leaking roofs as well as provide much needed sleeping quarters!

Summer Camp 2014



grateful for your ministry!

I want to say thank-you for supporting my family. You can't imagine how important it is for me. This is the first year in 17 years of my ministry that I feel that somebody is taking care of my needs. Praise the Lord for friends like you! Also, a big thank you from my wife Elena. We are building our new house little by little. Hope to have you in our new home if it is God's will and our country will be at peace again.

Blessing in your ministry!
Peter, Carpathians



Office Hours



Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Clothing sorting & baling:

Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

& 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Clothing may also be dropped off in the small white trailer at the south end of the warehouse building. This trailer is open 24 hours a day, emptied on a regular basis, however, if you have more than a few bags or boxes, please call ahead to arrange delivery. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CLOTHING DONATIONS OUTSIDE!

Volunteers Welcome!

If your Youth Group, Bible Study group, or Ladies' Sewing Circle would like to volunteer for an afternoon or evening (Monday-Saturday), please contact the office to make arrangements.

Faith Mission (FriedensBote) Inc. solicits your gifts for the purpose identified in this appeal. However, if the project for which the gifts are received has been fully funded or cannot be completed for reasons beyond the control of the charity, the board reserves the right to use such funds for other similar projects.

Please sort your clothing and other donations before you drop them off at our warehouse!

We have mentioned this before but it seems to be time to remind our donors to sort through all their items before they are dropped off at Faith Mission. We have recently had to throw out quite many shoes and boots because they were so muddy or just plain "worn out". We have also received many dirty down-filled comforters. We have no use for them. Please, do not expect us to ship items like this overseas! We only ship clothing, shoes, blankets or pillows that are clean and with which we would feel comfortable wearing or sleeping on.

Take Note: Lately people have dropped off items at Faith Mission that should likely go to the Gospel Echoes Thrift Store. They are at 310 Cargill Rd, just south of the Medi-Chair Building. We do not accept furniture, housewares, microwaves, etc!

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Faith Mission (FriedensBote) Inc. is a nonprofit, registered charitable organization based in Winkler, Manitoba. Faith Mission was incorporated on May the 16th, 1994 in the Province of Manitoba

Purpose of Faith Mission

- to provide humanitarian and spiritual aid to the people of former Communist communities of the world.
- to call others to pray for the suffering people in the world.
- to provide information about the people of the former Communist communities to fellow Christians in North America.

The **Faith Mission Newsletter** is printed bimonthly and mailed at no cost to those people who have supported us in the past or to those who request information about Faith Mission.

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Review Engagement Report

To the Board of Directors
Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc.

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. as at December 31, 2013 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, and accordingly, consisted primarily of inquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the organization.

A review does not constitute an audit, and consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

The Significant Accounting Policies (Note 1) indicate that the tangible capital assets are stated at cost and no amortization is recorded in the financial statements. The effects of this departure from Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations on the unaudited financial statements has not been determined.

Based on our review, except for the failure to record amortization on the organization's tangible capital assets as described in the preceding paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Accountants

RM of Stanley, Manitoba
June 30, 2014

Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Statement of Operations (Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31	2013	2012
Revenue		
Received donations	\$ 211,388	\$ 228,552
Collections	12,474	2,000
Interest and miscellaneous	77	17
Book sales	435	284
	<u>224,374</u>	<u>230,853</u>
Operation costs		
Freight	97,283	119,351
Overseas missions	25,393	25,295
Direct wages	5,170	5,155
Packaging, supplies and materials	8,864	13,376
Foreign exchange (gain)/loss	3,074	957
	<u>139,784</u>	<u>164,134</u>
Administrative expenses		
Advertising	1,400	2,775
Donor newsletters	4,786	5,132
Goods and services tax	1,104	1,289
Fundraising expenses	425	400
Interest and bank charges	283	703
Memberships	1,459	1,459
Office expenses	222	412
Postage and shipping	735	6,480
Professional fees	830	777
Rental	15,050	14,400
Repairs and maintenance	451	10
Supplies	1,609	2,520
Travel expenses	1,278	3,522
Utilities	6,920	4,309
Vehicle expenses	3,764	2,200
	<u>40,316</u>	<u>46,388</u>
Income before other items	<u>44,274</u>	<u>20,331</u>
Gifts in kind	(3,294)	(14,412)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year	<u>\$ 40,980</u>	<u>\$ 5,919</u>

Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)

December 31	2013	2012
Assets		
Current		
Cash and bank	\$ 139,960	\$ 106,582
Accounts receivable	6,253	1,561
Inventory	5,331	5,681
Prepaid expenses	2,918	4,377
	<u>154,462</u>	<u>118,201</u>
Tangible capital assets (Note 2)	<u>25,523</u>	<u>25,523</u>
Incorporation costs	<u>515</u>	<u>515</u>
	<u>\$ 180,500</u>	<u>\$ 144,239</u>
Liabilities and Surplus		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 15,251	\$ 19,970
	<u>15,251</u>	<u>19,970</u>
Net Assets		
Invested in tangible capital assets	25,523	25,523
Unrestricted	139,726	98,746
	<u>165,249</u>	<u>124,269</u>
	<u>\$ 180,500</u>	<u>\$ 144,239</u>

Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31	2013	2012
Cash from operating activities:		
Net income (loss) for the period	\$ 40,980	\$ 5,919
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Increase (decrease) in receivables	(4,692)	19
Increase (decrease) in inventories	350	1,457
Increase (decrease) in other current assets	1,459	1,459
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(4,719)	1,671
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	-	(2,600)
	<u>33,378</u>	<u>7,925</u>
Change in cash during the year	<u>33,378</u>	<u>7,925</u>
Cash, beginning of year	<u>106,582</u>	<u>98,657</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 139,960</u>	<u>\$ 106,582</u>

Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Notes to the Financial Statements (Unaudited)

December 31, 2013

2. Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets consists of the following:

	2013	2012
Building	\$ 3,233	\$ 3,233
Vehicle	3,745	3,745
Baler	910	910
Equipment	5,190	5,190
Computer and office equipment	10,305	10,305
Utility storage trailer	2,140	2,140
	<u>\$ 25,523</u>	<u>\$ 25,523</u>

3. Bank Indebtedness

The organization has a line of credit facility of up to \$5000 which was undrawn at December 31, 2013. This facility bears interest at Access Credit Union's prime rate (3.00% at December 31, 2013).

This is a partial statement only. A complete statement will be mailed at your request.

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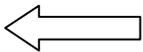
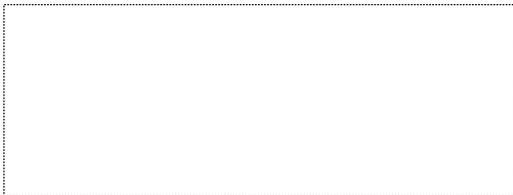
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