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“And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.” (Luke 13:20, 21)

This parable teaches us how the gospel works in our hearts.

Our hearts need to be soft and pliable like meal (or, actually, like our flour today), for it is the soft, tender heart that is most profitable when the Word of God is hidden therein.

As the meal must be kneaded before it receives the leaven, so our hearts must be prepared for the Word so that we may be shaped and molded by it. Leaven is blended into the dough to give the bread texture and relish. Likewise, we relish the Word of God and blend it into our hearts so that we might be sanctified by it.

Leaven is not immediately recognized in the dough, but gradually the dough begins to take on the texture of the mixed ingredients and forms a shape to be molded into the finished bread. The Word of God begins gradually, silently, and irresistibly to work in our hearts, but it also works quickly and powerfully, discerning the thoughts and intents of the heart (Heb. 4:12).

When the gospel comes into the soul, it works a mighty change. As the leaven changes the dough while the dough blends into the leaven, so it is with the Word of God and our souls. As the soul partakes of the Word, we take on the texture and flavor of the Word Incarnate. We're changed into His image like the impression of the seal upon the wax. The Word is our mold, and we become shaped and formed into the likeness of God. Repentance, faith, holiness, and love are wrought in our hearts by the Word. It is a work done by God, not by us.

Finally, when the dough is risen to its perfect form, it is baked in the oven. The heat of the oven causes a total blending of ingredients until you no longer have meal and leaven, but you have beautiful and delicious bread. We too are put through the fire. Trials and affliction blend into the work of grace in our hearts to test us, perfect us, and make us into that refined vessel and beautiful child of God. Paul said, “The fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is” (I Cor. 3:13).. ❁❁

Help Wanted! Faith Mission needs your help.....

At our recent Board Meeting, the Faith Mission directors agreed that we really need to spread the word that there are some great opportunities for someone to do overseas mission work without leaving your home community. **We would really like to add a few new Board Members to the Faith Mission Team.** We need a few more ladies to take the responsibility of supervising on Thursdays and Monday work-days. We could also use more supervisor couples to help us out when groups come in to sort and bale on Thursday, as well as other evenings. These are very rewarding duties so if you feel that this is something you could do, please do not hesitate to give us a call. We would really like to discuss these opportunities with you.

We are really looking forward to working in the new building and working with some new team members!



..... Faith Mission



Open House and Garage Sale

We had an open house and Garage Sale, here at Faith Mission on September 11 and 12th from 1:00-8:00

Proceeds: \$739.00

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported us during this time! Many people stopped by to browse and buy but also many of you were interested in seeing our regular volunteers at work sorting and baling clothes. I know that many of you also enjoyed a cup of coffee and a cookie or two. There might be those of you that maybe didn't realize that we were having this Open House or maybe you just couldn't make it out on the days that it was being held, you are very welcome to come to our warehouse any other time. We are back to our office hours being on Tuesday from 9:30-4:30 and our regular working day is Thursday from 1:00-5:00 and also from 7:00-9:00 in the evening. Please, feel free to stop by anytime one of these days and we will show you around the place and we'll try to answer your questions as best we can. We hope that for those of you that had questions when you were here and you asked someone that was working here that your questions were answered.

We, at Faith Mission are very grateful for all the donations we receive! We would not be able to send any containers if nobody would donate. We have two bins where we store the bags of donated items. Right now one of the bins is full to the top and the other one is almost half full. This sounds like a lot of clothes to sort through and bale and it is. But now with winter coming we will probably be getting lots of extra groups coming in on other evenings as well to sort and bale. So these clothes could be gone in no time. So if you have any clothing to donate, bring them over to the Mission at 500 Cargil Road.

Faith Mission also receives so many donations that we are not able to send. Maybe a lot of you don't know that we send **only clothes, shoes, boots, bedding, towels, pillows and**



blankets and bicycles. Now of course everyone knows these items, whatever you donate, all need to be “clean”, “not torn or worn out”, and “a lot of wear left in them” so that the money we are spending to send them overseas will be well spent. In the past two years we had received many, many items which we are not able to send, items that do not fit into the categories which I have listed above. We stored away the best of all these items and that is what we were selling at our garage sale. This is extra work for us but it worked out well and it helped us generate some extra funds. Here I must add that people often drop off items that are of no use to anyone, such as broken toys, old useless kitchen utensils or pots, pans and containers, broken children's furniture, old TV's, and lots of other things. We have to throw these things in the garbage so why don't you sort through the things you want to bring to Faith Mission before you bring them. Take out what is of no use to us and throw those things in the garbage, then bring us the useful items.

Summary of Summer 2014 Praise God for the Children's Camps

(Recent letters from Peter & Victor in Ukraine)

Although the weather is still warm and nice, one more summer is over and our camp facility is silent and empty. At the end of the season, we had one final camp for adult non-believers. We had 30 older non-Christians and 30 Christian young people. It was a unique ministry. These seniors, mostly over 60 years old, told us that they did not remember such happy days as they had in our camp. They experienced a different life – a life they had never seen before. They were surprised how the young Christians showed them life that demonstrated the real Love of Jesus. All these people came from the neighboring area of Kosiv where we distributed Faith Mission gifts from Canada and clothing from FriedensBote in Germany. In August and September, our dear brothers from Germany – Eduard and Alexander, led some wonderful meetings with about 350 adults and 60 children from that area.

Building Progress.....



On August 24 we had an ordination service in Tuchapy for two newly elected Deacons. We also had guests from Kharkov.

We also made a foundation for a new church building in a village about 20 km from Tuchapy. Our brothers from Tuchapy have started a ministry there.

We had opportunities to meet with more people this year than ever before. In the Verkhovyna church alone, we had about 3000 people in 9 months. That's more than 70 meetings every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. First, we have a one hour sermon, then clothing distribution.

In the Carpathian camp we had 500 children this year. That was more than usual. That includes 8 daytime-camps in community halls and schools plus our camp at Staische. Then we had about 500 more children from many different churches all over Ukraine. We just provided the facility and they took care of all the rest.

We are beginning to plan meetings for Christmas time. This year we will have the possibility to have more people and services. We will need about 1600 gifts as we have been invited to numerous new villages. I feel that we shouldn't pass up on this wonderful opportunity. At Christmas last year, we had visitors from Germany. We would be very happy to see you again in the Carpathians. These meetings are planned from December 20th until January 5th. Last year we had 19 such meetings.

God bless your ministry as well as your families!
Peter, Carpathians.

From Viktor in Bila Tserkva, Ukraine.....

Dear Jake, thanks for the update from Canada. The church of Uzyn held three camps this year. Suholesah, camp for nonbelievers children from social services (86 people); camp for Sunday School children (107 students); camp for young people (55 people). In the camp for young people we had a lot of non-believing youth. Five of them accepted Jesus Christ into their hearts. In August, we had three weeks of special programs for children and young people on the streets. As a result of this ministry we have many new children and youth



Pastor Viktor (behind pulpit) in his church in Uzyn, Ukraine

in the Church.

In our region, there are some refugees, but not as much as in Kharkov. At every service there are people from Eastern Ukraine, who are asking for help. We try to provide for their needs.

Thank you for praying for us. Victor.

Thank God, We have been able to ship 2 containers of Humanitarian Aid to the troubled Country of Ukraine!

On October 2nd, we were once again blessed with a very energetic crew of volunteers who loaded Container number 214 destined for Odessa, Ukraine. If it is the Lord's will, this container will leave Montreal Port on October 15th. We are really looking forward to another great Christmas season with very many supporters packing a Faith Mission Christmas box

or maybe several. We have had very many requests for new boxes and anticipate that we can get them to Ukraine in time for Christmas. As you may remember, last year the containers were delayed and the Faith Mission Christmas Boxes were only distributed in spring or even later. This turned out to be a wonderful blessing for many children in the Carpathian Mountain villages who can't be accessed during the winter months. God is so good!

Although it seems impossible for us to pack 1600 Christmas Gift Boxes for Ukraine, we are hoping that we will be able to provide Peter with enough boxes to make a wonderful Christmas impact in the hearts of many children and youth in the Carpathian villages this year.

I would like to once again take this opportunity to express a sincere THANK-YOU to all the men and boys that came to help with loading containers! Sorry, so I often forget to say Thank you! May God Bless you for every minute you serve Him! Jake Elias



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.

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- 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.

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