

# Mission Newsletter



May - June 2016

Number 121

***“Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.”  
(Psalm 119:165)***

Throughout the ages, man has consistently sought peace - peace of mind, peace of soul, peace with God, peace with his fellow man. Mostly man has failed in his quest because he searches in the wrong places.

There is a peace, and it is a perfect peace, that we can attain: It is found in the Word of God. It passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7).

The psalmist loved God's Word; it was the rule and guide of his everyday life. Each and every word was precious to him. And so it ought to be today. The Word should be the rule and guide of our lives. It is a “lamp unto [our] feet, and a light unto [our] path” (Psalm 119:105).

The Bible is a collective writing, but it is also a personal message. If we will incorporate our names into its pages, read it as though it was spoken to us, and then do the Word (James 1:22), God will guide our feet into the way of peace.

Many times the psalmist was in trouble without and within. Yet he had a deep-settled peace in his soul. Sometimes we look at people of the world who are successful, wealthy, and seemingly always “on top,” and we don't understand. How can it be, when Christians seem always to be in straits of one kind or another. Of course, everyone has problems. Some just handle theirs better, at least outwardly. Inwardly, they could be totally devastated - but they have nowhere to turn. They have their problems but they do not know the Problem-Solver. They do not know peace. Certainly we are not immune to the world's problems, but we find great peace in the Word of God.

“And nothing shall offend them.” Like David, our love for God's Word will enable us to hold fast our integrity and remain quiet and serene and peaceable at all times. Nothing shall offend us. No matter what Satan attempts against us, it will not trouble us. It will not defeat us (Psalm 91). For we know that “all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Rom. 8:28).

Isaiah wrote, “And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever” (Isa. 32:17). ♦♦



## Missionswerk FriedensBote visits Faith Mission in Winkler

[Photo: Standing: Paul Kronhardt (Germany), Ben Wall, Andrew Elias, Alexander Willer (Germany), John Peters. Seated: Henry Penner, Abe Unrau, Jake Elias, Eduard Ewert (Germany), Peter Penner.]

Thursday, May 19th was a special day for all the volunteers at Faith Mission. We had three guests from Missionswerk FriedensBote in Germany.

The three guests, Eduard Ewert, Paul Kronhardt, and Alexander Willer arrived in Winnipeg on May 18th. Although Eduard is no longer a director of the mission, he is still quite involved with presentations and travels. We

were blessed to have Eduard included in this tour as he was the only one of the three who spoke the Low-German language fluently. Paul is the chairman of our sister mission in Germany, Missionswerk FriedensBote. We have been involved with the Germany based mission ever since we started Faith Mission but we had never met Paul before. The third member of the group was Alexander Willer, also a director with Missionswerk FriedensBote in Meinerzhagen, Germany. The six days that we spent together went by very quickly. Our schedule was quite busy, covering more than a thousand kilometres in those few days.

On May 19th we spent the afternoon and evening at Faith Mission, interacting with the volunteers. We shared a Faspa with our guests and after that we watched a few short videos and saw some pictures of the different mission projects in Ukraine. The evening volunteers missed the Faspa but also had the opportunity to meet the guests, watch a short video and picture presentation and ask some questions. Meeting with the volunteers was a highlight for our guests. They were so blessed to meet the people who do the work at this end.

On Friday morning we met with our lawyer to sign a new Agency Agreement with the German directors and then left for a small church in Eden, Manitoba. Eden is about 15 minutes north of Neepawa. We stopped in at Nathan & Marie Elias' for supper. In the evening Eduard shared some pictures and stories about the mission work in the former Soviet countries.

On Saturday, May 21st, we had a presentation at the Old Colony Church in Chortitz. As most people were fluent with Low-German, Eduard shared a very interesting Mennonite history and mission report in Low-German.

Sunday morning, May 22nd, it was off to the IMF Church, north of Arborg. As most of the church-goers were quite fluent with Low-German, Eduard again presented a message in Low-

German. We had a wonderful lunch at church and then we headed back to Winkler for the evening.

We were not sure how the weekend events would turn out because of the Victoria Day long weekend but we were very impressed with the turnout we saw. Although the EMM Church in Winkler wasn't filled, we had a wonderful crowd. Eduard shared some stories from the time he spent in communist prison. Eduard, being the only Christian, sharing the Gospel with the 2500 other inmates. Alex also showed some pictures and shared a short report.

We wrapped up the tour on Monday night when we enjoyed a wonderful BBQ supper at Faith Mission with the board and the guests. Later we sat down for a special meeting. It was such a blessing to have some personal discussions about some of the concerns that have come up over the last while. We are so blessed to work with a wonderful group of people in Winkler,... in Germany..... in Ukraine..... Moldova or Russia. Serving the same Father makes us all one big FAMILY!



## Thanks Again to Charity Mission Arborg Manitoba / Lightway Transport / Essen Transport / Bob & Mary Harder & their crew

On April 30, we, took our own truck and borrowed a trailer from a local trucking company Essen Transport, and went to Arborg, MB. It's a 2 1/2 hour drive from Winkler.

We were greeted by about 30 volunteers who were eagerly awaiting our arrival. They quickly set up a conveyor and loaded 80+ bales into the trailer. Next they formed a long lineup and loaded 150+ bags of clothing and shoes that are ready to be sorted. It only took about an hour to do all this loading. The trailer is 53 feet long and it was filled nearly to the back and about 1/2 way up the sides. After we were done with loading, we returned to Winkler with the load. Just out of curiosity, when we passed by the public highway scale, we turned in to weigh





our load. It was about 17,000 lbs of clothing and shoes.

We backed up to the loading dock at Faith Mission in Winkler and another group of volunteers unloaded the trailer. Thanks to Lightway Transport, Austin for letting us use our truck for this purpose and thanks to Essen Transport for the use of their trailer.

Bob & Mary Harder,

---

#### Recent Letter From Ukraine

Christ is Risen!

These words give people hope and faith that we too will be resurrected for eternal life. We went to see many people with the wonderful news to remind them why Christ had to suffer and die in order to give us everlasting life. It seems as if just a couple days ago we were witnessing that Christ was born and now we celebrate Christ's resurrection. In Ukraine we celebrated it on May 1, a month later than you did in Canada.

Before Easter we visited many families in the village of Berezhnytsya and we had very interesting meetings. We prepared some packages with food for them and handed out Canadian blankets. We are very thankful to all the people who prepared them for Faith Mission.

We had eight Easter services in 5 days in different villages and regions. The auditoriums were always filled with adults and children. It has become a tradition that they need not leave our meetings empty handed. We thank God for our friends who take care of that part because it helps to spread the Gospel in our country.

All 200 gifts that were left over after Christmas found their owners. We wanted to invite more children, so for the first time we were giving one gift for two children, if they are from the same family. So, that way we could help twice as many children as usual. Even the welfare organization workers are surprised how good and generous your gifts are. These gifts help them to be more open to the Word of God.

We distributed 4 tons of clothing, which we kept just for these Easter holidays. We made 400 packages, but also distributed some clothing right out of the bales.

We also made 300 FriedensBote gifts as you can see on the

pictures. We also had some clothing from Germany.

So, in all, we were able to help out over a thousand adults and about 700 children.

In the village Yabluniv of Kosiv region, the head of the village asked us, Did you see that our people had tears in their eyes because of what you've done for them? She also had a dinner with us after we finished the meeting. She also invited us to have a camp this year in her village. We agreed and we will have in on June 6.

After that we went to Kosiv. We were allowed to have a meeting with children and adults in the big auditorium of the main building of the local parliament, where they vote for the local laws. We had a wonderful singing group from Chernivtsi and Tuchapy. They sang and read Christian poems.

After that meeting was over, we went to a big village of Kuty. We were given the local Community Hall or the House of Culture, as they call it locally. The hall was packed, including the balcony. People were quite surprised with the program we had as they recorded our songs and preaching on their phones. After the meeting was over I heard comments like: "Is it even possible that somebody gives someone something for free nowadays?" I replied: "It's because God loves you." We promised that, if it's God's will, we would come again. The local administration keep asking us to come more often.

In addition, we visited Grynyava, Berezhnytsya, Bukovets. These villages belong to Verkhovyna region. We did not have gifts for children this time. However, the parents were very happy that they were at least able to get some clothing. We were happy that God let us meet these people and witness to them. We distributed hundreds of New Testaments, many "Jesus is Our Destiny" books and thousands of tracts.

We continue to hold meetings with the local orthodox people in our church in Verkhovyna. All together we had about 40 services for them with about 2,000 people in total.



On May 30 we start our first camp this year in the villages of Kosmach and Yabluniv. Then we will go to Verkhovyna region and our base at Staische. Please, pray for the future meetings and services, for children's safety and teachers that we invited from all over Ukraine. We will also have a lady from Germany coming to help us.

Today we mentioned Nathan and his ministry in the Carpathians way back in 2004. God solved many concerns through him.

We are planning our Youth Bicycle Crusade for the month of August. A lot of preparation is still needed. We have 25 bicycles ready, plus some that need repairing. We need tents for sleeping which we don't have. We would also like to provide matching T-shirts with Christian words and logos. We will need a lot of Christian literature. That is all for witnessing to the local people about Christ and His love to them.

Brother Jake! We would love to receive a container with clothing for the beginning of July, if possible. We will use it for this cycling crusade. I have asked FriedensBote in Germany for school backpacks or any other school supplies because children will be getting ready for the new school season that starts on September 1st. If Faith Mission can participate in that, we would be very happy. We want people to remember that all our meetings are for the glory of God. These gifts will show them that we are not only talking but also helping them with the challenges they face.

We are grateful to God for all the blessings that you have sent our way. It has helped us so much for spreading the Gospel.

May God bless you and all the co-workers of Faith Mission

Peter from the Carpathian mountains and Tuchapy.

## Faith Mission (FriedensBote) Inc.

New Mailing Address: 425 Roblin Blvd East  
Winkler, Manitoba R6W 0H2

Phone (204) 325-4086  
Toll-free Fax (866) 478-0345  
Email: [info@faithmission.ca](mailto:info@faithmission.ca)  
[www.faithmission.ca](http://www.faithmission.ca)

Office and Warehouse located at

NEW LOCATION - 425 Roblin Blvd East



*I would like to receive the Bi-monthly  
Faith Mission Newsletter regularly.*

- Please add my name to your mailing list.  
 Please change my address as indicated below.

Name.....

Address.....

Town ..... Prov. ....

Postal Code.....

Telephone .....



## 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.**  
Bags or boxes of clothing may be dropped off at the "DROP-OFF" door on the west side of the Faith Mission warehouse building. This drop-off room is opened 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.

## Board of Directors

Jake Elias (204) 325-5446	Peter Penner (204) 325-8606
Henry Penner (204) 829-3318	Abe Unrau (204) 685-2320
Andy Elias (204) 325-6446	John Peters (204) 325-1383
Ben Wall (204) 325-8240	

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.

**Banking Information** - Access Credit Union  
Box 1060, Winkler, MB R6W 4B1  
Account Number 19940-9

## Faith Mission Monthly Prayer Calendar

Please pray for.....

- Day 1 ... Safety and protection for all the children at camp
- Day 2 ... all the thousands of orphans in Ukraine
- Day 3 ... volunteers coming to Faith Mission to help
- Day 4 ... all the new pastors planting churches in Moldova, Georgia and Estonia
- Day 5 ... the Lord to make peace and put an end to the war in Ukraine
- Day 6 ... the Faith Mission Board of Directors to make wise decisions
- Day 7 ... Brother Nikolai as he coordinates the overseas containers
- Day 8 ... our fellow workers at Missionswerk FriedensBote in Germany
- Day 9 ... all the volunteers who sort, bale & ship from LaCrete, AB
- Day 10 ... the people who distribute the Faith Mission clothing
- Day 11 ... the Faith Mission Christmas Gift Box program
- Day 12 ... that the farmers in Siberia may become self supporting
- Day 13 ... all the camp counselors and volunteers to share the Gospel
- Day 14 ... all the elderly living on their own in Ukrainian villages
- Day 15 ... the government of Russia to open their doors to foreign aid
- Day 16 ... the Ukrainian government to encourage foreign adoptions
- Day 17 ... strong financial support for FM to do more overseas projects
- Day 18 ... containers to be available to buy for shipping to Ukraine
- Day 19 ... our broker, Dmitry, in Odessa as he deals with Customs, etc.
- Day 20 ... Jake, as he compiles information for the FM Newsletter
- Day 21 ... all the pastors in planting new churches in Ukraine
- Day 22 ... all the ladies coming to work on blankets, etc. on Mondays
- Day 23 ... all the people displaced as a result of the war in Ukraine
- Day 24 ... all the elderly living on their own in Russian villages
- Day 25 ... our broker, Doon, in Toronto as he processes shipments
- Day 26 ... Helena, as she keeps all the FM books all in order
- Day 27 ... all the volunteers supervising groups in the evenings
- Day 28 ... continued support from local businesses & churches
- Day 29 ... all the volunteers who sort, bale & ship from Arborg, MB
- Day 30 ... the continued support of our Canadian and Manitoba governments
- Day 31 ... anything else Faith Mission related that's not on the list
- Don't forget to thank God for all the blessings every day .....