

# Mission Newsletter



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*“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews ? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.” (Matt. 2:1, 2)*

As Christmas approaches, our thoughts turn to the wise men of old who took time to find Jesus, the most priceless gift the world has ever known.

Who were these wise men?

The Scripture tells us they were men of the east - Gentiles and strangers to Israel - who came to worship Jesus.

Perhaps most of the Israelites were like we are today - too busy to stop, to ask, and to seek Jesus. If He came again today, would we have a firm knowledge of the Scriptures so that we would recognize Him?

The Bible says, *“He came unto his own, and his own received him not”* (John 1:11).

Oh, the tragedy! They loved not the truth, and they died in their sins. They failed to recognize the Messiah because they loved darkness more than they loved light.

These wise men used the knowledge that God had given them through the Scriptures to discover the star and then followed it to Jerusalem to find Jesus. The popular theory that there were only three wise men is just a tradition; no one knows how many there were. One ancient authority says there were fourteen, but who knows?

The important thing is that when the wise men began to inquire after Christ, they began at that moment to really be wise men. (If we truly desire to know Christ and find Him, we will not regard time, trouble, or work in seeking Him.)

They asked, *“Where is he that is born?”* Not being content with what they already knew, they wanted to know more of the Lord Jesus Christ. And wouldn't this Christmas season be a good time for us to learn more of His love, humility, mercy, goodness, and grace?

Let's worship, honor, love, and adore Him - for He came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly. ◆◆◆



## Gift Boxes by the pallet....

We are so blessed once again with all the Gift Boxes that we have been able to ship to the children in Ukraine. We were able to ship just a few gifts more than 800 in the last 2 containers that we shipped. If it's God's will, we plan to load a container on



November 29th. This container will be shipped to Kiev. We had hoped to surpass the total of 1397 boxes that we shipped in 2017. To make that happen, we will need to pack at least a hundred more boxes this week. We'll see what happens!

## One Small Gift can bring so much Joy and Love....no matter what age!



It is so good to see the enthusiasm of the young people as they prepare the Gift Boxes, either at the Faith Mission Warehouse, in their church basement, or right in their home. Our prayer is always that each box will include a gift of Love that only Jesus can provide. That is what the children in Ukraine need more than anything money can buy!

## Answered Prayers ...

In the last Faith Mission Newsletter we had asked for more groups to come and help us tackle our huge stockpile of clothing. All of us at Faith Mission want to really thank all those volunteers who came to help with sorting and baling clothes in the last 2 months. There were 11 groups that came to help out in the month of November. Several groups are booked into December this year. It seems like we never catch up.... As soon as one bin has some space, we get a load of clothing from somewhere. Praise the Lord!

Looking back, the year 2018 has been a fantastic year for



Bales and bags with pillows and blankets at the FM Warehouse, ready to be loaded.

(Left) .... a stack of 8 foot folding tables heading for a church in Odessa, Ukraine.

Faith Mission. We were able to visit Ukraine and Moldova in May of this year. We were blessed with hundreds of volunteers who have made it possible for us to ship 7, forty foot, high cube shipping containers. (It's looking like we may even be able to ship Container number 8 before the end of the year.) Faith Mission was also able to finally ship the rollers for the Kharkiv Church. We waited more than a year for the Ukrainian Customs to approve this shipment. God answered our prayers!

We are very thankful for the financial support throughout the year which has allowed us to ship our humanitarian aid and support several other projects overseas. ◆◆◆

## September 16, 2018....

This was a very special day in the beautiful cool mountain air of the Carpathian Mountain Region of Ukraine. What made it so special was that the Staiche Church group gathered outside to celebrate their annual Thanksgiving Day, several people were baptized and accepted into the church and Holy Communion was served.



## Praise the Lord! .... Not all things are affected by the Language Barriers

We have had many opportunities to send a variety of essential Camp items that are not dependent on the language of a country



.....Felt Board and Bible Story Characters.



.....Bicycles - essential transportation



.....Games - Always a great camp pastime!



.....Fresh Baked Cookies! Always a treat!

**Deadline for 2018 charitable donations  
is almost here.....\$\$\$\$**

**Important Note to all Faith Mission  
supporters:**

It's very hard to believe but the end of the year is fast approaching so if you would like to use your Faith Mission Charitable Receipt for your 2018 Income Tax return, please make sure that your donation is dated for 2018 and is postmarked no later than December 31, 2018.

Thank you for your support!

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**From all of us at Faith Mission:  
Have a Blessed Christmas!**

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace, good will toward men!*



**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 and is emptied on a regular basis. However, if you have more than a few bags or boxes, please call ahead to arrange your 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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