

# Mission Newsletter



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**“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.” (Eccl. 9:10)**

In this life there is not only something to be had but something to be done. And our chief concern and business here is to do what our hands find to do - whatever God puts in our path.

This is a world of service. Do you understand that? Eternity is a world of recompense where God will repay us for the service we have performed here. Someone once said that this life is a dress rehearsal for eternity. It's the preparation time. Whatever good we have an opportunity of doing, we must do it with all our might, do it carefully, do it with vigor, do it with resolution, and do it while we have the opportunity. As the old saying goes, "We must make hay while the sun shines."

Serving God and working out our salvation must be done with all that is within us. We must work now because after we die, we won't have any more opportunities to do what we've been called to do. We cannot preach, bless mankind, give to the poor, witness to our neighbors -- we cannot do anything once we've gone to the grave.

*"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith"* (Gal. 6:9, 10).

We must work the works of Him who sent us while it is day because the night comes, meaning death, when no man can work (John 9:4). We must be up and working now because our working time will soon be over. How soon? We don't know. If our life's work isn't done when our time is over, then it will remain undone forever.

We are all going toward the grave. Every day brings us one step nearer. And when we are in the grave, it will be too late to mend the errors of life. Too late to repent. Too late to make our peace with God. Too late to lay up anything in store for eternal life. Because death is the finality.

First, second, and third opportunities are on this side of the grave. Whatever we do must be done now or never. ♦♦♦

**Christmas in July!  
Yes ..... It's time to Start Planning.....**



Last year Faith Mission shipped almost 1400 Christmas Gift Boxes. For this Christmas, the Faith Mission Board has decided that we would like to send more than last year. We would greatly appreciate it if you can help us out in any way with this project. Maybe you want to pack a few boxes as a family project. Or,

maybe as a Sunday School or Bible Study Group??  
 Maybe you would rather provide us with funds so that  
 our Gift Box Team at Faith Mission can pack it for you.  
 If so, please **designate your gift as "Gift Boxes" on the  
 mailing card. Thank you!**

### Christmas Gift Box Packing List....

#### Packing Guidelines:

1. Come pick up your supply of "Gift Boxes" at Faith Mission at 425 Roblin Blvd. East, or call 204-325-4086 to arrange pick up.
2. Fill the Boxes; see detailed list.
3. Add note or card with a picture of yourself and your address. You never know, maybe you will get a "Thank You" letter. You might think they won't respond but we have had children writing letters back.
4. Bring the filled boxes back to Faith Mission at 425 Roblin Blvd East.
5. Above all, PRAY that God will touch the Life of every child that receives a Gift Box.

We would like all items to be "NEW" or as good as "NEW"

- NO - Pictures of Skeletons on any of the Clothes or Toys
- NO - Ugly Pictures or graphic illustrations on anything
- NO - War toys, Spiderman, Batman, Barbie, Superman, etc
- NO - Playing Cards
- NO - Jewelry
- NO - Shampoo, Liquid Soap or Lotion
- NO - Make-up
- NO - Coloring books (Faith Mission has a supply of Ukrainian coloring books to add to the boxes)

#### Faith Mission Gift-Box List - 2019

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| T-Shirt (Optional)   |                           |
| Underwear - Boys or Girls  | Socks - Boy or Girls      |
| Scarf  | Mittens                   |
| Toothbrush   | Toque                     |
| Toothpaste   | Wash Cloth                |
| Soap   | Comb                      |
| Pencil   | Eraser                    |
| Pencil Sharpener   | Scissor                   |
| Ruler  | Glue Stick                |
| Paper  | Pencil Crayons or Crayons |
| "New" Toys - Ball, Skipping Rope, Small<br>Vehicle or doll, etc. |                           |

#### Age Groups: (Boys or Girls)

- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| 2 - 4 years  | 5 - 8 years   |
| 9 - 12 years | 13 - 16 years |

(More Gift Box information on page 4 >>>>>>>)

### Container #2019-04-247

**Loaded in Winkler on June 6, 2019**  
**Picked up in Odessa port on July 23**  
**Unloaded in Uzin, Ukraine July 24, 2019**  
**PTL! That's only 7 weeks.**



**Winkler Manitoba ↑ ↓ Uzin Ukraine**



**This is a WhatsApp message that was attached to the photos: "We just unloaded the container from Canada! Thank you, our Canadian brothers and sisters, for your love and sacrifice! May God especially bless you and your ministry. "Victor M...."**

## Carpathian Camp News

**"Country of Joy"....** The theme for one of the Christian camps in the Carpathian mountains in the village of Staische.

Dear Faith Mission friends, and all the volunteers, greetings to all!

Camp time has come! It's time for children's ministries to begin! This is probably one of the most important ministries where we are involved. The parents trust us, leaving their children under our responsibility, and we, in turn, trust our Lord Jesus Christ to help us with these children. Because, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I will not need anything."

This summer is probably one of the sunniest and warmest on record. On Sunday evening, June 16<sup>th</sup>, about 20 leaders and cooks, from Kharkov, Odessa, Kiev, and Poltava, gathered at our camp. They were



making preparations to serve the Lord in the Carpathians for the next 2 weeks. Their goal is for these children to hear what we live for.... And allow God to speak to their young and childish hearts.

2019 marks our 21<sup>st</sup> year of service with children in the Carpathians.

On Monday morning, the camp area was filled with



children from the surrounding villages. According to the excitement in their stories, they were anxiously waiting for this day. I am glad that these children very quickly learn what the Love of Jesus really means. Although they will not remain in the camp atmosphere for long, hopefully they will never forget what they heard and learned. Our prayer is that God, through the Holy Spirit, will accompany them in life with what they experienced. As always, the program is very diverse, with many Bible lessons, lots of singing, and various sports events. The camp ended with a joint meeting where all groups participated.

One day, a journalist from "Expresso", a local TV channel came to the camp to record various events. He wanted to make short video clips for news. This journalist is also a former attendee of our camp which he visited many times. He also attends our meetings on Sunday from time to time. His home is right in the village of Staische.

I would like to mention that some of the earlier camp participants are now pastors in the small churches in Rivne, Staische and Verhovyna. In two weeks we had organized four different camps. One in the village of Dovgopoloe, one in the Khodak school, and two camps at the Verhovyna. There were about 300 children and 25 leaders at the Staische Camp.

This year, a young family from the USA, helped us with the Staische Camp. This young couple had left Ukraine about 15 years ago and now came back, together with their two small children, to help us teach at camp.

We had some special excitement at camp this year. The day started out being very warm already in the morning. Then, in a matter of a few minutes, the weather changed. The wind started blowing. In a short while there was only a frame left of our tent. Thank God that there were no children in the tent at that time. Most of the children were inside talking with leaders. Some boys held on to the tent, trying to save it. Thank God that His hand was with us and God protected all the children. The week starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the camp was held in the Rivne Church. We distributed clothes from Canada and Germany to the parents and children. Such a blessing!



This week, Sasha Tokarchuk came to Staische with a group of children from the village of Church in the Volyn region of northwest Ukraine.

We are grateful to God for your ministry through which we had the opportunity to conduct these camps for the glory of God. We are also grateful for churches and individual friends who donate to the ministry. After all, children are not only the future of our churches; they

are our future here on Earth.

In my conversations with the children, I am constantly reminded that it is our desire and prayer to someday meet with them and with Jesus Christ in Heaven. Friends, please pray for us all summer long.... for God to keep the children safe at camp. There are 9 more camps for different cities of Ukraine. Also, children want to go to the mountains where it is often not safe. Our hope is only in the mercy of God.

**Blessings to you in the ministry.... Peter N....Ukraine**  
(If you wish to make a donation toward the Children's Camp,  
Please mark the "Children's Camp" box on your  
Returned Mailing Card.) ♦♦♦

## Packing Gift Boxes at the Faith Mission Warehouse.....

Can you help to bring a bit of Christmas Joy to the children in War ravaged Ukraine this year? You can either pack your own gift box or send us a donation of \$30 per gift box and we'll pack it for you. To designate your donation toward this project, please mark the "Gift Boxes" option on the mailing card and include it with the donation. Thank you.



## Office Hours



Tuesday (Office only) 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.

## Faith Mission (FriedensBote) Inc.

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**425 Roblin Blvd East**

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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.

**Banking Information** - Access Credit Union  
Box 1060, Winkler, MB R6W 4B1  
Account Number 10010019940-9



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### Notice to Reader

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the Statement of financial position of Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. as at December 31, 2018 and the statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

*BDO Canada LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants

RM of Stanley, Manitoba  
 June 11, 2019

### Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

December 31	2018	2017
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash and bank	\$ 102,199	\$ 132,452
Accounts receivable	17,264	6,265
Inventory	10,716	10,660
	<u>130,179</u>	<u>149,377</u>
<b>Tangible capital assets</b>	531,688	528,668
<b>Incorporation costs</b>	515	515
	<u>\$ 662,382</u>	<u>\$ 678,560</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 7,244	\$ 2,090
Deferred contributions	-	17,868
Demand loan	136,078	241,922
	<u>143,322</u>	<u>261,880</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		
Invested in tangible capital assets	395,610	286,747
Unrestricted	123,450	129,933
	<u>519,060</u>	<u>416,680</u>
	<u>\$ 662,382</u>	<u>\$ 678,560</u>

### Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Statement of Changes in Net Assets (Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

For the year ended December 31	Invested in Tangible Capital Assets	Unrestricted	2018	2017
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 286,747	\$ 129,933	\$ 416,680	\$ 347,552
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	-	102,380	102,380	69,128
Investment in tangible capital assets	3,020	(3,020)	-	-
Transfer for principal payments on demand loan	105,843	(105,843)	-	-
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 395,610</u>	<u>\$ 123,450</u>	<u>\$ 519,060</u>	<u>\$ 416,680</u>

### Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Statement of Operations (Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

For the year ended December 31	2018	2017
<b>Revenue</b>		
Received donations	\$ 294,074	\$ 261,366
Collections	18,253	11,407
Interest and miscellaneous	752	631
	<u>313,079</u>	<u>273,404</u>
<b>Operation costs</b>		
Freight	70,799	69,702
Overseas missions	46,631	54,786
Shipping containers	-	6,300
Packaging, supplies and materials	13,523	8,137
Foreign exchange (gains) losses	1,865	2,992
	<u>132,818</u>	<u>141,917</u>
<b>Administrative expenses</b>		
Advertising	1,679	2,037
Bank charges	297	667
Donor newsletters	8,911	6,891
Fundraising expenses	1,125	1,021
Goods and services tax	1,927	1,811
Insurance	2,716	2,425
Interest on demand loan	7,919	8,747
Office expenses	805	3,905
Postage and shipping	6,383	5,649
Professional fees	10,295	8,944
Property taxes	4,238	4,084
Rental	793	1,650
Repairs and maintenance	9,782	(1,484)
Supplies	2,900	1,948
Utilities	7,588	7,744
Vehicle and travel expenses	8,666	1,371
	<u>76,024</u>	<u>57,410</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures before other items	104,237	74,077
<b>Other items</b>		
Gifts in kind	(1,857)	(4,949)
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	<u>\$ 102,380</u>	<u>\$ 69,128</u>