

# Mission Newsletter



Thanksgiving  
Blessings

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*“ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.  
(John 14:1) “*

Jesus here was speaking to His disciples just before He was to go to the cross. The disciples thought they would be able to go with Jesus wherever He would go. Peter was sure he would stay true to the Lord, and then the Lord told him he would deny Him. The disciples, a bit confused, didn't understand what was going on. The Lord then began to comfort them, exhorting them not to be troubled.

When things happen in our lives that we do not understand, when circumstances look bleak, it is comforting for God's people today to have these words of Jesus. Let us examine this Scripture more closely.

One key word in this Scripture is "troubled." Notice that Christ did not tell us we wouldn't or shouldn't be sad. He was reassuring us not to be confused or puzzled but to remain calm and at rest because our God is in control.

Another key word is "heart." No matter what is going on in the world, we need to guard our hearts \_ the main forts, the very centers of our being. As the Lord instructed, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23). The contents of our hearts dictate the rest of our lives. If our hearts are troubled, our minds, our whole lives will be troubled.

A third key word is "your." Christ wants us to remember that though the whole world is overwhelmed in sorrow and though everyone else may be troubled and confused, we do not have to let our hearts be troubled. We must hold fast and watch over our hearts. Let the sinners tremble, but let the sons of God be joyful in their king (Isa. 33:14).

But how can we keep our hearts from being troubled? Jesus said we are comforted when we believe in God. And to believe in God is to acknowledge that He is in control; that He is on the throne and is sovereign, that He holds us in the palm of His hand. God is holy, wise, powerful, and good. He can keep us until that final day.

The way to believe in God is through Jesus Christ, the mediator between God and man (I Tim. 2:5). So believing in God through Christ is the way to keep our hearts comforted, untroubled.

## God is still in control .... God is always good.

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected the entire world and has taken the lives of more than one million people around the world since the beginning of the year, In spite of all this, Faith Mission



*Moldova - September 2020*

has been able to ship two containers of humanitarian aid into Moldova and three containers to Ukraine. The first Moldova container has already been unloaded and the contents have been distributed. The second Moldova container and the Ukraine container are right now sailing across the Atlantic ocean and should both arrive in Odessa in a few weeks. The one for Moldova will be taken to Chisinau

by truck and the Ukraine load will go to the church in Tuchapy (Carpathian Region in SW Ukraine).

We are hoping to ship another 40 foot container in October. We have been requested to put some dry food products into this shipment. There is an extreme food shortage in the country of Ukraine. It's so hard to believe that the Bread-Basket of Europe could experience a food shortage but that can happen if there is so much corruption and politics involved in the decision-making processes of any country.

We have kept busy with sorting and baling at Faith Mission. During July and August we were sorting and baling on Tuesdays as well as our normal Thursday afternoons. Now we are back to Thursdays only. We have been blessed with an abundance of clothing and footwear and are hoping that we can keep up with the donations coming in. We are looking forward to catching up when more evening groups start booking for fall and winter.

As is the case with most of the charities all over the world, Faith Mission's financial donations have been seriously impacted by the pandemic. Your support is needed now, probably more than ever before. Please consider Faith Mission in your monthly giving. Check this month's Mailing Card for the donating options to make your giving as hassle-free as possible.

## Current Needs....

**\*\* Gift Boxes** - Christmas is less than 3 months away, so please get your Gift Boxes packed. Last year we shipped almost 2,400 Faith Mission Gift Boxes. Thank you for making this possible! We have set a goal of 2,500 for this year. Please give us a call if you need more information. You can pick up empty Christmas Gift Boxes at Faith Mission (425 Roblin Blvd East) in Winkler. There are empty Gift Boxes in the Drop-Off room. The Drop-Off door is always unlocked.



Faith Mission Gift Boxes are again available for pickup at Dollar Tree in Winkler. Thank you to Dollar Tree for supporting our Gift Box Ministry.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The red & white Faith Mission Gift Boxes are for Faith Mission use only. Please don't use these for supporting other ministries and please don't bring us boxes that have been made for other ministries.



\* Here is a list of items that we recommend you put into a gift box:

\* Please include: **Mittens, Socks, Toque, Scarf, Underwear, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap, Facecloth, a Small Gift or Toy, School Supplies, Pencil, Eraser, Pen, Paper or Note-book, Ruler, Pencil Sharpener, Crayons, and Scissor.** (Colouring Book, we have Ukrainian

**coloring books that we will add to all Gift Boxes for the younger children)**

**Send - Bar soap** no liquid soap

**Glue stick** - instead of glue bottles.

**\* No Shampoo Body Wash, or Perfume.**

**\* If you put in candies, please put them into a small plastic bag.**

**\* Gift Box Age Groups - 2 to 4 years / 5 to 8 years / 9 to 12 years / 13-16 years.**

\* If you are interested in helping with the Gift Box Ministry but don't want to pack it yourself, we can do it for you. Our volunteers will gladly buy the supplies and pack the box(es) for you. Simply send us your Gift Box donation, and **(Mark "Gift Box**  on Mailing Card)

The cost to pack a Gift Box is approximately \$30 - \$35.

Thank you in advance for your support!

**We do not really have a deadline for dropping off Gift Boxes. However, in order to get them to Ukraine by Christmas, we would like to load a batch of them in the next container, which we plan to ship no later than October 22nd.**



**\*\* Bikes** - We always need more good bikes. The bikes which we have received this year have been in much better condition than they have been in past years. This is great because our bike repair man says the bike parts are getting very expensive and in some cases almost impossible

to get. Please make sure that the bikes you bring us are in salvageable condition - we can't use bent wheels and frames. We will gladly take your old bike if you decide to upgrade next spring or retire yours for winter. If you don't have a bike to donate, you also have the opportunity to designate your financial donation toward the bike ministry.

Thank you very much!

**Check the "Bicycles box**  on the Mailing Card when you send in your bicycle donation.

## God's Work Continues In spite of the Pandemic

In the May/June Newsletter we mentioned that the Godyliv church was in need of some repairs, inside and outside. At that time, we had asked for your financial assistance to help with this project. Thank you very much to those who supported this special project. The project is not completed so if you wish to designate a gift toward this project, **Mark your Mailing Card donation as "☐ Church Repairs"**

We received an update on this project last week.

*"Greetings to Brother Jake and Faith Mission friends, ("After" photo below) of the House of Prayer in Godyliv after the exterior renovation. However, there is still a lot of work remaining inside....."*



***"Give thanks not just on Thanksgiving Day, but every day of your life. Appreciate and never take for granted all that you have." – Catherine Pulsifer***

**We really need groups to come in to sort and bale clothes in the evenings. In the beginning of the year we had to cancel many of the groups so now we have a huge stockpile of clothing that is waiting to be baled. I know this is a busy time for all of us but why not make arrangements with a group of Friends and come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship at Faith Mission. Call Helena to arrange 204-362-3406**

## Project: Relief Goods Transport 2020 - Love indeed

In this world promises are often made such as world peace, price cuts and prospects for the youth. In the eyes of the people in the CIS countries (former USSR), however, they see only and hopelessness and depression. People are tired of the empty "declarations of love". It is love without works.

How happy, on the other hand, are people whose lives "actually came into contact with real love"

Typical story.... A preacher is standing in the courtyard entrance of the prayer house in the Christian community ... He notices the truck coming around the corner. It is the container truck with the relief supplies from Faith Mission - FriedensBote mission organization. Inquisitive people are looking over the fence ... What do they see? Christian charity is unpacked from the truck: clothes, wheelchairs, bicycles, gift boxes and much more.

The Christians have no problem taking a day off to help unload the relief supplies. Each time they will start with a simple prayer. They are thanking God for the relief goods and for their Christian brothers and sisters in Canada, and praying for the truck drivers and the safety along the way.

There is still a desperate need for humanitarian aid, therefore this shipment is a great blessing to all. During the unloading, we notice people praying: "Lord Jesus, help to distribute the relief goods correctly. Show us people who have particular needs, so that we can share this love with them."

### Every Bale of Clothing .... "A Sermon"

*There is this young family with many children ..... barely earning enough to survive. The father of the family makes every effort to turn the house into a livable condition. They were so grateful for the summer and winter clothes for their entire family!.....*

*Another Christian family lost everything in a house fire and was now destitute. By delivering humanitarian supplies, we were able to help them out for the first time.....*

*The people in eastern Ukraine are especially grateful. The war of recent years has had devastating economic consequences. The Christian community in Novorossosh had never received any aid before. With tears of joy, the people opened the packages, admiring the valuable contents and couldn't stop thanking for the help.*

*People are truly amazed at the biblical principles that are thousands of years old. They still work today - because they are God's eternal principles. Relief-aid goods always serve as a bridge to sharing and preaching the gospel and give us the opportunity to serve our neighbours.*

*Dear brothers and sisters in faith, we thank you very much for the special love that you continue to show to us.*

*L. Tkatchew / Kharkiv, Ukraine*





## Today and Every Day

*Lord, too often our prayers  
Are filled with impatience over what we want  
Instead of gratitude for what we already have.  
Remind us today and in the coming year  
What is truly important.*

*Remind us to give thanks for family and friends.  
Remind us to be grateful for the work you have given us.  
Remind us to appreciate our many material blessings.*

*Most of all, remind us today and every day  
To give thanks for your precious Son Jesus,  
And the sacrifice he made for us  
To give us eternal life with You in heaven.  
Amen. — Jack Zavada*



Happy Thanksgiving



## 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.

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### 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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# Giving Options



\* Mail in or Drop off your envelopes into our **“New” secure Donation Slot** in the Faith Mission Drop-off Room at 425 Roblin Blvd East. (Photo to the left)

\* You can also use the **“New” eTransfer option**, simply sending your donation to us with your cell phone. Send to email: [info@faithmission.ca](mailto:info@faithmission.ca)

\* Please fill out and return the ADP form on the other side of this page to make your giving easy and efficient every month.

\* Go to the Faith Mission Website and click on the PayPal logo and make your donation online. (This is not the preferred method because there is a fee charged for this convenience)



## Please Pray .....

- for all the Christmas Gift Boxes that are packed for children around the world. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Gift Boxes will likely be much more important than ever before. Please pray that the Love of Jesus Christ will be felt when the boxes are opened by the children who receive them. •
- for all the thousands of Ukrainian orphans.... that there will be more Christian families deciding to adopt these children and give them a meaningful life.
- for all the volunteers who have faithfully heeded God's calling and pray that there will be more volunteers coming during the fall and winter months..... We have a lot of work to catch up with.
- for the financial needs of Faith Mission and Missionswerk FriedensBote as we take on new mission projects in Ukraine, Georgia, Russia and Moldova.
- Faith Mission, as we continue to follow Christ's command by providing humanitarian aid for the people in desperate need.... Pray that we will be patient and respect the authorities during this difficult time in history.... Pray that we will listen to what God wants us to hear.... Even though it may not be what the world wants us to hear. We still have many important decisions to make.

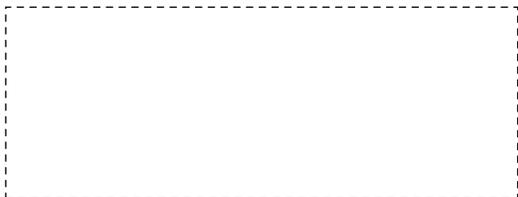
Thank you for your support! May God bless you!

***Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for That is unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13:17***

- \$2000     \$1000
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- \$50     \$25

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Your monthly payments to Faith Mission (FriedensBote), Inc. can now be made efficiently and economically by using this preauthorized chequing system we call the ADP.

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By using the ADP we will be able to apply your gifts more quickly and more efficiently.  
For your convenience, this service will continue until you notify us otherwise.

Simply complete this form and return it to Faith Mission (FriedensBote), Inc. Your first automatic transfer will occur about four weeks after we receive your information.

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