

Mission Newsletter



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I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments. I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly. (Psalm 119:7, 8)

David had a sincere and abiding love for the Lord. Sometimes, like the carnal man we all are, he failed God. But David always knew his way back. His sincere desire to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (II Pet. 3:18) never left him. He sought always to learn more, to grow more. What a lesson for us! As long as there is breath in our bodies, we should apply ourselves as students in the Word of God. Having applied the Word to our hearts and minds, we will have little problem applying it to our lives.

David did not live under the New Covenant, and he didn't have access to the Word as we do today. Yet with David's limited access, he was able to go to higher heights and deeper depths than most. How shameful for us! We have a far better covenant based on far better promises (Heb. 8:6). But do we, like David, learn God's righteous judgments so that we might praise Him with uprightness of heart? To be honest, the only praise God wants is that from uprightness of heart. Praise from a wicked heart is a stench in God's nostrils!

"I will keep thy statutes." It is not enough to learn how to do something. And certainly David would not learn the laws of God in order to make a name for himself among men. But he would give God the benefit of his learning. He would praise Him from an upright heart and he would keep God's statutes. What a combination! When we learn to praise God, we learn a good lesson. It is the work of angels, the work of heaven.

David also coveted to learn God's laws so that he could keep them. We know that we cannot keep God's Word unless we know it. And if we do not keep it, we have learned it in vain.

"O forsake me not utterly." David knew if God withdrew His Holy Spirit and grace from him, he could not keep God's statutes. Neither can we. And as we think on these things, let us pray as David prayed, "Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end" (Psalm 119:33). ***

Thank God!....Children are back at camp in the village of Staische, Ukraine



Summer 2021 - From the Carpathians - Peter N.

Greetings, to all our dear Faith Mission friends!

When summer comes it means summer camps for us. We thank God that He gave us the possibility to have camps this year. All the children told us that they had been waiting for this time. Some of the children that come to our summer camps are the children of those children that attended our camps 20 years ago. Many of our leaders are those who got saved in previous summer camps.

We started the camp ministry 23 years ago. It wasn't easy as we had no facilities and had no experience. But praise the Lord that thousands of people have been able to attend our camps.

We want to express special thanks for our friends of Faith Mission and the many Canadian churches that support FM camp ministry.

We have teachers and leaders coming from all over Ukraine. They have a heart to share Jesus with these children. A lot of effort and resources were invested in the camp facility at Staische.

So far we have had three different camps with 13 camp volunteers from Kharkiv and Kiev regions and 10 more from the Carpathian churches.

The first camp was conducted in the building of the local school of Iltsi village. Vasya Potyak and his wife Ganusya were in charge. There were also 10 local school teachers who helped us keep everything in order during the camp. They were also responsible for sports activities. This was the same school where we started our first camp, 23 years ago. More than 100 children attended this year's camp.

The second camp was also in a school in Khodak village which is located just 3 kilometers from Staische. We have had camps at this location for the last 6 years. Local parents and children are always happy when camp time comes. There were about 40 children.

The third camp was at Staische. Every morning, children were brought in from Verkhovyna and Kryvopole by vans. Some parents dropped off their own children. More than 100 children went through the Ten Commandments program. Many local church members came as guests or to volunteer their help. God gave us beautiful sunny weather and we had no rains. The weeks before the camp, it seemed like the rain would never stop. Just 30 minutes after the camp was over and all the children had left the camp facility, it started raining again.

All the teachers, leaders and the oldest camp attendees spent one beautiful evening at brother Taras' place. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, well into the night.

Right now, the children at the camp are from brother Alexander Tokarchuk's church.

We plan to have more camps in Tuchapy, Rivnya and with Godyliv church in August.

Wishing you abundant blessings, for you and all the Faith Mission friends in Canada,

Peter The Carpathians.

More Camp photos....



In the last few years of camp, the tent that was used for the chapel has been destroyed by the storms. This year it was decided that a more permanent shelter would be put up to replace the tent. As the photo below and at the top of next page shows, the concrete piers have been poured and it is ready to build a post frame structure with a solid roof and



open sides which can be closed or opened as the weather changes. Although this is a small project, the benefits for the Staische Camps will be huge. Faith Mission will be helping out with funding this shelter which is estimated to be about 2000 Euros or about \$3200.00 Canadian \$\$.

If you would like to designate your donation toward this project, please mark it on your mailing card as "Camp Shelter."



appreciate it if you could 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 Skulls 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 - 2021

T-Shirt (Optional) (No Tank Tops or muscle shirts unless suitable for undershirts)

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| Underwear - | Socks - (2 pairs) |
| Scarf & Toque | Mittens |
| Toothbrush & Toothpaste | Wash Cloth |
| Soap | Comb |
| Pencils (3) | Pens (Ages 9-16) |
| Eraser | Pencil Sharpener |
| Pencil Crayons (Ages 9-16) | |
| Scissor | Ruler |
| Glue Stick | Crayons |

2 School Notebooks (minimum equivalent 64 pages)

"New" Toys - Ball, Skipping Rope, Small Vehicle or doll, etc.

Age Groups: (Boys or Girls)

2-4 years 5-8 years

9-12 years 13-16 years

Christmas Already??

Yes It's time to Start Planning.....



Last year Faith Mission shipped almost 2900 Christmas Gift Boxes. This Christmas, the Faith Mission Board has decided that we would like to send even more than last year. We have ordered another 3,000 boxes and it would be wonderful if we could get them all packed and shipped. We would really

Cargill Street - New Building Update...

Excitement is building as our project is getting close to being started. The reason that our building project has taken so long is due to the fact that this entire block of land between Roblin Blvd East and Cargill Street had to be re-zoned and subdivided. However, the last we heard is that the City of Winkler will allow the project to get started before the final subdivision details are completed. We have been assured that the lot preparation will be starting very soon. The stakes in this photo mark the western border of our Cargill Street Property

This is the current Faith Mission building on 425 Roblin Blvd East



-----Cargill Road-----



Office Hours



Tuesday (Office only) 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Clothing sorting & baling:

Thursday 1:00 to 4:30 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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- Please add my name to your mailing list.
- Please change my address as indicated below.

Name.....

Address.....

Town.....

Prov..... Postal Code.....

Telephone.....

- Please send my Newsletter in PDF to my email:

Email

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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.



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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, 2020 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 17, 2021

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

December 31	2020	2019
Assets		
Current		
Cash and bank	\$ 116,537	\$ 136,688
Accounts receivable	21,580	5,503
Inventory	16,269	16,417
	154,386	158,608
Tangible capital assets	554,828	543,520
Incorporation costs	515	515
	\$ 709,729	\$ 702,643
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,189	\$ 29,353
Demand loan	36,502	82,850
	40,691	112,203
Net assets		
Invested in tangible capital assets	518,326	460,670
Unrestricted	150,712	129,770
	669,038	590,440
	\$ 709,729	\$ 702,643

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	2020	2019
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 460,670	\$ 129,770	\$ 590,440	\$ 519,059
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	-	78,598	78,598	71,381
Investment in tangible capital assets	13,823	(13,823)	-	-
Disposal of tangible capital assets	(2,515)	2,515	-	-
Transfer for principal payments on demand loan	46,348	(46,348)	-	-
Net assets, end of year	\$ 518,326	\$ 150,712	\$ 669,038	\$ 590,440

Thank you for your prayers and support

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

For the year ended December 31	2020	2019
Revenue		
Receipted donations	\$ 317,236	\$ 308,100
Collections	3,069	11,641
Interest and miscellaneous	1,218	1,580
	321,523	321,321
Operation costs		
Freight	68,979	74,317
Overseas missions	97,997	69,371
Packaging, supplies and materials	11,406	20,232
Foreign exchange (gains) losses	230	442
	178,612	164,362
Administrative expenses		
Advertising	2,047	4,819
Bank charges	842	463
Donor newsletters	12,371	11,343
Fundraising expenses	-	1,091
Goods and services tax	2,439	2,663
Insurance	3,003	2,796
Interest on demand loan	2,438	5,577
Office expenses	1,180	1,025
Postage and shipping	7,199	6,435
Professional fees	9,900	17,615
Property taxes	4,411	4,126
Rental	-	1,150
Repairs and maintenance	4,652	1,177
Supplies	2,146	5,391
Utilities	8,045	8,604
Vehicle and travel expenses	338	7,892
	61,011	82,167
Excess of revenue over expenditures before other items	81,900	74,792
Other items		
Gifts in kind	(2,787)	(3,411)
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	(515)	-
	(3,302)	(3,411)
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	\$ 78,598	\$ 71,381

Please Pray

...for the many Ukrainian orphans.... that there will be more Christian families committing to adopt these children and give them a meaningful life.

...for all the many Ukrainian and Moldovan children's camps all over the country where the children are right now learning about God's great love,for all the directors and volunteers. Pray that the pandemic will not restrict the activities of all these Christian camps.

...For all the volunteers who have faithfully heeded God's calling,coming in to help with various tasks at our warehouse or some even working with projects at home. Pray also for all those volunteers who help with the distribution and other ministry tasks overseas.

...that our building project will all go well and that it will all work out in spite of the challenges, delays and shortages caused by the Covid pandemic.

...For each Christmas Gift Box that will be packed and sent to Ukraine or Moldova this Christmas season. Please pray that God's Blessings of Love will be on each gift that is placed in each box. Pray that the children accepting and opening the gift will feel the Love of Jesus as they unpack it.

- \$2000 \$1000
- \$500 \$300
- \$200 \$100
- \$50 \$25

Other Amt \$ _____

"God loves a cheerful giver....."



Please fold along dotted line and return
This mailing card with your donation

Date: _____ Cheque # _____

- Please use my donation for: Wherever Most Needed
- Shipping Costs Children's Camps
 - Bicycles Drug & Alcohol Rehab Food
 - Gift Boxes Firewood Camp Shelter
 - Orphanage Other _____

- Entered
- Deposit
- Mailing List
- XFer to FB

Please return this mailing card with your donation
Please make all Cheques payable to Faith Mission
Tax deductible receipts will be issued at the beginning of the following year

(2021-#03)



Faith Mission - Automatic Donation Plan

Worry free monthly payments - 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. - Save Time - no monthly cheques to write. Save money - no postage or cheque expenses - You will receive an official tax-receipt for your total annual contribution at the beginning of the following year. 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.

I hereby authorize automatic withdrawals from my account on the 1st or the 16th day of each month.

Total monthly donation amount \$ _____, commencing on _____.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Code _____



Signature : _____ Date: _____

****Please enclose a blank cheque marked 'VOID'**

Donations can also be dropped off in the "Mail-Box Slot" in the Faith Mission Drop-Off Room