

Mission Newsletter



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“Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.” (Mark 13:35-37)

There is no question that Jesus is coming again. After He ascended into heaven, while the people yet watched, two men appeared in white apparel and stood by them. (These were no doubt angels.) They asked, *“Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven”* (Acts 1:11).

In the meantime, we are to “Watch.” And by “watch,” Jesus didn't mean that we're to sit idly by, watching the world as it goes speeding into hell. It means we are to be about our Father's business (the Great Commission of Jesus to *“Go ye into all the world..., “Redeeming the time, because the days are evil,”* Eph. 5:16).

God, in His divine wisdom, did not say when He would return. Perhaps He might come at twilight or at midnight or in the morning or at noonday. And since He might come at any time of any day, we must always be ready to meet Him.

The watchful state of a true Christian is in direct contrast to the state of a sinner. The Christian goes busily about his business, witnessing and winning souls before it is everlastingly too late. The sinner goes about equally as busy, but he is busy doing all the wrong things. His interest lies in the glitter and dazzle of the world. Sad to say, there are some who cannot be discerned as either. They are neither involved in the work of the Lord or the pleasures of Satan. They are riding the fence, so to speak. They go to church enough to be perceived by others as Christians, but their god is entertainment. I believe Jesus was talking to all three classes here: the Christian, lest he become complacent; the sinner, lest he fail to recognize he is lost; and the fence-rider, lest he never really make a decision for Christ.

To those who are careless and asleep, He will come suddenly like a thief in the night (I Thess. 5:2).

What Jesus said to the disciples, He says to each of us: “Watch.” *“Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober”* (I Thess. 5:6).



Christmas is just around the Corner....

It's hard to believe but that is right. It's time to pack a Gift Box for the children who are suffering because of the war in Ukraine. We have started packing Gift Boxes here at the Faith Mission warehouse and were able to load 536 gifts into the container that was loaded on October 20th. Lord willing, this shipment will be going to Cherkassy, Ukraine. Please pray that God will take care of this load and that it will arrive there safely. For those of you who have never had the opportunity



to pack a Faith Mission Gift Box, I will try to help you get started.

Christmas is less than 2 months away, so please get your Gift Boxes packed. Last year we shipped almost 3,400 Faith Mission Gift Boxes. Thank you for making this possible! Please give us a call if you need more information. You can pick up empty Christmas Gift Boxes at the "NEW" Faith Mission Warehouse (520 Circle K Drive) in Winkler. There are empty Gift Boxes in the Drop-Off room. The Drop-Off door is always unlocked. Please call ahead if you need a large quantity of boxes.



Mark your calendars.....

As many of you already know, we have moved into our new Faith Mission building and have been busy with sorting, baling and packing Christmas Gift Boxes.

We are really excited that Alex Janzen from FriedensBote in Meinerzhagen, Germany, will be visiting us in a few weeks. We are planning a Faith Mission weekend here in Winkler. This will start off with a Come & Go Fundraising Supper on November 18th, 5 - 7 pm at the EMM Church. Saturday at 10:00 AM we are planning to have the 'New Building' Dedication service and Open House till 4:00 pm. Then on Sunday night we will have a Mission Report with Alex Janzen from FriedensBote in Germany. He will be sharing about the challenges and blessings that are happening in Ukraine during the war of the past 9 months.



Alex Janzen

This tour is not about telling people about how Satan is destroying the country of Ukraine and destroying thousands of innocent people. It is to share how the Almighty God is working in the hearts of His people!

You will see the Western Canada Tour schedule below. If we are scheduled to be in your area, please make sure that you come to hear Alex share about the work of Faith Mission and Missionswerk FriedensBote. Pray for safety and good driving weather.

(Green is confirmed)

Alex Janzen Tour Western Canada - 2022

	Area	Location	Time	Contact person
Thursday, Nov 17, 2022	Faith Mission Packing	Faith Mission location		Andy E
Friday, Nov 18, 2022	Old Colony School	Friedensruh	9:00 AM	Bill Friesen
Friday, Nov 18, 2022	Schools?			
Friday, Nov 18, 2022	fundraising Supper	Winkler EMMC	7:30 PM	Andy
Saturday, Nov 19, 2022	Board meeting for lunch?	Faith Mission location		John P
Saturday, Nov 19, 2022	Building dedication	Faith Mission location		John P
Sunday, Nov 20, 2022	Old Colony Church	Morning Service	9:30 AM	John P
Sunday, Nov 20, 2022	Winkler Presentation	Winkler EMMC	7:30 PM	Jake E
Monday, Nov 21, 2022	Alex Personal day			
Tuesday, Nov 22, 2022	Arborg	IMF	0.8125	Ronald Kornelson
Wednesday, Nov 23, 2022	Homeschoolers	Reinfeld CC	2:00 PM	Andy E
Wednesday, Nov 23, 2022	MacGregor	Sommerfeld church	7:30 PM	Abe U
Thursday, Nov 24, 2022	Steinbach	Sommerfeld church	7:30 PM	Joyce Peters
Friday, Nov 25, 2022	Neepawa school and church	Living Hope Fellowship		Nathan E
Saturday, Nov 26, 2022	Yellow Grass youth gift box	Yellow grass church		George Neufeld
Saturday, Nov 26, 2022	Weyburn/Yellow Grass		7:00 PM	Henry Goertzen
Sunday, Nov 27, 2022	Yellow Grass		9:30 AM	Henry Goertzen
Sunday, Nov 27, 2022	Foam Lake		7:30 PM	Jake Heide
Monday, Nov 28, 2022	Osler		7:30 PM	Lawrence Fehr
Tuesday, Nov 29, 2022	Travel to La Crete			
Wednesday, Nov 30, 2022	La Crete Alberta	Supper and presentation		Justina Wieler
Thursday, Dec 01, 2022	La Crete Alberta	Presentation and Auction		Justina Wieler
Friday, Dec 02, 2022	travel to Grassy Lake			
Saturday, Dec 03, 2022	Faith Mission Packing		morning	Dave T
Saturday, Dec 03, 2022	Board meeting for lunch?		12:30 PM	Dave T
Saturday, Dec 03, 2022	Vauxhall		7:00 PM	William Elias
Sunday, Dec 04, 2022	Grassy Lake	Tween Valley	10:00 AM	Henry Rempel
Sunday, Dec 04, 2022	Taber Reinland		7:00 PM	Jake Berg
Monday, Dec 05, 2022	Taber Christian School		morning	Peter Peters
Monday, Dec 05, 2022	Brooks		7:00 PM	
Tuesday, Dec 06, 2022	Leaving from Calgary			

*** 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 Notebook, 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.

- * Gift Box Age Groups - Boys & Girls
 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 (Check "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 November 15th.

“Special Call to Serve “

Letter from Leonid T. in Khakiv, Ukraine. Oct.24

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark. 10:45

"And now I go ... to minister to the saints" Rom. 15:25

When leaving His heavenly home, the Son of the Most High chose the one role that brought success to His life, as well as the greatest fame and the best form of communicating Heavenly truths. He showed the best method of evangelism, the best method of



communication, and He was the best example for the Church. All this was expressed by the words "to serve." The experience of the past eight months shows us that it is this way of communicating with people that touches their hearts and drives them to accept the truth. We live in a world where "the princes of the nations rule". This phenomenon in one form or another penetrates all spheres of society and the church is no exception. Very often, we find it is much easier to give commands and take the lead. It is so much easier than rolling up your sleeves yourself, girding yourself with a towel, and then serving those who will never be able to repay you with anything.

The military calendar counted the 243rd day of the war, and each of these days, despite its fears and horrors, provided an opportunity for every believer to follow the path of Christ and serve, serve and serve some more. Everyone does something based on their understanding of the world, and we are called to create, both individually, and in general, the work of God.

Approaching this one settlement, we were met by a group of people who survived all the events which took place on the front line. Tired and exhausted, having lost their homes, jobs, relatives and friends, they met us without any joyful emotions.

Addressing them, we said: "All those present will receive food packages, and anyone who wishes can take Christian literature." This time we deliberately did not make packages with food, literature, etc. We wanted to see what would be the most important to them. We were very surprised when people said that they did not have enough literature. It was good that we had brought a large supply of it. Our hearts rejoiced to know that there was an opportunity for people to learn more about God, about Christian living, and then to talk, talk and talk. After such meetings, we felt so

tired, because we gave out one and a half tons of cargo. We cannot ignore their constant requests: "Please do not leave us, come back....!" I hope that you understand the limitations and inability to embrace everything. But, regardless of fatigue, the heart rejoices that we can serve those who desperately need it.

A year ago, the community playground was filled with noisy children.... we heard children's laughter and excitement when the school bell rang -- now it looks so gloomy. More than two-thirds of the village has been destroyed, and the only inhabitants are all of retirement age. The cruel and fierce war has added pain and grief to their already depressing lifestyle. What can we do to comfort them? They need everything: food, gasoline, clothing, matches - everything had to be delivered. However, it was a difficult road to travel. The terrible images of the war were all around us. The shelling is continuing and you never know exactly how such a trip will end for the driver. Therefore, the brothers wear bulletproof vests in order to have at least some protection. When you meet unusual objects on the road, you never know what to expect.

Such was the way to this family. Earlier it took an hour and a



half to get to their place. Now, due to the destroyed bridges, it took six hours to get there. What do you do when you drive for six hours to visit a family in need? You serve! This is what helps to overcome the difficulties of the path and achieve the goal. And, what's more? You're not only carrying food and the things you need for the household, but, you're bringing the Word of Hope, the Word of God! You're carrying the flame of love which is the most valuable!

Service is always connected with giving "...to serve and to give..." such is the example of Christ. Therefore, all volunteers give something - some give time, some give strength, some give transportation, some give finances, and so on. We are grateful to all the friends who give financially so that we can serve those in need. With these donated funds, we purchased more than 500 new blankets. We had the opportunity to distribute them to the people living in damp, cold basements and, most likely, will spend this winter in hunger and cold.

Visiting Balakleya, a city that survived the Russian occupation, we were very glad to provide people with comfort and warmth. This was not only sharing the kind words of Jesus Christ, and about repentance, and eternal life, but also about giving them warm blankets and seeing how much it encourages people. The news that blankets were being given out spread like wildfire throughout the city, and people came, asking for them. We observed another need that was revealed. It wasn't only blankets that were needed. Since

many houses were without electricity and gas, they also needed something to cook their food on. Again, we brought it before the Lord, begging for a way to help these people, but we didn't know how. God did not hesitate to answer. Very soon, several brothers from Kovel and Kashirsk-Kamen began to manufacture small stoves which were delivered to Kharkov.

Now, before winter sets in, we have the opportunity to help people arrange for heating and use this stove not only outside, but also indoors, creating comfort and warmth. This makes life so much easier for the housewives, who are already having a very hard time due to many other difficulties. The cost of one such unit is \$100. Without dedicated donors it would be practically impossible to carry out this project. We are grateful to God that we can serve people with this kindness. Now they can keep warm not only with a blanket, but also with hot food cooked on these God-given little stoves. There is still a lot of work left with this project.....building the stoves, delivery, help with the installation, but we have faith that God will allow this to be done, since He always helps those who are ready to serve.

We, as children of God, know that He hears our prayers and will give us, not only blankets and stoves, but also food, so that there will be something to cook on the stove. The FriedensBote mission brought over 20 tons of potatoes for distribution to people in need.

The one who came to serve the people more than 2,000 years ago, did not stop giving after He ascended to heaven. He still continues this ministry

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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.

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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.

Drop-Off locations

Bags or boxes of clothing and bicycles may be dropped off at the "DROP-OFF" door on the east side of the Faith Mission building in Winkler.

Faith Mission also has drop-off containers at
 821 - 1st St North in GRASSY LAKE, AB.

325 Queen Street in WEYBURN, SK.

These drop-off locations are opened 24 hours a day and emptied on a regular basis. However, if you have more than a few bags or boxes, please call ahead to arrange your delivery.

-Winkler,MB	Jake Elias	204-362-7575
+Grassy Lake,AB	Dave Teichroeb	403-308-6523
*Weyburn,SK	Henry Goertzen	306-450-8871

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CLOTHING DONATIONS OUTSIDE!

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.

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(...from Page 4) through His faithful servants even to this day. Today we are awestruck as we read the stories about Jesus Christ where He fed 3,000, or 5,000 people. It is through His church, that the Lord continues to serve and feed, clothe, water and warm tens of thousands of people, reaching into the most remote corners of our region.

On Sunday afternoon, food, Christian literature, and blankets were delivered to the orphanage in Veliky Burluk village. Children who survived the occupation hid in basements so that they would not be taken out of the country. They were very glad that we came to visit and brought them gifts. Of all the Sundays in the last eight months, this one was apparently the best. Once again affirming what the Lord once said: "The Son of Man... came to... serve."

God cares for His children..... 20 000 UAH (\$738.72 Cdn\$) is what's needed to pay the heating for a single, disabled sister and her daughter. How we marvel at the mercy and miracles of Our Lord! No matter how grateful we are to everyone who brought their donation to His altar, in some almost deserted village of Starovyrovka, people could see how God is caring for His children! It's only because of Jesus who came to serve and left us an example so that we would follow in His footsteps and reflect His image in our lives. That's why these young brothers responded to their sister's need and took the material up to the ninth floor and patched up the broken windows with plywood.

Right now is the best time to be a minister, not in words, but in deeds. There is so much to do! We need more people to follow Jesus' example. We need, not only those who are prepared to go, but also those who are ready to go off-road in the wake of the war, destruction and grief. Our heart rejoices when we see that the Lord always finds those who will serve in the most difficult areas. A group of friends went with me to a village which had recently been de-occupied. It took several hours to get to the desired location. There were many heartbreaking surprises along the way.

Finally, we reached the settlement. One of the surviving premises provided accommodation for the medical workers who listened to the people with a sense of compassion and generously gave them medication. This village has been without electricity for seven months. Residents are constantly looking for the sound of a generator to go and charge their cell-phones. In this building, they not only give out medicines for the body, but also distribute food. People also took Christian literature with a special thirst. In this particular case, we were glad that there was no Internet, or electricity in the village. People were not staring at the screens. Because the soul yearns for the Word, people were now taking time to read Christian stories and the Gospel. While one group of friends worked at this place, another group went around the village to distribute food packages and give everyone one bread in their hands. On that one day, 1,150 loaves of bread were distributed.

In the four hours we were there, more than 100 people were able to receive some medicine, and a word of comfort, which was as a prescription to treat their pain after everything they experienced. It is such a pity that the house of prayer was destroyed in this village. Now there is no special place to invite people to meet to share and explain the Scriptures to them. A small group of about 15 believers did not leave but rather continued to pray for the village, for the people,for their future.

Looking at the walls of this house, pain pierces the heart. It is a pity that the church was left without its "synagogue". However, on the other hand, something tells me that God is leading us out of the walls of our prayer houses. Now you need to do your ministry not on comfortable benches, not in air conditioned comfort, but on the street, in the rain, with people who have forgotten when they last smiled and are waiting for those who can heal their wounds, bandaging them with their good Christian service.

The road to the village was destroyed. The hydro wires hung sadly over the destroyed buildings. Now, the only remaining possibility is to serve with your humanitarian aid, your transport, your time, your spiritual and physical strength. The roads are very narrow so it is almost impossible to pass each other. The ministry has its dangers. I thank all the drivers, from the bottom of my heart, who take the risks and deliver help. I also thank every person who sincerely donates to support this kind of travel and work. I thank the missions and the workers who form kits, boxes of clothes and many other valuable items. Brothers and Sisters, prayer partners and intercessors before the Lord, your prayers are tangible. It is amazing how God, through this ministry, gives strength both physical and spiritual. Thank the dear church elders who serve by organizing local congregations to collect donations, to take your church members to hard-to-reach places, and much more. Now is a special time for service.

Let us serve the Lord in the person of these unfortunate and destitute people. May we always be encouraged by the words of Jesus Christ: "He who serves me, let him follow me; and where I am, there my servant will be also. And whoever serves me, my Father will honor him." John 12:26

Kharkiv Church "Creation"

Leonid Tkachev

October 24, 2022

When you send us your donation, please include the Mailing Card and check the box: "Ukraine - People in Need" on the Mailing Card (Other side).

We will make sure that your gift goes to the needy people in the Country of Ukraine.

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