

Mission Newsletter



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“Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.” (Psa. 15:1, 2)

One of the greatest blessings of life is to know that the presence of God is with you wherever you go. Such knowledge is cause for a person to have strength and courage. One of the last things Moses told the Israelites was to *“Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee” (Deut. 31:6).*

But what is the requirement for having God's presence in one's life? As the psalmist said, *“Who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?”* Then he gives the answer: only they who value truth, who walk according to the laws of God, and who practice righteousness. These are the only ones who can truly say, *“The Lord is on my side” (Psalm 118:6).*

Walking uprightly means obeying the commandments of God and listening for His voice when making decisions so that you may always do that which is right in His eyes.

We are also told to work righteousness. This relates to a New Testament verse: *“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Phil. 2:12).* Please do not misunderstand. There is nothing we can do to earn salvation. But once we have accepted Jesus into our hearts, there are things we can - and should - do to grow and develop spiritually and so not lose that which we have obtained by faith. For instance, we must study the Word and do everything within our power to obey its statutes. This too is a part of working righteousness.

Lastly, we are told that he who speaks the truth in his heart will dwell in the presence of God. One of the things that God hates is *“a lying tongue” (Prov. 6:17).* Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6).* There was no trace of lying or deception in Jesus. Everything He spoke was truth, and as we allow Him to work in our hearts we will find less and less place for falsehood in our lives and more and more room for godly traits.

When we walk uprightly, work righteousness, and speak the truth, God will abide with us because we are

15 Tonnes of Humanitarian Aid Arrives in West-Ukraine

June 14, 2012 - Clothing \ Shoes \
Bicycles \ Gospel Tracts

People from several Ukrainian villages were notified about the Faith Mission container which would be arriving on June the 14th. Excitement was in the air! The contents from this container was cleaned up in two weeks.

In one region, non-Christian people from 5 villages were invited to come to church, listen to a sermon and then would be given the opportunity to pick out several items of clothing. One bale of clothing was divided among 10 people. Six tonnes of clothing was distributed in a very short time. According to the local authorities, everybody was required to register their passport and record the weight of the items they took.

(See Photo at right)

Three tonnes of bales were taken to a school for





120 homeless children. This is in the village of Sabolottja.

Another 1.5 tonnes went to an orphan home in the village of Goloby. The social-service agency from Kamen-Kaschirski was blessed to receive 2.5 tonnes. That left 2 tonnes for the social service agency in the Lokatschinski. All these people were overjoyed to

receive such a gift. Free gifts are unheard of for most people. When these people are told that these are gifts from God, sent by Faith Mission because of the great commandment that Jesus taught, "To love each other as Christ loved us," they are very surprised. Many have never heard about this love and this is a wonderful opportunity to share the story of Jesus with them. ❁❁

Christmas in July! That's right!

As many will remember, we made our own 'Faith Mission' Christmas Gift boxes last year. We had a very good response last year but we are hoping to get you to pack many more of these for this Christmas. Please stop by to pick up the easy-to-assemble boxes. Although we had printed the guidelines for Packing a Gift Box earlier, I will print it again. Remember, **Take advantage of Back-to-School Sales in July & August!**

1. Pick up a supply of the new "Christmas Gift Boxes" at Faith Mission at 500 Cargill Rd. in Winkler.
2. "Fill" the box with mittens, socks, toque, scarf, underwear, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, face-cloth, a small gift or toy, school supplies, (Pencils, eraser, pen, paper, note-books, coloring book, ruler, pencil sharpener, crayons, etc). Please put all candies into a small plastic bag.

(Please, no war toys or items that might easily break, leak, melt or spoil).

3. Add a Christmas card, note or picture of yourself, if you would like. *(You may think they won't respond anyhow but we have had letters that came from those children that received a gift box).*

Indicate in the space on the card printed on top of the box whether the gift is for a boy or a girl and the appropriate age category: 5-8, 9-12, 13-16.

4. Deliver the box(es) to Faith Mission, 500 Cargill Road in Winkler **before October 15th.**

We are hoping to deliver our gift boxes to the many orphans all over the country of Ukraine. Please pray that God will touch the life of every child who receives a gift box.



Carpathian Camps 2012

(Here is a very recent letter from our friend Peter in the Carpathian Mountain region of Ukraine)

Two weeks of God's blessings are behind us. Those were the days when God renewed His mercy every day. He showed His hand when we had difficulties. He taught us to trust Him in our prayers. He gave us strength when we were tired. He gave us joy when we were sad. It was a time we will never forget.

The voices of happy children could be heard in different villages of the Carpathian Mountains. They had the privilege of spending time in God's camps. They were taught to praise the Lord, got to know who

Jesus was, and what He has done for them.

For the majority of the children, it was the first time they ever spent time in a Christian camp like this. We showed them the real purpose of life, explaining what Christianity really is. So, they had an opportunity to make a choice.

The main focus of this year's camp was the story of Ruth. Her life is such a vivid example of Christian life.

We were blessed with wonderful weather, enjoying sunshine all 14 days. I read the forecast before the camps started and they said it would be rainy days. However, we once again realized that sincere prayers are more reliable than any forecast. So, we had a few showers lasting only for a couple of hours in total. Once again, it was a confirmation that it's better to rely on God than to be concerned what weather is going to be like. We sensed God's power throughout the camp all the time. We often pointed to the clear sky where Christ is waiting for us and every one of us wants to be ready when He comes.

Every morning we woke up to the beautiful sound of birds singing. It was our daily encouragement before we started our camp work.

We had a wonderful staff from many different cities of Ukraine and Belarus. All 15 of them left their work for this ministry. Some of them even quit their jobs just to come and serve at camp. This commitment was just one more example of how these live witnesses influenced the lives of those children who came to our camps. Local Christian youth and church members also helped us a lot. God poured out His blessing upon all of us.

On the final day of one of the camps, more than 60 children, with tears flowing down their cheeks, asked God to save them. It was indescribable how the Holy Spirit touched the tender hearts of these children! They were feeling God's spirit for the first time in their lives. He was much closer than they expected! They had thought that He was far behind those picturesque clouds, but now He was right in their hearts. Now He can take care of them and their needs!

It doesn't happen every year. Many of the children that didn't come out to ask Jesus into their hearts ended



up weeping and praying to the Almighty One at night. It was difficult to calm them down. When one or two people are weeping it's one thing but when the whole camp is in tears, it's a completely different atmosphere. The teachers and I also wept tears of joy for these young souls. It was a very stirring time. The teachers told me that it was the first time they ever witnessed a time of repentance like this one. God really worked in the hearts of all the children. One of the girls said it was the best camp in the whole world! I don't think she realized how big our world is!

I asked one of the weeping girls why she was crying. She replied that she was very concerned about her mom and dad! If they died, they would perish if they don't get saved. I told her if she would be a good Christian example for them, God will answer her prayers and bring them to repent and accept Jesus and His plan of salvation. However, I know it won't be easy as many parents don't approve of their children going to church. But, these children will never forget the time they had at camp, studying the Word of God. So, we entrust their hearts into the hands of Jesus and trust Him to lead them throughout difficult times on the way to the Promised Land.

Dear supporters of this ministry! This is also a celebration day for you! Rejoice! So many of these young souls saved! However, you now have a responsibility to pray for them and their parents! Though you may never see them here on earth, my heart's desire is to meet them in heaven some day. Hold their hands in persistent prayers! Every day will be difficult for them.....

God also blessed us with wonderful cooks! They worked hard to make the best meals ever. Usually their work seems to go unnoticed, but our bodies needed their support three times a day.

Besides these two camps at the Staische Church we had three more day-time camps in other villages, Dovgopole, Zelene and Rivnya. Our teachers from Staische came to

help every day and they had Bible time together.

We also had bible classes in a special school for half orphans. (treated like orphans although many still have parents) The total number of children in all the camps in two weeks was 270 and more than 40 people on staff.

We are grateful to God for this wonderful ministry, His care and wisdom, weather and all the friends of Faith Mission that made this ministry possible in the Carpathians, Ukraine.

Many blessings in your ministry!

Peter, The Carpathians Mountains, Ukraine

****Open House ****

**Faith Mission open house
on Saturday - Sept. 15th
from 1:00 to 4:00 PM
At 500 Cargill Road
Winkler, Manitoba**

**Come & see what we do
Coffee & Dainties**

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Newsletter regularly.*

- Please add my name to your mailing list.
 Please change my address as indicated below.

Name.....

Address.....

TownProv.

Postal Code.....

Telephone.....



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.

**Clothing may also be dropped off in the small
white trailer at the south end of the warehouse
building. This trailer is open 24 hours**

**a day, emptied on a regular basis, however, if you
have more than a few bags or boxes, please call
ahead to arrange 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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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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Review Engagement Report

To the Members
 Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc.

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. as at December 31, 2011 and the statements of operations and surplus for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, and accordingly, consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the organization.

A review does not constitute an audit, and consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

The Summary of Significant Accounting Policies indicate that the property, plant and equipment are stated at cost and no amortization is recorded in the financial statements. The effects of this departure from Canadian generally accepted accounting principles on the unaudited financial statements have not been determined.

Except for the failure, as described in the preceding paragraph, to record amortization on the organization's property, plant and equipment, based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Accountants

RM of Stanley, Manitoba
 June 21, 2012

Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Statement of Operations (Unaudited)

| For the year ended December 31 | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Revenue | | |
| Receipted donations | \$ 217,928 | \$ 205,236 |
| Collections | 4,944 | 3,543 |
| Interest and miscellaneous | 51 | 3 |
| Book sales | 195 | 1,575 |
| | <u>223,118</u> | <u>210,357</u> |
| Operation costs | | |
| Freight | 108,502 | 107,774 |
| Overseas missions | 53,745 | 22,111 |
| Direct wages | 5,403 | 4,018 |
| Packaging, supplies and materials | 12,343 | 10,539 |
| | <u>179,993</u> | <u>144,442</u> |
| Administrative expenses | | |
| Advertising | 3,288 | 3,689 |
| Donor newsletters | 5,397 | 4,917 |
| Goods and services tax | 1,422 | 1,075 |
| Fundraising expenses | 400 | 1,188 |
| Interest and bank charges | 748 | 735 |
| Memberships | 1,459 | - |
| Office expenses | 214 | 748 |
| Postage and shipping | 4,246 | 3,042 |
| Professional fees | 769 | 665 |
| Rental | 15,100 | 14,850 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 93 | 209 |
| Supplies | 2,636 | 2,041 |
| Travel expenses | - | 1,000 |
| Utilities | 3,927 | 3,598 |
| Vehicle expenses | 1,317 | 987 |
| | <u>41,016</u> | <u>38,744</u> |
| Income before other items | <u>2,109</u> | <u>27,171</u> |
| Gifts in kind | <u>(4,236)</u> | <u>(3,262)</u> |
| Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenditures for the year | <u>\$ (2,127)</u> | <u>\$ 23,909</u> |

Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Statement of Surplus (Unaudited)

| For the year ended December 31 | 2011 | | 2010 | |
|--|---|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Invested in property, plant and equipment | Unrestricted | | |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ 31,523 | \$ 88,954 | \$ 120,477 | \$ 96,568 |
| Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenditures for the year | (6,000) | 3,873 | (2,127) | 23,909 |
| Balance, end of year | <u>\$ 25,523</u> | <u>\$ 92,827</u> | <u>\$ 118,350</u> | <u>\$ 120,477</u> |

Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)

| December 31 | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash and bank | \$ 98,656 | \$ 107,579 |
| Accounts receivable | 1,580 | 1,075 |
| Inventory | 7,138 | 7,385 |
| Prepaid expenses | 5,836 | 1,900 |
| | <u>113,210</u> | <u>117,939</u> |
| Property, plant and equipment (Note 1) | 25,524 | 31,524 |
| Incorporation costs | 515 | 515 |
| | <u>\$ 139,249</u> | <u>\$ 149,978</u> |

Liabilities and Surplus

| | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Current | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 18,299 | \$ 27,601 |
| Deferred income | 2,600 | 1,900 |
| | <u>20,899</u> | <u>29,501</u> |
| Surplus | | |
| Surplus invested in property, plant and equipment | 25,523 | 31,523 |
| Unrestricted surplus | 92,827 | 88,954 |
| | <u>118,350</u> | <u>120,477</u> |
| | <u>\$ 139,249</u> | <u>\$ 149,978</u> |

Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Notes to the Financial Statements (Unaudited)

December 31, 2011

1. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment consists of the following:

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Building | \$ 3,234 | \$ 3,234 |
| Vehicle | 3,745 | 3,745 |
| Baler | 910 | 910 |
| Equipment | 5,190 | 5,190 |
| Computer and office equipment | 10,305 | 10,305 |
| Utility storage trailer | 2,140 | 2,140 |
| Storage containers | - | 6,000 |
| | <u>\$ 25,524</u> | <u>\$ 31,524</u> |

2. Statement of Cash Flows

A Statement of Cash Flows has not been provided as it would not provide any further information to the users of the financial statements.

Help Wanted

Faith Mission needs someone to oversee the Christmas Gift Box Ministry this year.

We are looking for one or two individuals who would be responsible for all the Christmas Gift Boxes that are dropped off at the warehouse in Winkler and prepare them for shipping overseas.

This person(s) would, (1) look after all the boxes that are

PLEASE NOTE: Shipping Rules have Changed

In our last Faith Mission Newsletter we had mentioned that Customs Rules in Ukraine had changed. Since then we have had a few more incidents and we have changed our shipping policy.

We will no longer be accepting any dishes, cutlery, kitchen supplies, and toys. No more child's car seats, strollers, bath-tub chairs and medical supplies.

We will, however, accept wheelchairs, crutches, and walkers. Thank you for your support