

# Mission Newsletter



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*“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye. (Ezek. 18:30-32)*

Here is a solemn and heart-rending plea from God Almighty to the house of Israel, His chosen people, asking them to repent and turn from their transgressions. If they would turn from their sins and to Him, He would give them a new heart and a new spirit. The alternative would be spiritual death. And, God said, “I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth.”

The people of Israel, as a whole, were walking in darkness, indulging themselves in wickedness. The entire lot was traveling down the broad way that leads to destruction (Matt. 7:13). God was beckoning them, just as He beckons sinners today to turn to Him.

Why does God bother appealing to sinners, to those who break His commandments and cause Him grief? God said: “I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live” (Ezek. 33:11).

God is loving and merciful beyond our comprehension. We humans tend to be more like Jonah, who refused to proclaim God's message to Nineveh for fear that the people would repent and be saved. He felt that they should be destroyed because of their sins rather than be given the chance to repent. But God is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9).

Thank God for being merciful and forgiving, for all have sinned - that includes you and me. Where would we be if God had not sent “his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

If you have not yet accepted Jesus Christ and received God's forgiveness, the door is open. You have the opportunity to turn from your sins and live. ❀❀



## **Christmas!..... So Much More Than Lights & Gifts.....**

As many will remember, we made our own 'Faith Mission' Christmas Gift boxes last year. We had a very good response 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.

1. Pick up a supply of “Christmas Gift Boxes” at Faith Mission at 500 Cargill Road in Winkler.
2. "Fill" the box with mittens, socks, toque, scarf, T-shirt, underwear,

toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, face-cloth, a small gift or toy, school supplies, (Pencils, eraser, pen, scissor, paper, note-books, coloring book, ruler, pencil sharpener, crayons, glue-stick, 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 again 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. For many of these children, it may be the first and only*



*“Christmas Gift” they have ever received! It is a remarkable way to explain how God gave His Son, Jesus Christ as the “Gift of Salvation” for all of mankind. Please pray that these gifts will again open the hearts of those young people who accept these gifts and that this gift will give them the desire in their heart to accept the most gracious gift of all! .... Jesus Christ into their hearts! ❀❀*

*We met Friedrich (Fritz) Wächter when we made our first trip to Germany and Ukraine back in 1994. Fritz accompanied us on that trip with 3 vehicles from Gummersbach, Germany, through Poland and into various communities in Ukraine. Although Fritz spoke neither English nor Low-German, we were able to communicate with him in our clumsy High German. Even though there were nine of us from Canada, nobody spoke French. It was a wonderful trip! At times we would sing the same song in 4 languages, German, English, Russian and French! What harmony!*

*Although it is only available in German, Fritz Wächter's book “Keinen Tropfen Wasser Bist Du Wert” is available at our Faith Mission office, by mail or online at [www.faithmission.ca](http://www.faithmission.ca) It is a story of how the Lord has led him through many trials and challenges, including the story of his miraculous encounter in World War II. (.....Jake Elias)*



(The following Article is translated and used by permission - from the Sept\Oct 2012 German Missions Nachrichten)

**“She (He) hath done what she (he) could.....” Mark 14:8 KJV**

Fritz Wächter, a long-time loyal friend and very active mission worker, from Ittenheim, France, was truly devoted to serve God. He was a sincere servant from whom we might all learn a lot.

During World War II Fritz, at that time a young man from Alsace, was sent to the Russian front. There he was despised and harassed by the Nazis because of his faith. He was seriously wounded. However, the New Testament which he carried in his shirt pocket saved his life. One of the splinters from an exploding grenade was imbedded, deep in the pages of his precious Testament.

Guided by his Saviour, Jesus Christ, Fritz Wächter had a passion to provide spiritual direction to others who were dealing with distress and misery. God alone knows the number of the tracts, calendars and New Testaments which he distributed untiringly in many different institutions and on the streets – till the time when his feet would no more carry him.

The untiring efforts of evangelist Fritz Wächter and several like-minded friends can be credited for planting the Evangelical Church among the refugees in Cambodia. Today the Cambodian Christians spread the Gospel across the country. For M. Jean Pierre Peou, leader of the Cambodian Christian Church in Paris, Fritz Wächter has become as a spiritual father.

As a loyal prayer-warrior, brother Wächter has motivated many believers to pray for the persecuted brothers and sisters in the former Soviet Union and to help them. For the arrested Christians, the letters from France became a protective wall and a mighty report of the worldwide love among the Christians.

When the time came where our Mission was able to provide Humanitarian Relief to the destitute in the USSR, brother Wächter vigorously participated and in addition motivated countless others to help out.

Friedrich Wächter reached an age of nearly 93 years. He remained an active missionary almost till the end. He has done as much as he was able to do and “bought out the time” – the motto of this year's Mission Conferences in Germany.

Early in the morning, on Sunday the 2nd of September, our Lord over life and death called upon His loyal servant. Now he rests with Him. We sincerely grant him this rest.

*Missionswerk FriedensBote – Germany*

P.S. The wife of our dear brother Fritz Wächter always supported her husband in his years of dedicated service. However, she now suffers from serious dementia. Let us remember to pray for her. ❀❀



**For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. Psalm 91:11**

Greetings to all our volunteers and supporters in the name of our Lord Jesus. As a lot of you will have heard, I had an accident on July 30, 2012. Our day started off as usual. We got up, had morning devotions, ate breakfast and discussed our plans for the day. Little did we know that the Lord had other plans. Around 9:30 I went to check the trap gate on a culvert close to where we live. I was standing on the culvert when I lost my balance and I fell headfirst off

the end, causing serious injuries to my neck. I was picked up by the ambulance and taken to Boundary Trails Health Center. Here they stitched up a cut on my head and after many hours of waiting the ambulance took me to Health Sciences Center in Winnipeg. The next morning I had surgery on my neck. The first vertebrae was broken, #2 was crushed and #3, 4 & 5 were damaged and #6 was also broken. They had to screw two rods on either side of my neck. This means my neck is fused together and I will not be able to turn my head from side to side or nod anymore. I spent 5 weeks in Winnipeg and then transferred back to BTHC, where I am still a patient at the time that I'm writing this.

My wife Trudy and I want to thank you all for your prayer support, cards, phone calls, and visits. Thank you also so much to the neighbours and friends who took the time to harvest our crops; This means so much to us! Most of all we want to give all honour and glory to God for bringing me this far. **"To God Be the Glory GREAT things He has done!"**

After being tube fed and unable to speak for about 60 days, Praise the Lord I can now speak again and I ate my first meal on Oct.1, 2012. We, together with our family, have seen and felt God's miraculous power, healing and blessings and we want to give Him all the honour and glory! Love & Thanksgiving .....Henry & Gertrude Penner

## Faith Mission

### Open House & Yard Sale

Although the Faith Mission Open House & Yard Sale on September 15th did not bring out thousands of people, we were very happy with the way the day turned out. It was a beautiful day, maybe too nice for people to leave their combines in the fields and come to Faith Mission! We had quite a number of guests who came to check us out for the first time. Some came out from as far as Winnipeg to see what Faith Mission does.

Our first ever Yard Sale was also well worth the effort. Thank you to everyone who came to help us clean up some of the items we are not able to ship overseas.



## We are working on Container number 200!

It took us from April 1993 till April 2004 to sort and bale enough clothing to fill 100 containers. Container number 100 was shipped on April 1, 2004. Eleven years. Well, we are right now working toward filling our next container, which will be number 200. That's from April 2004 till October 2012 - only eight and a half years for 100 containers. **We really owe a HUGE thank-you to all our volunteers who have made this possible. We would never have been able to do it without you! We also express heartfelt gratitude to our Heavenly Father who has been so faithful over the years; providing the funds to ship all these thousands of kilograms of humanitarian aid.**

As we have always stressed, our main focus has always been to provide Humanitarian Aid such as gently used clothing to the less fortunate people in the former soviet countries of the world. To us, it always seemed like there was no limit to the clothing supply that was delivered to our warehouse from the many Thrift Stores, MCC Stores and individuals.

Since the beginning of this year our stock-piles of clothing have dwindled to almost nothing. During 2011 as well as the first half of 2012, we had very many Prayer Groups, Youth Groups, Bible Study Groups and School Classes, come in to volunteer. We have already had to cancel some of the groups that were booked to come in this fall because we don't have enough clothing to sort and bale.

Most MCC Stores and Thrift Stores have found other avenues of getting rid of their excess clothing. It is unfortunate but some of their "perfectly useable" clothing gets sold for a few cents per pound and ends up being shredded. Someone recently called Faith Mission and offered to buy our excess as well! Please pray that God will continue to provide us with clothes so that we can ship more aid to the people living in extreme poverty in the villages of Ukraine, Estonia, Moldova and Romania.

**"Money can't keep you warm,  
but a winter coat, given in the Name of Jesus Christ will!"**



It's almost unbelievable that we are running out of clothes! After reporting for months and months that we were overfull, we are now almost scraping the bottoms of the bins.

## What a Terrific Idea!

Turn all the hangers in your closet backwards.



Whenever you wear something, replace the hanger the right way.

In a year, give away every piece of clothing still hanging on a backwards hanger.

Someone from Ukraine sent this picture to Faith Mission! Just one more thing though.....Maybe when you turn your hangers around, you find some hangers have clothes that have gotten very dusty, just "hangin' there." Take them out of the closet already! That's a sign that you don't really need it anymore. And, if they're really dusty?..... wash them before you bring them to Faith Mission!



## 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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### 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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