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“Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.” (Psalm 97:11, 12)

Jesus said, *“Ye are the light of the world”* (Matt. 5:14). He was referring, of course, to the believers - the children of God. Actually, this world is kept on an even keel by the gospel of Jesus Christ and by those who have the light of God in their hearts and endeavor to walk according to that light. There probably would be little sanity in this world if it were not for godly, Bible-believing men and women.

The Bible says that *“Light is sown [spread] for the righteous.”* Light - guidance, direction, revelation - is sown as seeds in the hearts of the righteous. The psalm also says that gladness is sown *“for the upright in heart.”* The child of God who truly puts God first is blessed with gladness of spirit. God anointed Jesus *“with the oil of gladness above [his] fellows”* (Heb. 1:9). The child of God has within him the Spirit of Christ, for the Scripture says, *“If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his”* (Rom. 8:9).

We should be happy people. This does not mean we won't have any more problems, but our problems should not weigh our spirits down or bring us to the place where we forfeit our peace and joy. Despite adversity, we should do as the Scripture commands, *“Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous.”*

Is there a secret to being able to rejoice in every situation? Philippians 4:4 says, *“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, rejoice.”* We may not understand exactly how this is possible, but it is. First of all, you do not rejoice because of the sickness, financial problems, etc., you rejoice because you serve a God who is able to work in the situation. Secondly, you know that no matter what happens, there will come a day when *“God shall wipe away all tears from [our] eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away”* (Rev. 21:4).

Knowing this, let us rejoice in the Lord and give Him thanks for the holy God that He is. Some days may be difficult, but remember: *“The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest”* (Josh. 1:9).

Tuchapy Church Taking Shape!



Carpathian Mountains - Ukraine July 11, 2008

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! So, two of our camps in the Carpathian Mountains are finished already.

The first camp we had was held in the Rivnya Church building. We had 75 campers there. The second camp was at the Staische Church where we had the same amount of campers. So, 150 all together. More than 100 of them were from so called orthodox families. It was their first time in a Christian camp for over 60% of all the campers. We are very glad that parents entrust their children to us for a week of camp time.

The name of the first camp was The Source of Salvation, the second one – By the Steps of Jesus. The leaders of the camps were the young people of our church in the Carpathians. Cooks were experienced, and one of them was my wife Elena. This was the second time she was helping with the cooking. The first time she prepared food



Review Engagement Report

To the Members of Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc.

We have reviewed the balance sheet of **Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc.** as at December 31, 2007 and the statements of operations, members' equity and cash flows 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. 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 Dunwoody LLP
Chartered Accountants
Morden, Manitoba
June 9, 2008

BDO Dunwoody LLP

Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)

December 31	2007	2006
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and bank	\$ 71,809	\$ 19,980
Accounts receivable	2,384	1,210
Inventories	<u>9,313</u>	<u>9,764</u>
	82,506	54,230
Capital assets (Note 1)	24,165	23,258
Incorporation costs	<u>515</u>	<u>515</u>
	\$ 108,186	\$ 78,003
Liabilities and Surplus		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>\$ 10,698</u>	<u>\$ 14,882</u>
Surplus		
Surplus invested in capital assets	24,165	23,258
Unrestricted surplus	<u>73,323</u>	<u>39,864</u>
	<u>97,488</u>	<u>63,122</u>
	\$ 108,186	\$ 78,003

Statement of Surplus (Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31	2007	2006
Invested in Capital assets		
Balance, Jan.1	23,259	39,861
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for year	-	34,368
Invested in capital assets	<u>906</u>	<u>(906)</u>
Balance, Dec.31	24,165	73,323
	97,488	20,785

Statement of Operations (Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31	2007	2006
Revenue		
Collections	\$ 9,625	\$ 1,429
Received donations	203,192	173,658
Interest and miscellaneous	782	26
Books sales	1,170	451
Auctions & Yard Sales	<u>2,104</u>	-
	216,873	175,564
Operation Costs		
Food/supplies	105	127
Newsletters/mailings	6,543	5,104
Freight	73,756	85,098
Overseas missions	4,478	4,000
Overseas children's camps	11,749	2,945
Wages	5,175	5,427
Material costs	725	395
Storage	31,473	8,137
Packaging supplies	7,106	7,424
Fundraising	270	-
Overseas Literature	1,895	-
Overseas College Programs	1,000	-
Overseas Orphanage Projects	300	-
Overseas Building Projects	1,000	-
Overseas Pastor Support	<u>2,384</u>	-
	147,959	118,657
Administrative expenses		
Advertising and promotion	1,635	3,795
Goods and services tax	1,309	1,210
Interest and bank charges	628	362
Memberships and licences	-	77
Miscellaneous	9	847
Office supplies	205	560
Postage and shipping	5,037	4,853
Professional fees	576	487
Rentals	15,140	14,700
Repairs and maintenance	99	196
Supplies	1,148	501
Travel	1,254	1,413
Utilities	3,554	3,731
Vehicle	<u>556</u>	<u>1,608</u>
	31,150	34,340
Income (loss) before other items	37,764	22,567
Gifts in kind	(3,396)	(2,328)
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	<u>\$ 34,368</u>	<u>\$ 20,239</u>

Notes to Financial Statements # 1. (Unaudited)

December 31, 2007	2007	2006
Capital Assets		
Building	\$ 3,234	\$ 3,234
Vehicle	3,745	3,745
Baler	910	910
Equipment	3,806	2,900
Computer and office equipment	10,330	10,097
Utility storage trailer	<u>2,140</u>	<u>2,140</u>
	\$ 24,165	\$ 23,026

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part of these financial statements.
(Available upon request from Faith Mission Office)



was in May 2008 when we held an 8 day crusade . We had 28 people there.

In the morning the children had a Bible class, a music class, and also my class on the topic "What God is expecting from us?" We discussed the difficulties that children are faced with today. Our Ukrainian statistics for these young people are very scary. When I asked who had ever tried alcohol, more than half of the youth raised their hands. After I asked some simple questions about the Bible, very few could come up with an answer. And yet, many of their parents call themselves Christians! What we are doing is just like a drop in the sea but we asked the children to tell other students in their schools what they heard in our camps.

We also invited parents to our camps. We told



them about the responsibility of educating their children. We asked them to whom they entrusted their children - to God, His enemy or other people. We told them many things openly, used the official statistics of Ukraine about teenagers. In Ukraine 80% of children under 16 years old know what intimate life is.

One of the mothers took her daughter away from another secular camp because there was no control at all and others wanted to use her as a little girl. So, she was happy to see that there is a different kind of life than she knew about.

All the testimonies of the children were very positive. Many of them heard many things that were

completely new to them. We don't know what their life will be but we know that we planted the seed.

We had a very good doctor who took care of the children. She is not a Christian yet, but after the camp was over she told us she is going to change her life and follow Jesus.

As usual we couldn't accommodate all the campers that wanted to attend our camps. Next year we are planning to have one additional week of camps. We also want to have a day camp in another village - Cheremoshnya. This is one of the villages where we want to buy a house for church services. I will let you know later how things work out there.

We see that God wants us to expand our ministry. We are getting ready for a baptism service on July 20. On the 24th of August we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the church in the Carpathian Mountains. We expect many guests – about 300. So, we will be quite busy till later in the fall.

Construction in Tuchapy has stopped for a while. We have started with the construction of the wooden roof. (Please see picture on page 1) Now we need to buy roof tiles.

We did a lot of work at the Staische church this year. We now have a very nice kitchen and dining room, but there is still a problem with the sewer. We have a septic tank in the ground but the water table is very high and causing us some problems.

We are grateful for all the Canadian friends who gave their funds to help us in our ministry in the mountains. It was as if they deposited their money into the heavenly bank.

May God bless you all! Best greetings to the board of directors of Faith Mission.

Brother Peter Nastasiychuk, Carpathians, Ukraine.

We mentioned in the July \ August Newsletter that we would share more Camp Stories in this Newsletter. Here is Camp Story #2

The final decision

Four children at the Christian camp near Kharkov were especially bad and rebellious. The whole idea of the camp simply did not sit well with these four young guys.

The camp leaders sensed from the start that these four teens from the orphanage would be difficult to work with. However, they decided to show Christian love to them no matter what. They prayed to God for strength and for His helping hand. However, it seemed like nothing would break the rebellious attitude of these young punks. The most affectionate admonitions and a lot of patience still did not affect them. The teens talked the dirtiest gutter jargon. They were even seen smoking on the camp property.....

After several days the four young teens themselves realized that they were interfering with the entire camp. They came up to Alexander, one of the camp leaders and stated: "Drive us back home. There is nothing here for us." After a short consultation with the other camp directors, Alexander, with a heavy heart, joined the four teenagers in his car. During most the journey home, everybody was quiet. When they reached the river bank, they noticed that the ferry had just left for the other side. For some reason the ferry was detained much longer than normal on the other shore. They quietly sat in the car and waited for what seemed like an hour. During this time, Alexander was silently praying to God for guidance and direction. What could he do to help these young guys? Once again he looked at the boys and said: "Of course I will do what you

requested and bring you back to the orphanage where you have more freedom. So, do you really want to leave us? Is this really what you want? God loves you very much, and we also love you and want what's best for you."

It became very quiet. Suddenly one of the boys put both hands in front of his face. His shoulders trembled. Alex knew he was weeping. Barely audible, he heard him whisper: "Alexander, I am too bad for your camp. I have never known people like you. How I can become like you?" Alexander looked at the other three boys who sat with their heads lowered. He knew that they did not feel any better about themselves than the first boy. God was working in the hearts of all four.

The ferry had already docked, and the captain was impatiently honking his horn. Quickly, Alexander asked the boys: "So what is your decision? Onto the ferry or back to camp?" Quietly, but in unison he heard it from all four of the boys, "back."

Alexander did not hesitate! He quickly turned around, pulled over and parked the car at the edge of the parking lot. After his short prayer of thanksgiving, all four boys joined him and prayed for the first time in their life. Praise the Lord! God had answered Alexander's prayers.

July and August are always difficult months for our mission. Donations are down and volunteers are very few. Please remember that the needy are there during these months too.



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Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
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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. If you would like to have a Faith Mission Director in your church for an oral or visual presentation, please contact the FM office.

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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- 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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