

# Mission Newsletter



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*Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. (James 1:13-15)*

When we sin, it is our own fault. Regardless of what the sin is or how we were drawn into it, God is not the author of it. He never is, never was, and never shall be. We are always the author of our own sin as we yield to Satan's temptations.

"... for God cannot be tempted with evil:" Can God, who is perfectly holy, just, pure, and righteous, be tempted with evil? *Never!* But man looks for a scapegoat. He wants an excuse. He wants to blame someone else for the predicament that he finds himself in. Adam did this in the Garden of Eden.

"And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave of the tree, and I did eat" (Gen. 3:12).

We must always remember, though, that it's not God's or anyone else's fault if we fall into sin - it's ours.

In this life on earth, we will be tempted, but with every temptation God provides a way of escape:

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13).

Every avenue of escaping sin is found in Jesus Christ, our substitute. When we are tempted, we need to look to Him and walk as He walked on this earth - sinless.

Under no circumstances can Satan force us to yield to him. If a person does yield, he incurs the penalty of the broken law and death is brought forth in his life (v. 15). But, praise God, Jesus said that if we confess our sins, He will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Our only hope to living a righteous life before God is in Christ Jesus. We need to cling to Him; He can lead us through the wilderness and out of temptation. ♦

## Recent Update from Sokolovo, Ukraine



*Construction progressing on the Church \School building in the village of Sokolovo, Ukraine. (Photos from Sept.27,2009)*  
*Please read recent letters from Kharkiv Ukraine inside this Newsletter.*

## Recent News from Kkarkiv, Ukraine

August 21, 2009

We are happy to be in touch again. The last few months were very busy and interesting. As you know we were busy preparing for our daughter's wedding which was last Sunday.

In the village of Sokolovo, our brothers are buying material for building the Christian School. By now there are 20 adopted children in the Sokolovo church. There is, however, one major obstacle that we need to work out. The department of education has forbidden the orphan children to study in a Christian school. Our brothers are trying to resolve this problem with the city government. This is our special need for your prayers.

May God bless you in everything that you are doing.

Leonid

September 10, 2009

After all the hectic summer events we are once again turning our focus back towards ministries in our churches. In the village of Sokolovo the bricks and cement have been purchased for the new school building. All the church brothers gathered to help unload the truckload of bricks by hand. (See pictures on page 1)

Nikolay Suhina is a minister in the village of Volchansk. They recently organized a working camp for the youth of the local church and youth of Kharkov region. One small group of young people went to work in the village of Volchansk. When they arrived, they went to right to work on the construction of the church building. Quite a lot of work was completed by the time they returned home.

The Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Center has recently started a program where they work with ladies with various addiction problems. At the start of the rehab program, the ladies are kept isolated except for their devotions and chapel time. They do not interact with each other except for worship in the rehabilitation centre. They are looking for activities that will keep them occupied. Work has started in a sewing room where they start with simple things like making blankets and so on. In order to do this type of work, we try to find inexpensive fabric\*\*. Their work is developing and growing. \*\* (Faith Mission has inquired about sending them some fabric for their sewing project. We will keep you posted about this project - Editor)

Although the ministry in prisons is very challenging, it brings its own results and fruit. We baptized several men in prison this year.

In the month of October we plan to have a seminar for song leaders involved in the various ministries. Our plan is to conduct a two or three week seminar. We are presently working on the agenda, trying to take into consideration all the details in organizing the seminar. We want to make it as beneficial as we can for those who take in the seminar.

Just a personal note: As I mentioned earlier, our daughter got married recently. We spent quite a bit of time this summer to prepare an apartment for them. We did some repairing and redecorating work. Praise the Lord, everything was done in time for the wedding and our children have a nice home now.

We have now started to do some redecorating and repairing on the house where Nadya lives. (Nadya was our interpreter when we toured the Kharkiv area in Nov.2008. She also does some bookkeeping work in the church. - Editor) This house is right next to the church building here in Kharkiv. The small house was

very cold. During the cold winter months, it was no more than 12-14 degrees. We installed new windows, changed the heating system, and insulated the walls and floors. As you probably all know, a project like this is always lot of work. We hope to finish it before the cold season sets in. If it is possible for you to help in this work, it would be greatly appreciated.

So, in few sentences a wrote about our life here in Ukraine. I recently arrived back home after being gone on several different trips. I now plan to be more in touch with you.

Leonid



Our fellow-worker, Leonid, explaining the Drug & Alcohol Rehab Center during our tour of the facility in November 2008. At that time the center was only providing addiction counselling for men. As you will note in the letter, they are now also helping women with their drug & alcohol addictions.

## Shoe Box Time Once Again

My how time flies! It is once again time to prepare our Christmas shoeboxes. We are working on a new project this year. When we were in Ukraine in 2008, Peter Nastasiychuk asked us if we would be able to supply shoeboxes for a special school with mostly orphan children. These children stay there all the time, so it is like an orphanage. There are around 400 children; ranging in age from 6 to 18 years of age. We have never gotten this many shoeboxes before but with your help we can do it, right? In past years we have received as many as 260. So this is almost twice as many as we've ever received before in one year.

We would like these shoe boxes to have about the same dollar value. We understand that the ones for the older ones would be worth more money than the ones for the younger ones. Here is a list of things to pack so that the shoeboxes will be somewhat the same.

**Soap**

**Washcloth or small Towel**

**Toothbrush**

**Toothpaste**

**Colouring Book and Crayons or**

**Pencil Crayons, for younger children**

**Note Pad and Pen or Pencil, for the older children**

**Underwear**

**Socks**

**Small Toy; for the younger ones**

**Something Special; for the older ones**

**Mittens or Gloves**

**Comb**

Peter also mentioned that candy is a very special treat for the

children. But, because we are putting soap into the shoeboxes we thought it would be better not to include candy directly in those same boxes. The candy might take on the odour of the soap and spoil the taste. We plan on sending enough candy, in a separate container, for them to give to each of the children.

**Please take Note: We would like to put our Shoeboxes into the next container which should be ready for loading by October 29th. Please deliver your boxes no later that October 27th.**

## A Day at the Faith Mission Warehouse in Winkler



*Although Faspa time is always a very special time of the day each Thursday, September 24th was extra special when we took a moment to celebrate Mrs. Dyck's and Mrs. Neufeld's birthdays. It was Mrs. Dyck's 80th birthday. They have both been very faithful volunteers for many years. We really appreciate their dedication over the years.*



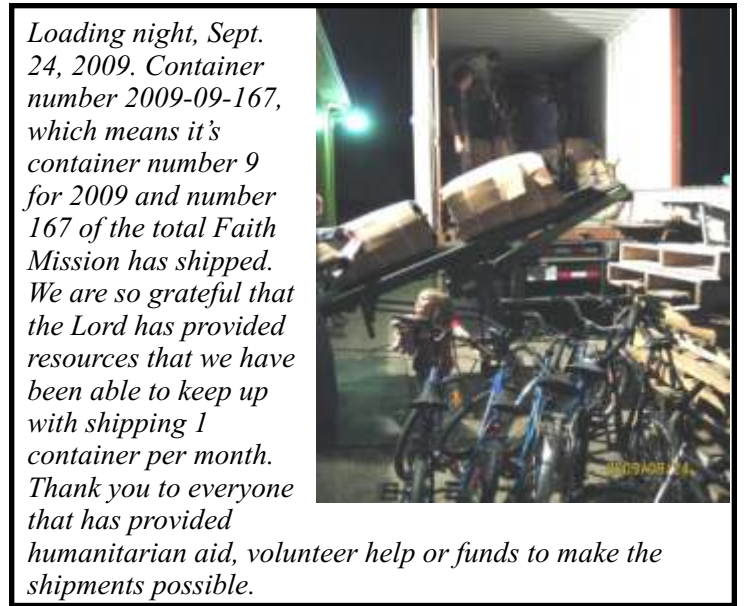
*Sorting, folding, baling, loading! It seems like there is no end. As you can see, the bin in the background is filled to the top.*



*Young guy! Big help! Yes we really appreciate all the work that the volunteers are doing. Here Cain is doing the strapping job on the open side of the baler.*



*Bales of clothing piled high, ready to be loaded into the container. Most shipments will include about 335 bales of clothing (avg. 100 lbs), 20-25 bales of footwear (not compressed like the clothing bales), 35-40 bikes.*



*Loading night, Sept. 24, 2009. Container number 2009-09-167, which means it's container number 9 for 2009 and number 167 of the total Faith Mission has shipped. We are so grateful that the Lord has provided resources that we have been able to keep up with shipping 1 container per month. Thank you to everyone that has provided humanitarian aid, volunteer help or funds to make the shipments possible.*

## About Faith Mission



*Hi! My name is Adrianna. I am seven years old. I am staying at my Grandma and Grandpa for a few days. My Grandpa asked me to write a little story for the Faith*

the Faith Mission newsletter.

Ever since I can remember, I have come to Faith Mission with my Mom and Dad; when they would come to work there. I have helped fold clothes, I have helped by carrying the folded clothes to the bins and I have helped bale shoes and clothes. Sometimes my friends and I just play there. My favorite thing to help with is the baling. I put the strapping through the holes to the other side for them to strap. Turning the switch on and stepping on the control to make the baler go down to push the clothes down and later step on the control again to make it go up, is another thing I like to do. I also enjoy putting the Faith Mission sticker on the cardboard. A special treat is when we stay for night lunch. We often celebrate birthdays there too. If anyone wants to come they can gladly help!

### Faith Mission Bale Banks



If you would like to use these "Bale Banks" for your children, Sunday School class, or even for yourself, please let us know. We will gladly send you a supply.

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## 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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