

Mission Newsletter



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Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. James 1:16- 17)

This particular Scripture tells us where all good gifts come from. They do not come from Buddha, Mohammed, Krishna, or any other dead god or man. But all good things come from the living God Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

When bad things happen to you, don't blame God for them; He is not the author of them. Blame Satan. Every evil thing comes from him. John 10:10 says, *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy."* Destruction in any form, be it physical, spiritual, mental, or domestic, comes from the very pits of hell.

Jesus, on the other hand, said, *"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"* (John 10:10).

Do not think God sends sickness or poverty upon us to teach us a lesson. Our teacher is the Holy Spirit (John 14:26). God would not put sickness on us when He has already told us in His Word that Jesus bore our sicknesses on the tree and became a curse for us so that we might live (Isa. 53; I Pet. 2:24). He would not try to wreck marriages when He Himself ordained the institute of marriage.

The Word says, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent" (Num. 23:19). He would not tell us one thing, and then act in a different manner.

The Father (along with the Son and the Holy Spirit) is the very epitome of kindness, goodness, mercy, truth, honesty, justice, purity, and loveliness (Phil. 4:8). If He wasn't, He wouldn't have sent His only begotten Son to die a disgraceful, horrendous death for a sin-soaked world (John 3:16). He wouldn't have sent the precious Holy Spirit to be our Guide and Comforter, and He wouldn't have promised to return for us again.

God is the giver of all good things. Don't be afraid that He'll suddenly change His mind and start giving bad, destructive things, because the Bible says that with God, there is no variableness or neither shadow of turning. †



The Lord has been faithful once again! We were able to meet our goal that we had set with collecting Christmas Gift Boxes. Praise the Lord! He has nudged you to bring us the

boxes as well as supplying us with the funds needed to prepare some Christmas Boxes here at Faith Mission. We exceeded our goal of 400. Thank you so very much to whoever took part in this project!

There will be pictures of distribution and more of a write up about the boxes coming in a future newsletter.

A little bit about our volunteer situation at this time: We have been having extra groups volunteering their time to come out and spend an evening sorting and baling clothes here at Faith Mission. In the last 4 weeks we've had 5 different groups come in to help us out. This is great! Thank you to everyone that has come and helped! We get a lot of extra bales out of this and also a lot of clothes get cleaned up. It is that time of year again when many of you will be doing fall cleaning and cleaning out your closets. Although most of you may be done with this project, many boxes and bags of the extra clothing will be brought to Faith Mission. We thank you for supporting us in this way. If we had no clothes our Mission could not continue to operate the way we have for so many years. Faith Mission benefits greatly through this; we receive a lot of good clothes which we are then able to ship to the needy people in other countries. This is GREAT!

I'd just like to add: if and when you bring us clothes, we'd like to remind you once again to please bring clothes that are **CLEAN**, have a lot of **WEAR** left and are not **TORN**.

Have you ever thought what happens to those

clothes that you bring over to our mission? Do they just lie there in that big pile of garbage bags and nothing gets done with them? How long do they have to lie there till it is “your bag's” turn to get dumped on the table and get sorted and then baled? These questions could not be answered with the same answer for every bag of clothes. It depends totally on how many volunteers we get. If our volunteers are few, we get very little done and “your bags” have to wait for a very long time till it is “their” turn. Now it doesn't make a difference to the bags of clothes, how long it takes but it does make a difference in how long it will be till there will be some use coming out of the clothes that you donated. It is only after the clothes are baled and sent out that they are of any use to someone. As long as they are just lying here, nobody benefits from your donated clothes.

It has truly been a “Harvest” of Plenty... Our Bins are Full!

Our supply of clothes is huge! Our bins inside are kept pretty much filled to the top at this time of the year and then we have another big orange storage sea-container outside that is also full of clothes. All these bags need sorting and baling. We are so thankful to have our faithful volunteers that come to help us out on Thursday afternoons and new ladies or men coming in to help as well. Anyone is



welcome to come out on a Thursday afternoon to help us. Remember at 3:00 it's “Faspa” time so why not come and join us? We are also very thankful for the evening volunteers. Thursday evenings have been very slow lately, not many people coming to help the last couple of weeks. This is discouraging to those people that do come faithfully every week. We are not sure what is happening and why so few people come. We would like to have more people committed to come and help on Thursday evenings. Committed doesn't mean that you **have** to be there every time, but rather that you would come, whenever it would work out for you. It would mean that helping out at Faith Mission on Thursday evenings would be a priority for you. It is an evening of fun and fellowship as well as doing a good work! Come out as individuals or come as a family, we need both men and women; children are welcome as well. Won't you consider coming out and giving it a try? The Lord will bless you for coming.

Another big Thank You would be in order for everyone that supports Faith Mission financially! Every dollar donated is worth so much to us. We try to use the money to build and to bring Honour and Glory to the Lord and His Kingdom! \$\$



Faith Mission would like to extend a very special thank you to Ike Dyck and Herman Neufeld for their recent contribution and installation of kitchen cabinets with a double sink. This is a great benefit for serving and cleaning up from our “Faspa” as well as much needed storage space.

We would really like to add some shelving into our warehouse so that we could make better use of the limited space we have. If anyone would be interested in doing this for us or providing some funds to purchase material for this, please let us know. Stop by our warehouse and we would be glad to share our plans with you.



Tuchapy Church Update....

Tuchapy is almost finished. In a recent letter, (Nov.16,09) Peter N. wrote: “We are hoping that by the end of this year everything will be done. They already conduct services in the building, although it's not finished completely. The interior painting and the floors are being finished right now.”

“As for the properties in Zelene and Cheremoshnya, we are still waiting for the official approval from the local authorities that sell the houses which will be used for church as they belong to the local government. That way it will be cheaper than buying from private individuals but the process takes much more time. Lots of red tape! So, the money you sent still remains untouched, ready to be used as soon we get the official ok.” ☺

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If Only You Didn't Believe...

Wenn du nur nicht glaubtest

by Erich Schmidt Schell
Available in English or German
Biography of the late Pastor David Klassen. (1927 - 2004) He spent about 10 years in various prisons and labor camps in communist Russia.
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Trotz

dem macht Gott keinen Fehler

by Erich Schmidt Schell



"Was ich tue, das weizt du jetzt nicht: du wirst es aber hernach erfahren."
Dieses Wort, das der Herr Jesus an seinen Jünger Petrus richtete, könnte als Motto auch über dem Leben unseres Evangelisten Jakob Esau stehen, dessen Lebensbericht wir mit diesem Buch vorlegen. Auch Jakob Esau wurde viele Wege geführt, die er zunächst nicht verstand, die sich ihm Nachhinein - aus dem Blickwinkel Gottes - aber als richtig und gut erwiesen.
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Let the Waters Roar

by Georgi Vins

A collection of true and gripping stories of Christian lives, lived on the front lines of the battle. When communism took everything away from them, these modern-day witnesses to the power of the Gospel found that Christ was all they needed.
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Drei unvergessliche Schüsse

by Erich Schmidt Schell

Uns ist bewusst, das die vorliegende Geschichte in ihrem Hauptteil, menschlich gesehen, unglaubwürdig erscheint. Wir veröffentlichen sie aber dennoch, weil wir sicher wissen, das sie sich so zugetragen hat. In ihren Grundzügen wurde sie von der Hauptperson der Geschichte, einem zum Glauben gekommenen ehemaligen russischen Artillerieoffizier, als Zeugnis in einem Gottesdienst weitergegeben. Es ist eine glaubenstärkende, spannende Erzählung, die zeigt, das Gott auch heute noch der gleiche ist wie zu der Väter Zeiten: ein Gott, der wunder tun kann.
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The Story of Jacob

by Pat Gerbrandt



The life story of Rev. Jacob J. Elias who has recorded his life's adventures and trials in his personal diaries since he was a teenager. Written by Pat Gerbrandt, it not only depicts the humorous activities of 'Jacob's' younger years, growing up in Blumenfeld, Manitoba, but also includes details of the struggles and tragedies the Elias family has experienced over the years.

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Auf dem Pfad der Treue

(German) by Georgi Vins

(04.08.1928 in Blagoweschtschensk / Russland - 11.01.1998 in Elkhart, Indiana USA)

Beschreibt im vorliegenden Buch vor allem den Leidensweg seines Vaters, der als Missionar aus Amerika nach Russland kam und dort nach der dritten verhaftung 1937 den Märtyrertod starb. Den Weg seiner Mutter verfolgt der Leser nach bis in das Jahr 1946. Dabei werden auch Georgis bereits von leid geprägten ersten Lebensjahre geschildert und das schwere schicksal vieler Christen, die mit der Familie Vins bekannt und Befreundet waren. Beim lesen dieses Buches bekommt der Leser eine Vorstellung von dem hohen preis, der einem Christen abverlangt werden kann, wenn er seine geistliche freiheit nicht auflegen bereit ist.

\$10.00

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If you would like to hear a detailed report about the ongoing Faith Mission work in Ukraine, please contact us for an oral or visual presentation in your church.

Please consider Faith Mission in your year-end giving. Tax Deductible receipts will be issued in January 2010.

*Have a Blessed Christmas
From all of us at Faith Mission*

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.



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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- 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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