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And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. (Exodus 10:22 - 23)

The children of Israel had been in bondage in Egypt for a long time - centuries. God sent His messenger Moses to Pharaoh to demand that His people be allowed to leave and go to the land of Canaan, the land flowing with milk and honey (Deut. 6:3). When Pharaoh refused, the Lord performed many miracles and sent many plagues to try to persuade him.

This Scripture is one of those miracles. The Lord caused great darkness to cover the land of Egypt, but the Israelites had light in their dwellings.

Some people may say that God was cruel for sending those plagues upon the Egyptians. They may even say God was to blame for Pharaoh's hardness of heart. But they forget that God did not want to do this. All He asked was that His people, who rightfully belonged to Him, who had served Egypt and had performed a valuable service for so long, be allowed to leave that country. That's all that He asked. But, Pharaoh hardened his heart, so the Lord sent the plagues.

For three days and three nights the sun did not shine. The Egyptians were so terrified that they never left their abodes, and that is understandable. But the Bible says that the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

Just as Egypt was then, the world today is steeped in darkness because they do not know God. If they knew God, they would be walking in the light, because "*God is light, and in him is no darkness at all*" (1 John 1:5). And just like the Israelites, we Christians have a light in our dwellings, our hearts, and that light is Jesus, our Saviour and Lord (John 8:12).

When we harden our hearts to the gospel, we bring upon ourselves the consequences of sin. God does not want death to be brought forth in our lives, but it is a spiritual law that sin, disobedience to God, brings death (Rom. 6:23). Let us not be like Pharaoh who hardened his heart to the Word of God, but let us be quick to heed the Lord's commands. Let us abide in Him so that we may dwell in His light (John 15:4-6).

Unloading Container - Kirovograd, Ukraine



Above Photo: Unloading Bales & Bikes in Ukraine.

Photo Below:

This young couple is very happy to receive a bale of clothing and a new comforter from Faith Mission as well as a bag of flour.





"This picture was taken in the Kirovograd area. The young people at this Children's Home are delighted to receive bicycles and clothing. The truck with the container was not able to get into the yard because

of low overhead cables so the bales and bicycles were loaded onto the trailer and brought to this Children's Home."

*God's blessing and lots of love!!!!
Nikolai T. - Kirovograd, Ukraine*

A Special Christmas Wish

Kolja is nine years old. He has two younger siblings. A year ago his mother brought Kolja and his siblings to the service in the small Carpathian Mountain village of Tuchapy (west Ukraine) for the first time. Since then she has hardly stopped reading her Bible and faithfully attends the church services - her children



always beside her. However, Kolja's father observed his family's spiritual growth. On one hand he had to admit that his wife had made some positive changes in this last year. He also noticed a change in Kolja's behavior. The school teachers saw that he had become more polite and diligent in his work. The constant gleam in his eyes was a reflection of his inner joy and peace. However, the sharp tongues keep mocking this family for exercising strong morals and walking with Christ. The father has now left his family.

Since his father left them, Kolja's mother has tried desperately to supply the family's needs. She is teaching her children, to continue showing love toward their father.

Kolja is very eager to learn. Sometimes, even the adults have trouble answering his many questions. He is glad that his birthday is on the 14th of December; in the same month when we celebrate the birthday of Jesus. Shortly before Kolja's birthday his father called him and, in a very friendly manner, asked him what he wished for a birthday present. Kolja answered promptly: "Daddy please give me two Bibles and one New Testament." In an instant, his father's friendly tone became furious. He shouted: "I'll come and break your legs, so that you can not run to these Christian functions any more! Couldn't you rather wish for a bicycle or something useful?"

Well, December 14th came and went and Kolja got neither a bicycle, nor the books from his father. Later Kolja shared this telephone conversation during the service. After sharing his story, Kolja recited the whole 23rd Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want ..."

I could hardly wait to ask the question burning inside of me:

"Why are you asking for two Bibles, Kolja?" He did not need time to come up with his answer. "I would like to become a preacher. Therefore, I want to get to know the complete Russian Bible and the Ukrainian Bible and then compare the text." "That's a very good wish, Kolja! So, for what reason are you asking for one more new testament?" I asked with interest. Kolja's eyes shone when he replied: "The New Testament I will always take with me wherever I go. I want to be able to give it to the person who is converted after hearing my sermon!"

*In the evening I prayed for Kolja, for his family and for his heart's desires.
L. T. Tuchapy / Ukraine*





Thank you from Chernivtsi, Ukraine

Здравствуйте! Я-Оля, хожу в церковь "Вифлием" г. Черновцы, Украина. Мне и моим двум сестричкам подарили подарки полученные от Вас. Нам всё очень понравилось, и другим детям я думаю тоже. Спасибо вам! Подарки- классные! Оля

Translation: (Anatoliy)

Hi! My name is Olya and I attend Bethlehem Baptist Church in Chernivtsi (pastor is Ivan Danylyuk). My two sisters and I received gifts in shoe boxes from you. We all liked them very much. Thank you! The gifts are cool!
Olya

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.

Christmas in the Carpathians

Our Container #2009-11-169 was loaded in Winkler on November 5th. This container carried 426 Christmas Gift Boxes to Ukraine. Praise the Lord, the container was cleared through Ukraine Customs on December 28, one week before the Ukrainians celebrate Christmas. These children, and more than 400 others, were blessed with their very own Christmas gift, thanks to you!

Faith Mission Containers Shipped to Ukraine in 2009

| Tracking Number | Loading Date | Final Destination | Container # | Bales Clothing | Bales Footwear | Bicycles | Miscellaneous Contents |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|---|
| 2009-01-159 | 27-Jan-09 | Zakarpatyie Area | TGHU 791 224 0 | 373 | 21 | 0 | 25 pkgs Blankets |
| 2009-02-160 | 17-Feb-09 | Kharkov | CLHU 847 454 3 | 372 | 17 | 0 | 1 Walker, 19 pkgs Blankets, 7 Suitcases |
| 2009-03-161 | 19-Mar-09 | Chernivtzzy | ZCSU 826 202 8 | 373 | 25 | 0 | 30 Pkgs Blankets |
| 2009-04-162 | 16-Apr-09 | Sumy \ Kirovograd | FSCU 675 122 4 | 352 | 20 | 0 | 106 pkgs Blankets, 50 bxs. WMP Booklets, 2 Maternity Beds, 1 Gurney |
| 2009-05-163 | 14-May-09 | Khmelnitzky | ZCSU 844 631 8 | 357 | 23 | 0 | 75 pkgs Blankets, 50 bxs World Missionary Press Booklets, 5 Suitcases w/ Clothing. |
| 2009-06-164 | 11-Jun-09 | Bilja Zerkov | ZCSU 889 595 7 | 303 | 32 | 41 | 6 pkgs Blankets, 75 bxs World Missionary Press Booklets, 9 Bxs. Toys, etc. 20 kg Soap, 30 pkgs Pillows (x2) |
| 2009-07-165 | 09-Jul-09 | Kharkov | ZCSU 865 133 3 | 313 | 33 | 41 | 17 pkgs Blankets, 47 bxs World Missionary Press Booklets, 4 bxs Toys, 2 Bath Lifts, 2 Walkers |
| 2009-08-166 | 20-Aug-09 | Volynsk Area | ZCSU 873 337 0 | 322 | 24 | 39 | 18 pkgs Blankets, 10 bxs Toys |
| 2009-09-167 | 24-Sep-09 | Kovel Area | ZCSU 842 755 5 | 313 | 26 | 41 | Wheelchair, 45 used Suitcases with clothing, 1 Box Soap |
| 2009-10-168 | 05-Nov-09 | Chernivtzzy \ Kharkov | ZCSU 851 782 8 | 322 | 30 | 0 | 426 Christmas Gift Boxes, 37 pkgs Blankets, 13 pkgs Fabric for Blankets, 2 Used Hospital Beds, 1 Box Soap |
| 2009-11-169 | 17-Dec-09 | Kharkov | ZCSU 253 684 1 | 340 | 22 | 0 | 45 pkgs Blankets, 12 Suitcases with footwear |
| Totals | | | | 3740 | 273 | 162 | |



Putting the finishing touches on the Tuchapy Church. Just in time for the Christmas celebrations.



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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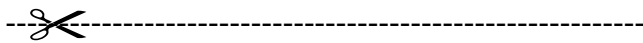
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Purpose of Faith Mission

- 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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