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“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say; I have no pleasure in them.” (Eccl. 12:1)

These words of wisdom were penned by Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived - other than the Lord Jesus Christ, of course. He is here addressing young people. Solomon, the great preacher, knew from experience that the world and everything in it is vanity:

“Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity” (Eccl. 12:8).

This, in fact, is the theme of Ecclesiastes:

“I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit” (Eccl. 1:14).

Everything perishes - man and the works of his hands. One cannot hold on to that which time is certain to take away. So Solomon, in his wisdom, advises us to “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.”

Young people expect so much out of the world. It stands before them like a treasure chest from which they can freely select. The future seems to hold out her arms - arms filled with promises of wonderful things to come. Solomon tells us that even if we get all that we yearn for, we will still be as paupers if we don't have God.

Worldly riches are temporal, yet they have such strong appeal to the young. They seem to fill a need, to satisfy whatever longing is in the heart. But when age begins to dull the sparkling facade, the things of the world grow to mean less and less. As a person ages, he realizes increasingly that the only thing of consequence in life is one's relationship with God. It is the only thing that one can say is truly his for eternity.

I believe that Solomon is trying to show young people the benefits of living for God while they are young. The glory of youth is enhanced manifold by a good, intimate relationship with God. He can help a young person establish values that will last a lifetime - holy values that will enable him to enjoy life without suffering the disillusionment that befalls those who live only for the moment. ❧❧❧



“What A Blessed Day.....”

Tuchapy Church Dedication - August 21, 2011

Greetings, dear coworkers and supporters of Faith Mission!

We know that the Church's first task here on earth is spreading the Gospel of the Lord. God did His part completely – gave His Only Begotten Son to die for us. Now comes our part – to bring Good News to the world and be an example for others.

Faith Mission is one of the active participants in this ministry in Ukraine as well as in the Carpathians and surround`rea. It would be difficult to imagine our common ministry without you, your prayers, and your financial support.

God gave us another House of Prayer in the village of Tuchapy in the Ivano-Frankovsk area of Ukraine. It's another example of God's care for His children. We thank God that Faith Mission also took part in this project. This church building is very special because it's intended to also serve as a home for orphans. One twenty year old orphan, already lives in this building. It's just a beginning and we pray that God will make Tuchapy a safe and happy home for many orphans.



The special day finally arrived! The 21st of August was beautiful sunny day! We had five times as many guests as our church building could accommodate. So, our dedication was held in the space created by God more than six thousand years ago – in the fresh, open air.

About 300 people came from different churches around the area. The people from the village of Tuchapy were also invited. The dedication service lasted for three hours. We praised the Lord for everything He has done for us. A joint choir from three different churches in Chernivtsi blessed us with some beautiful singing. Several guests came all the way from Germany to attend this special service.

At the end of the dedication service I read a greeting letter from the Faith Mission board of directors. We are happy that we can share our joy with all of you, Canadian brothers and sisters in Christ.

After the service a light snack was served.

It seemed all too soon that everything was over and we went back to our busy schedule, working in His field in this village and around. We pray that God will bring many new unsaved souls to this church to find Christ as their personal Saviour. We teach our church members to be a Godly example for the people that live around them.

Once again we are grateful for your prayers and financial support of our ministry. There is so much work we can accomplish together for the glory of Christ.

May God bless you abundantly – Faith Mission friends, your supporting churches and families.

Brother Peter N. / Carpathians, Ukraine

Faith Mission happenings.....

Praise the Lord for the wonderful summer we've had! We're at the end of September and the beautiful warm fall weather is hanging on. What a blessing!

.....God is so good, God is so good,.....

God is so good, He's so good to us....



Here at Faith Mission we have also been richly blessed. Yes, with nice weather, with new volunteers, our faithful volunteers that show up every Thursday afternoon & evening, (almost every Thursday), and then we are also very richly "Blessed" with clothes. Lots of clothes! Our bins inside, for those of you that have ever been to Faith Mission know how big these are! Well, they are full all the way up to the ceiling. Over the last few months we have heard the same question over and over: "Can you not send containers or why is it staying so full, month after month?" Our answer is always the same, "Oh yes, we could send more containers, but we are in need of more volunteers to sort and bale all those clothes first." Now that everyone will be wrapping up their gardening and canning, and finishing fieldwork, we are hoping to be "Blessed" with many more groups of volunteers. We hope that groups that have volunteered in the past will come back and also encourage new groups to come out. Please call to arrange a "night-out".

"NEW" Faith Mission Christmas Gift Boxes have arrived!



As we mentioned in our July\August Newsletter, we have had our own 'Faith Mission' Christmas Gift boxes made for this year. We have had quite a few people come by to pick up the easy-to-assemble boxes. Some have already been packed and returned, ready for loading

into the next container. Many have asked when the deadline is for bringing the boxes. It looks like we will be loading the 'Christmas' Container in the evening of October 13th. This should still give you enough time to pick up a box, pack it up and return it to Faith Mission.

Although we had printed the guidelines for Packing a Gift Box in our last Newsletter, I will print it again.

1. Pick up a supply of the new "Christmas Gift Boxes" at Faith Mission at 500 Cargill Rd. in Winkler.

Call: 204-325-5446 to arrange pick-up of empty gift-boxes at Faith Mission.

2. "Fill" the box with mittens, socks, touque, scarf, underwear, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, face-cloth, a small gift or toy, school supplies, (Pencils, eraser, pen, paper, notebooks, coloring book, ruler, pencil sharpener, crayons, 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 13th**. ****(No need to panic though. Some will go into our November container)*

We are hoping to 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.



....From Christmas 2010

(Although these stories are translated and re-printed from the German Missions Nachrichten, Faith Mission has been working under Missionswerk FriedensBote with many of these projects.)

AMilk Cow..... What a Present!

Wasilij and Swetlana are raising a family of ten children in a Ukrainian village sixty kilometres from Khmelnitsky. They range in age from one to fourteen years. The family is diligent and God-fearing, spending much time in music, singing and serving the Lord with great pleasure. However,

because the unemployment is very high in the villages they live in extreme poverty. They also raise some domestic animals on their small farm: a pig and some chickens. Till recently, they also had one cow. She provided much-needed milk, butter and cheese for the family. Unfortunately, the cow got sick and had to be killed. This resulted in the children losing their main source of nutrition - the milk. Signs of malnutrition were soon evident. Little Joseph lost five kilograms in a matter of four months.

I visited this family during our "From Heart to Heart" program at Christmas 2010. I had stopped in to drop off some gifts when little Joseph approached me and in a child-like way asked: "Sir, have you brought us some milk?"

I immediately informed Missionswerk FriedensBote of this family's need. Thank God, the family was soon able to buy another cow with a donation from them. The children are drinking milk again and owe a special thank-you to all their mission friends and to God, for the unique present.

Poliktin J. \Khmelnitsky, Ukraine

When Silent Night, Holy Night... resonates through the hospital corridors



The hospital in the Krasnaja Poljana region is the final home for many old people. Nobody visits them! It is a lonely life. However, here they at least

have a roof over their head and a means of survival. There is nobody to offer even a bit of encouragement. Who cares to listen to someone else's problems if they can hardly manage their own grief?

An unusual visit was announced in the hospital! The patients and the staff were assembled in a wide open space in the center of the hospital. What a blessing! The beautiful carol, "Silent Night", sung by children from the local church. A young girl accompanied the choir with the soft sweet sound of



the violin. Tears rolled quietly down the creased cheeks of many of the old and disabled listeners, as their carol reverberated throughout the make-shift chapel of the facility.

After several more songs and poems, the wonderful Christmas message about baby Jesus, the Saviour of the World, was shared. Following the short program, presents "From Heart to Heart" were distributed. The patients, as well as the nurses and doctors, could hardly believe what was happening! They looked for ways to show their heartfelt gratitude for the love and joy they had experienced.

The visitors waved their goodbyes as they walked out the doors; saddened by the old people who had to remain at the facility. However, their loneliness was now not as hopeless as before! Hearing about the Birth of a Saviour had brought them a "New" Hope!

A. Dreswjannikow / West Poljany (Russia)



Loading bales of clothing onto a mule train heading up to the Pamir Mountains. This mountainous area, a large part of which is located in Gorno-Badakhshan in Tajikistan, is one of the most inaccessible in the world. A former British Ambassador to Tajikistan described the fascination and beauty of the region as "one of the world's best kept secrets".

Missionwerk FriedensBote, our sister-mission from Germany recently delivered about 4.5 tonnes of humanitarian aid to these villages, situated about 4,300 meters above sea level. There is a real need for medical help,

nurses and doctors in this part of the world. The death rate among women giving birth is the highest in the world. There are very few women who live past the age of 50.



In recent years, foreign missions have provided the mountain people with a small, 3 room school where approximately 50 children attend.



However, due to the heavy snow cover in the area, there are only 2 months of classes. Some children travel the treacherous mountain trails to school with mules. They live in tents near the school during these 2 months. This is very difficult for the parents as most of them have already gone through the loss of a child at some point. Many men have lost their wife and child during child-birth.

There are many people in these remote villages of the Pamir Mountains who have never heard about the Word of God or about the Plan of Salvation. "We were very excited when we noticed that they were using their MP3 Bibles, which were brought into the area on the previous trip."

Please pray for this out-reach into the countries of Kyrgistan, Tadjikystan, and Afghanistan. This is very dangerous territory and it is very difficult to get to. God loves these forgotten people too!

Issa Omurakunkow; Gulsat Bolotowa



Thank God for all His Blessings



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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