

Mission Newsletter



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!He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." (John 8:47)

Jesus spoke often to the Pharisees, presenting to them God's truth that they might turn from their sinful ways. They, however, were steadfast in their opposition to Jesus and their hatred of Him. Their hearts being hardened, they could not accept the fact that they lived in error. Too far from God to repent, the Pharisees dosed their ears to His Word. Jesus told them plainly if they were of God - as they were convinced they were - they would be able to recognize God's Word speaking to them.

Surely every true Christian is ready and willing to hear God's Word. He searches the Scriptures to find the will of God for his life that he may act upon it accordingly. A Christian has the spiritual discernment to hear the voice of God speaking to him through the words of the Bible. The non-Christian does not have that capacity. !the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:14). The Pharisee is a good example of the natural man who is able to observe ritual and custom but whose unregenerate heart cannot worship God in spirit and in truth.

How tragic it is to think of these people pretending to be religious and yet not having the slightest interest in hearing God's Word. They were deaf, dumb, and blind - unable to hear God's Word, to speak the truth, and to see God working through Jesus Christ. These spiritually dead people proved they were not of God. Their lives testified to the fact that they were not born again.

I want to ask you a question: How are you affected by the Bible? Do you revere its words - God's words - or is it just another book to you? One cannot really hear God's voice by simply skimming through His Word. It must be read carefully and explored intently if you expect to hear God speak.

Consider the parable of the sower (Matt. 13:1-8). If the Word of God does not bring forth fruit in our lives, the seed is not to be blamed but the soil of our hearts. Let us listen to God's Word and cultivate good ground in our hearts: !But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit" (Matt. 13:23). ♣♣

Finally the time has come! For many Ukrainian children and youth, this is the most exciting week of the year. Thanks to your generous financial support, we are again able to provide a week of Summer Bible Camp for hundreds of children in the Carpathian region of Ukraine as well as a new camp for us near the city of Bilja Zerkov. Our dear friend, Peter, from Chernivtzi recently sent us the following letter.

Greetings, dear brother Jake and all coworkers of Faith Mission, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Winter and spring have passed and finally the hot summer arrived. Our children's ministry has started again. Actually it started right after New Year's Day. During Christmas time we had about 500 children we ministered



to. Then more needy people started coming for humanitarian aid. We always share the love of God with them and explain what Jesus has done for them. We had over 800 poor people in five months attend our meetings on Thursdays and Saturdays. To have a crusade for this many people is impossible for us, so we use humanitarian aid to reach those people. There were some days we had 100 people coming one after another. So, I had to preach 3 to 4 times in five hours while people kept coming. We distributed thousands of brochures, about two thousand audio tapes from FriedensBote, Germany. People from a dozen different places came. They also invite us to come to their villages. Although we would like to do that, it is not always possible to visit all of them.

Jake, people don't like us taking pictures at this kind of meetings, so I am sorry you can't see their response when they receive their humanitarian aid.

During Easter time we had "From Heart To Heart" action with flour distribution for poor unbelievers in the villages neighboring Tuchapy. First, people were surprised! Who? Why?.... But after they hear that friends from the West want to help them, they start telling us their own stories. We hear again and again that, "everybody has forgotten them; nobody ever helped them," etc. So, they are very thankful for our care and are open to our testimonies and preaching. We would like everybody who participates in your ministry to know that they bring a lot of joy to the homes of our people. This is a wonderful wordless testimony.

We started our summer camps on June 17 and they will last till July 7. We are planning to have around 400 children. Right after the camps are over I will send you more information and pictures. Please, pray for the children as well as the staff.

May God Bless you all at Faith Mission.
Peter, The Carpathians.



Sharing your love with Moldova

Faith Mission has shipped the last three containers with Humanitarian Aid to the country of Moldova. Moldova is the poorest country in Europe with an average net annual income of \$1,980.00 US\$ (Works out to less than \$1 per hour.) How would you live!

Our containers are shipped to Constanza, Romania and then transported by truck into neighboring Moldova because Moldova does not have any port. Please pray that everything will work out and that the containers will be delivered and unloaded without any problems.



Moldova gained independence following the collapse of the Soviet Union

Population: 3.5 million (UN, 2012)

Capital: Chisinau

Area: 33,800 sq km (13,050 sq miles)

Major languages: Romanian (called "Moldovan" in official documents), Russian

Major religion: Christianity

Life expectancy: 66 years (men), 73 years (women)

Monetary unit: 1 leu = 100 bani

Main exports: Foodstuffs, animal and vegetable products, textiles

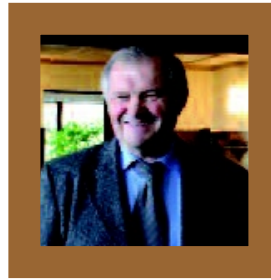
GNI per capita: US \$1,980 (World Bank, 2011)

[A few pictures from Moldova:](#)



Monthly senior's pension in Moldova is about \$10 US per month.

A dear Brother \ Pastor \ Friend gone to be with the Lord..... (Khmelnitzky Ukraine - July 2, 2013)



Hello Jake,

A few hours ago I got some really bad, unexpected news - our dear brother in Christ pastor Poliktin has passed away today. I do not know many details yet, but I know it is true for sure. His close relatives who are right here at camp with me told me the sad news. He died suddenly at his home. Maybe something happened to his heart. As for me I still cannot believe that we have such a great loss. He was one of my close friends, a special person for me. Just 2 days ago I talked to him about emails.

We definitely should keep his family in our prayers.

God bless,

Galina K.

(Galina was our interpreter when we visited Poliktin in January)



Many of you will remember these two pictures that we often used in our presentations when we mentioned Poliktin's ministry in Khmelnitzky, Ukraine. Poliktin, together with his wife Valentina, had a passion and a concern for the thousands of orphans and street children in Ukraine so they adopted many of them and worked with many more. Poliktin's passing into Glory will be a painful loss for his loving wife Valentina and all their children and grandchildren. He will also be missed by the many, many other orphans and street children that he was working with and sharing God's love with in various ways. He will also be missed by the many other organization in and around Khmelnitzky that depended on Poliktin's assistance for humanitarian and spiritual help. Please pray that God will comfort Poliktin's family, church, co-workers and friends. ♣♣



Many people in Moldova still use horses as their means of transportation because they can not afford to own a car.

Sincere Apologies for the delayed Newsletter!

The May-June Faith Mission Newsletter was delayed for several reasons (not excuses)! Firstly my printer decided to call it quits in May, just before I would normally print the May-June issue. Secondly (also no excuse), I've been so busy with other things, that I just did not get to typing it up till the last week of June, a month behind! I am very sorry. Hopefully the July- August issue will be printed and mailed on time, at the end of July.

.....Editor - Jake Elias

We would like to stress once again, how much we appreciate your support throughout the year, and especially during the summer months. It seems like many families tend to forget the needs of the various missions during the summer camping and holiday season.

God has Blessed our Country so much. Let us not forget to share these blessings with the less fortunate people of the world.

Proverbs 16:8 (KJV) !Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right."

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Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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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.

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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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