

Mission Newsletter



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“And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.” (Ezek. 34:26)

There is an old song still popular in Christian circles entitled “There Shall Be Showers of Blessing.” It is taken from this passage in Ezekiel, which deals with the refreshing downpour of God's goodness upon His people.

The thirst of a dry soul for the blessings of God is something that Christians of long ago could identify with, as can present-day Christians. God has promised to quench the thirst of those who follow Him and love Him. The psalmist urges us to give thanks to God because He is the One who “covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains” (Psa. 147:8).

God, the Source of all life, sends down rain which is necessary to maintain life on earth. When a section of the earth does not receive rain for an extended period of time, the grass, trees, flowers, etc., become dry and wither away. Sometime ago, someone shared that they had visited a part of East Africa that had not received rain in over three years. There was nothing green left. Everything was barren and dry. When you behold this type of lifelessness, you realize how truly essential showers are to the maintenance of life.

God uses showers - something we understand and are familiar with - to represent a spiritual occurrence. When we do not have the rain of the Spirit upon our hearts and lives, we become barren. Our hearts become lethargic because the life of God is not present to a large enough degree to pump it properly.

Imagine mile after mile of barren land - no water, no plants, no trees. Such is the life in which God does not reign supreme. We must seek after God if we expect to receive His blessings. David wrote, “as the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God” (Psa. 42:1). He goes on to say, in verse two, “My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God.” The presence of God refreshes the soul like water refreshes a parched throat. His presence can be found in times of prayer and in meditation on the Word of God.

Proverbs 4:22 says, concerning God's words, “They are life to those that find them, and health to all their flesh.” So it is up to us to remain open to God. If we shut Him out, He will not force His showers upon us. If we yearn for Him, however, we will be refreshed. ❧❧



Carpathian Children's Camp

Camp Ministry is a glory to our Lord in the Carpathian Mountains. Summer-time is when the best witnessing is going on with the best results. Camp Ministry not only provides a wonderful opportunity for crusades in many remote mountain villages, it also gives us opportunities to visit many families. Often, children love to tell their parents what they saw and learned in our camps.

Many things bring joy to the hearts of

teachers. Things such as the simple prayers of repentance, answering many questions like: what sin is all about, why do we behave like we do. Some days, even the fatigue after working with the children, brings joy and satisfaction, knowing that we could do something for Jesus. He has done everything possible for us so that we could be His children and inherit the Heavenly Kingdom.

We know children have a special place with God. Our Camp Ministry is a ministry of many friends and churches of Canada who support it financially.

If we talk about camp ministry in general, we can see long term results. Many of the children we had in our first camps many years ago have become pastors, preachers, Bible school teachers and are now influencing other Christian families. They are now faithfully following God! A new generation that will take spiritual leadership!

Our Canadian friends who give free will offerings for camp ministry really can't begin to imagine how much they do and what a blessing it is for the non-Christian children to attend these camps. They notice a totally different lifestyle. The biggest surprise comes when these young people find out that Christ died for them and they can have eternal life. I strongly believe that when we get to Heaven, you will see many of these people who got saved during these camps. One of the girls wrote: "Christ's death wasn't that simple, He died as a martyr - He was mocked at - He was killed - because of me!"

Another testimony of another girl: "I've been attending your camps since I was seven. This was my 10th year! I can truly tell you that these camps helped me to find God. I am always looking forward to summer time when I have a week where I can forget about all my problems and think of God during the entire time I spend here. I thank Him for all His mercy and grace He's shown in my life. Camp is such a short period of my life but I would like to make it last my whole lifetime. That's because when we are among other secular people we often forget about the One who gave His only begotten Son so that we can spend eternity with Him. I'm so happy that I made my decision to get saved in the camp".

One more testimony: "I made an important decision to live with Jesus Christ. I understood that God gave us everything and without Him there would be



nothing. After I discovered Him I felt so much peace in my heart. I am so happy I came here! Now I can follow the steps of Jesus."

We can't forget to mention our hard-working camp teachers and counselors! Many spent their entire summer vacation time showing the children the way to Jesus. Although many tried to hide it, we could see how tired they were by the end of the camps. Once again, we had some very challenging children at camp. Many were from single-parent families and some with no parents. When the leaders weren't able to handle these children, they would often bring them to me and I had serious discussions with them. Most of them came from an orphanage. There they have a completely different way of thinking! Thankfully, God gave me the patience and wisdom in all these trying circumstances. I also need to tell you that 90% of children have a "so called" orthodox or catholic background.

We had three Bible classes every day, including a music class. Every evening we had a chapel service where about 50 children got saved this year. One of the teachers told me that when he couldn't sleep one night, he'd heard two boys on the top bunks whispering "Let's sing together!" They sang a little and then said 'Let's pray!' So, they prayed. When they said 'Amen', the teacher said 'Amen' too. They noticed it and asked him, 'So, you are not sleeping? Let's sing together!' So, they spent most of the night singing and praying.

Many children saw a completely different life, a life they had never experienced! We could sense that by their questions. They wanted so much to spend more time with us. We believe that Camp 2013 was not the last time we will see them. We entrusted them into God's hands. It won't be long and we will again be busy sending out invitations for winter camps! Better yet, many of them will start attending our Sunday school.

After summer camps were over we discussed the influence and results we got this year and started planning for next year's camps. We agreed that all of us will need to study and read more Christian books that teach us how to answer children's questions, take care of their needs and bring them to Christ.

From June 17 till July 6 one could hear children's voices singing Christian songs in the Carpathian Mountains – villages of Grynyava, Dovgopole, Rivnya, Golovy, Zelene and two camps in Staische – 7 camps – 370 people in total. Plus we will have many children in our camp facility at Staische from different parts of Ukraine – Kovel, Church, Chernivtsi, Kharkov, Novograd-Volynskiy. The people who live around here observe that we have so many volunteers from all over Ukraine, not just from in the mountains.

May God bless you, your families and your country.
Peter, The Carpathians



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Review Engagement Report

To the Board of Directors
Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc.

We have reviewed the statement of financial positions of Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. as at December 31, 2012, December 31, 2011 and January 1, 2011 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011. Our reviews were made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, and accordingly, consisted primarily of inquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the organization.

A review does not constitute an audit, and consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

The Significant Accounting Policies (Note 1) indicate that the tangible capital assets are stated at cost and no amortization is recorded in the financial statements. The effects of this departure from Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations on the unaudited financial statements has not been determined.

Based on our reviews, except for the failure to record amortization on the organization's tangible capital assets as described in the preceding paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Accountants

RM of Stanley, Manitoba
June 26, 2013

Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Statement of Operations (Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31	2012	2011
Revenue		
Received donations	\$ 228,552	\$ 217,928
Collections	2,000	4,944
Interest and miscellaneous	17	50
Book sales	284	195
	<u>230,853</u>	<u>223,117</u>
Operation costs		
Freight	119,351	108,502
Overseas missions	26,252	53,745
Direct wages	5,155	5,403
Packaging, supplies and materials	13,376	12,342
	<u>164,134</u>	<u>179,992</u>
Administrative expenses		
Advertising	2,775	3,288
Donor newsletters	5,132	5,397
Goods and services tax	1,289	1,422
Fundraising expenses	400	400
Interest and bank charges	703	747
Memberships	1,459	1,459
Office expenses	412	215
Postage and shipping	6,480	4,246
Professional fees	777	769
Rental	14,400	15,100
Repairs and maintenance	10	93
Supplies	2,520	2,636
Travel expenses	3,522	-
Utilities	4,309	3,927
Vehicle expenses	2,200	1,317
	<u>46,388</u>	<u>41,016</u>
Income before other items	<u>20,331</u>	<u>2,109</u>
Gifts in kind	<u>(14,412)</u>	<u>(4,236)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year	<u>\$ 5,919</u>	<u>\$ (2,127)</u>

This is a partial financial statement only. A complete statement will be mailed out at your request.

Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)

	December 31 2012	December 31 2011	January 1 2011
Assets			
Current			
Cash and bank	\$ 106,582	\$ 98,657	\$ 107,580
Accounts receivable	1,561	1,580	1,075
Inventory	5,681	7,138	7,385
Prepaid expenses	4,377	5,836	1,900
	<u>118,201</u>	<u>113,211</u>	<u>117,940</u>
Tangible capital assets (Note 3)	<u>25,523</u>	<u>25,523</u>	<u>31,523</u>
Incorporation costs	515	515	515
	<u>\$ 144,239</u>	<u>\$ 139,249</u>	<u>\$ 149,978</u>
Liabilities and Surplus			
Current			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 19,970	\$ 18,299	\$ 27,601
Deferred income	-	2,600	1,900
	<u>19,970</u>	<u>20,899</u>	<u>29,501</u>
Net Assets			
Invested in tangible capital assets	25,523	25,523	31,523
Unrestricted	98,746	92,827	88,954
	<u>124,269</u>	<u>118,350</u>	<u>120,477</u>
	<u>\$ 144,239</u>	<u>\$ 139,249</u>	<u>\$ 149,978</u>

Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31	2012	2011
Cash from operating activities:		
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	\$ 5,921	\$ (2,127)
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	19	(505)
Inventory	1,457	247
Prepaid expenses	1,459	(3,936)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,669	(9,302)
Deferred income	(2,600)	700
	<u>7,925</u>	<u>(14,923)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	6,000
Change in cash during the year	<u>7,925</u>	<u>(8,923)</u>
Cash, beginning of year	<u>98,657</u>	<u>107,580</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 106,582</u>	<u>\$ 98,657</u>

Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. Notes to the Financial Statements (Unaudited)

December 31, 2012

2. First-time Adoption

Effective January 1, 2012, the organization adopted the requirements of the new accounting framework, Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO) or Part III of the requirements of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) Handbook - Accounting. These are the organization's first financial statements prepared in accordance with this framework and the transitional provisions of Section 1501, First-time Adoption have been applied. Section 1501 requires retrospective application of the accounting standards with certain elective exemptions and mandatory exceptions. The accounting policies set out in Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012, the comparative information presented in these financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011 and in the preparation of an opening ASNPO statement of financial position at the date of transition of January 1, 2011.

The organization issued financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011 using generally accepted accounting principles prescribed by the CICA Handbook - Accounting Part V - Pre-changeover Accounting Standards. The adoption of ASNPO resulted in no adjustments to the previously reported assets, liabilities, net assets, excess of revenue over expenditures and cash flows of the organization.

Christmas in July! That's right!

Yes, it's that time again! Please stop by to pick up the easy-to-assemble Faith Mission Christmas Gift boxes. Although we have printed the guidelines for Packing a Gift Box earlier, I will print it again. Remember, **Take advantage of Back-to-School Sales in July & August!**

1. Pick up a supply of the new "Christmas Gift Boxes" at Faith Mission at 500 Cargill Rd. in Winkler.
2. "Fill" the box with mittens, socks, toque, scarf, underwear, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, face-cloth, a small gift or toy, school supplies, (Pencils, eraser, pen, paper, note-books, 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 15th.**

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.



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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Faith Mission (FriedensBote) Inc. is a nonprofit, registered charitable organization based in Winkler, Manitoba.

Faith Mission was incorporated on May the 16th, 1994 in the Province of Manitoba

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.

The **Faith Mission Newsletter** is printed bimonthly and mailed at no cost to those people who have supported us in the past or to those who request information about Faith Mission.

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