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“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH, is everlasting strength.” (Isa. 26:3 - 4)

The words of these verses of Scripture were written to help and strengthen the faith and hope of God's people throughout the ages. They are just as applicable today as they were when they were first written. Every true child of God is safe and secure. His mind is quiet and serene in the assurance of God's favor if he will trust and believe the Lord.

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace.” What a gracious promise! The world cannot understand this promise because the world has never known the peace that God gives to His children. You see, God's gift is peace - inner peace, outward peace, a peace with God, a peace of conscience, and a peace at all times and in all things. Actually, it is a perfect peace for those whose minds are stayed on God, because they trust in Him.

Speaking of a true Christian, David said, “*He shall not be afraid of evil tidings*” (Psalm 112:7). A Christian's heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. He doesn't believe the doomsayers and the pessimists; he believes the Word of God.

We can find the peace that passes understanding by trusting in the Lord forever. In the Lord Jehovah - in Him who was and is and is to come - we find the Rock of Ages. God is a firm and sure foundation for our faith and hope to build upon. And if we build upon that Rock, our house will withstand all the storms of life. We can say with David, “*The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower*” (Psalm 18:2).

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Faith Mission - How the conflict between Russia and Ukraine is affecting Us!

Faith Mission has been impacted more than many people in Southern Manitoba have realized. First of all we have 2 containers filled with clothing that have been sitting in the port City of Odessa for months. Although the reason for the delay has been very difficult to determine, we assume that it is mainly due to the political protests and fear of



Russian invasion. We recently decided that we would ship our containers to Romania and Moldova for the time being, hoping that the situation in Ukraine would soon improve. However, according to a recent letter from the Container Carrier, ZIM Integrated Shipping, we can not ship into Russia, Ukraine or Romania unless we sign an official document that would make us 100% responsible for all costs incurred by “our” shipments, such as storage, demurrage or any other costs that can be incurred if the container is delayed for any period of time. (This is basically like signing a blank cheque to them). The letter also makes it very clear that the consignee can not receive

any container without this signed document. Therefore, the Faith Mission Board of Directors made a decision that we can not ship to these countries for the time being. We are praying that God will intervene and that we will find some other option to get our Humanitarian Aid Shipments into these countries, especially Ukraine where the clothing is now needed more than ever before. We are also looking at possibly shipping to other countries where ZIM would not require this documentation. Please pray that somehow we can continue our Humanitarian Aid Ministry.



Our Friends from Ukraine requesting prayer.....

Feb 24, 2014 to Jake:

Hello dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

Please support us in our sincere prayers for peace in Ukraine! The situation in the city squares and on the streets is becoming more dangerous. Yesterday in Kyiv about 100 people were killed by snipers. We bow our knees and cry out to Lord to solve this situation; we ask for His mercy and grace, we ask Him to forgive the sins of our people and to protect people from deaths and injuries..... We ask Lord to console families who have lost their sons, their fathers or grandfathers in this war in a peaceful time.....

The day before yesterday in Khmelnytsky a few people who were protesting were injured. According to media reports, one young man was shot and died as a result. A teenager and woman are in coma in the hospital. Doctors are doing what they can to save their lives. It was difficult for our citizens to get home from factories, offices or universities. Because of the protests, many means of public transport did not work. In Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, the situation is much worse. There are hundreds of injuries from bombs and guns, and more than hundred of people have died. The Metro in Kyiv did not work for few days already. Everything is out of control....

What I wrote here is just like a drop in ocean. We just ask you please pray for our motherland, Ukraine. Pray for peace in our country, for our entire government and wisdom and repentance for them. Pray for repentance for people and protect them from forces of evil, injuries and aggressiveness; for peace and God's will; for independence. Pray for the families who have lost relatives.

We put our hope and trust in the Lord
In His name - Galina K.....

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Dear Jake.

I am sure that you, at this difficult time for us, are

praying with us. We really need your prayers. Many of our compatriots are in depression. Many men were drafted into the army. We've been praying for our nation. Every Sunday Christians overlook the town square for common prayer. This is a special time when we need to have a word from God to comfort the grieving and to be peacemakers. We need special wisdom from God to serve the people. Pray for us. Blessings to you. Viktor M.....

Дорогой Джейк.

Я уверен, что вы, в это тяжелое для нас время молитесь вместе с нами. Мы очень нуждаемся в ваших молитвах. Многие наши соотечественники в депрессии. Многие мужчины были призваны в армию. Мы много молимся за наш народ. Каждое воскресенье христиане выходят на площади городов для общей молитвы. Это особое время, когда нам нужно иметь слово от Бога, чтобы утешать скорбящих и быть миротворцами. Мы нуждаемся в особой мудрости от Бога, чтобы служить своему народу. Молитесь за нас. Благословений вам.

Виктор.

Hello! to Manitoba Canada

..... it doesn't look good from here either. We just got rid of our corrupt president. Another one from a "friendly" neighbour country came to "help" and "protect". If it hadn't been for the Western countries, I'm quite sure Russian President Putin would continue to push his way farther into Ukraine; not just the Crimea. We are grateful that Canada was one of the very first countries that supported us.

Russia has chosen the "right" time as our country was weak after the revolution and we never expected they would invade. All our army troops were concentrated in the central and western parts of Ukraine since the former USSR as our "enemy" was in the west. But in reality it was always in the east. What a revelation!

However, through all this, Ukrainians have gotten more united. Believers and non-believers are praying for peace in our country. God is our only hope. (not the US and other countries that claimed to guarantee our protection at this time) In general our life didn't change but everybody is worried and

New Faith Mission Building Project put on Hold Due to Problems in Ukraine

Just a few months ago we were anticipating that by this time we would be very busy putting finishing touches on our new building plans. However, things just haven't gone quite as we had planned. Due to the protests and unstable government situation in Ukraine, we are not able to send our containers into this country where it is now probably needed more than ever before. At the time of printing this Newsletter, we, together with Missionswerk FriedensBote in Germany, are trying to work out some possible alternative way to get the Humanitarian Aid into Ukraine, Moldova and Romania. We feel that God will open up some new doors for us so that our overseas ministry can continue. Our hope and prayer is that we will be able to carry on with our construction plans later on in the year. At this time we are working on providing some much needed financial assistance to some of the churches, children's camps, orphanages, and other areas where we can help.

As we announced in our previous Newsletter, we have put a deposit on a new lot at 425 Roblin Blvd East in Winkler. Although we have placed the building project on a temporary hold, we know that we need to make a decision soon as the city of Winkler has given us 6 months from the time of the deposit. We trust that things will soon settle down in the former communist countries so that we can resume our shipping clothes, footwear, blankets, and other aid. There have been opportunities to ship clothing to some other countries but these are countries where the climate is much warmer, making it much more challenging for our volunteers to sort out all the warmer clothing and footwear. Then we would end up with a huge surplus of warm clothing. Right now we have a fairly steady supply of clothes again but we are not quite sure where to ship them. Please pray that God Almighty will direct us in all our ways as we plan for the future of Faith Mission.

people are under tremendous stress as we don't know what's going to happen next. Russians are sneaking through our borders to create disorder and disturbances.

So, PLEASE keep praying...

Anatoliy

Children's Camp - coming soon!

Faith Mission is once again committing to sponsor the Carpathian Children's and Youth Camps this summer. If it is the Lord's will, we will also support some other camp projects this summer, we may also sponsor another camp in another part of Ukraine. At this time, it is much easier for us to support these projects with much needed financial support than it is for us to ship in containers with Humanitarian Aid. If you wish to support this year's summer camp projects, please check the "Camp" box on the donation card. Thank you!

(Camp 2013 - Photo below)



The Need for Humanitarian Aid!

Due to the ongoing crisis, Ukraine is in desperate need of financial and material support, as the nation's financial reserves have been exhausted. The new Ukrainian government is still developing as they prepare for the May 25th election. Furthermore, in 2013, 35% of Ukraine's population lived under the poverty line, while another 45% was considered poor. The current monthly income in Ukraine is between \$200 - \$500, and those families that are now grieving the loss of loved ones during the protests will now be making even less. This war-like situation makes buying food, clothing, medicine, etc. much more challenging for these hurting families. Medications are especially expensive, as prices are not well regulated like they are in Canada. The availability of supplies and homes will also pose a real challenge as at least 20,000 people move from Crimea into mainland Ukraine.

Faith Mission, together with Missionswerk FriedensBote from Germany, is committed to be as resourceful as we possibly can. Our support will be directed and distributed through the many Pastors and Churches we have worked with in the past throughout Ukraine.

As we hear again and again, this is a wonderful time to share the Gospel with people all over the country. In Ukraine, people are very anxious about the future of the country and many are concerned about their eternal destiny. Many are open to hear the Gospel of Jesus now and we feel that the best way to share Jesus Christ with the people is by supporting the Pastors and their disciples. Please Pray for the Pastors and Churches in Ukraine as they are being challenged!

The army of God

The army of God
Is arising this hour
Rising in God's Holy might
To do battle in His power

For this is the season,
We need to begin to rise
To show the world God's Holy truth
And the hope of our Risen Christ

We need to fight our enemy
Every step that we take
Because he is there to pull us down
And sow doubt within our faith

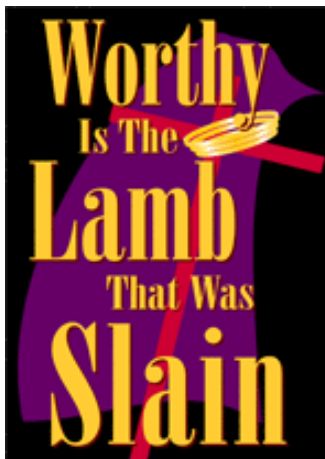
For if we listen to his lies
And fall beneath his attack,
The power of God we had before
We find we soon will lack

It's not worth the agony
To give in to his ways,
But keep your faith in Jesus Christ
Strong as your spirit prays

For this is what empowers us
And builds us up much more
So we can arise more boldly
Against the enemy of the Lord.

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*"From the end of the
earth will I cry unto
thee, when my heart
is overwhelmed: lead
me to the rock that is
higher than I."*
Psalm 61:2



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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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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