

# Mission Newsletter



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*“And when he (meaning Herod) had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.” (Matt. 2:4-6)*

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At Christmastime, perhaps more than at any other time, we should consider the true meaning of Christmas. Most of the people living at the time of Jesus' birth were too busy to know the Scriptures were being fulfilled and too careless and indifferent to consider the things that belonged to their eternal peace.

Bethlehem was a small town with great significance. It was generally known that Christ should be born in Bethlehem. From John we learn that some of the people said, “Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?” John 7:42).

Like many names in Scripture, Bethlehem has a significant meaning: “house of bread.” Truly it was the place for the birth of that One who would be the true manna. For the bread of Life is He which cometh down from heaven and giveth light unto the world.

Bethlehem also had a famous well: “And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, that is at the gate!” (I Chron. 11:17).

In Christ, we not only have bread enough to spare, but we may come and take also of the water of life freely (Rev. 22:17).

Let us remember the source of our true sustenance as we exchange gifts and share the merriment of this holy season.

Jesus was the greatest gift ever given. Without Him there would be no real and lasting peace, no true joy, no genuine love. So may we burst forth in song on this blessed holiday that glorifies and praises our Saviour, Lord, and King. ❄️❄️

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## **Prayers answered....Again! Record breaking 2014 Christmas Gift Project.....** **Thanks to our friends at Charity Mission from Arborg!**

**Praise the Lord!** In the previous Faith Mission Newsletter we had an appeal for more Christmas Gift Boxes for this Christmas. Well, our prayers were answered! Local response has been great and our friends from the IMF Church at Arborg worked hard to get the message out in



Manitoba's Interlake region. Here you can see the children at the IMF School loading the 231 Gift Boxes that were delivered



to Winkler this week. It looks like we will be able to ship at least 1,000 gifts this year. When I informed our friends in Germany and Ukraine about this miraculous response, they were very surprised. God has been so

*Jake and Anna F.*

### God Opens another Door for Faith Mission in the Village of Uzyn, Ukraine.

Дорогой Джейк,  
хочу поблагодарить сотрудников вашей миссии за помощь оказанную для семьи Семенюк Веры. Я писал вам о пожаре произошедшем в квартире семьи Семенюк. Все вещи в квартире и документы было сожжены. Мы установили все новые окна и двери, заменили электрические кабели и приборы, сделали во всей квартире штукатурные работы, установили новый газовый котел и систему отопления.  
Спасибо вам, за ваше участие в этой нужде. Мы получили 1000 евро от вас через миссию ФБ. Пожертвованные вами средства были использованы для приобретения газового котла и всех материалов необходимых для устройства системы отопления. В настоящее время семья сестры Веры Семенюк живет в восстановленной квартире, где есть электричество и где тепло. Основные работы в квартире сделаны. Для окончания работ еще необходимо заменить пол и покрасить стены. Надеемся, что и это будет сделано в скором времени.

Учитывая сложную экономическую ситуацию в Украине и в помесной Церкви, мы не смогли бы сделать эту работу самостоятельно. Через вас Бог восполнил нужду этой семьи и Церкви в Узине. Теперь, это доброе свидетельство для окружающих соседей и жителей нашего небольшого городка. Искренне благодарим вас за ваше участие и желаем благословений Божьих вам и вашим семьям.

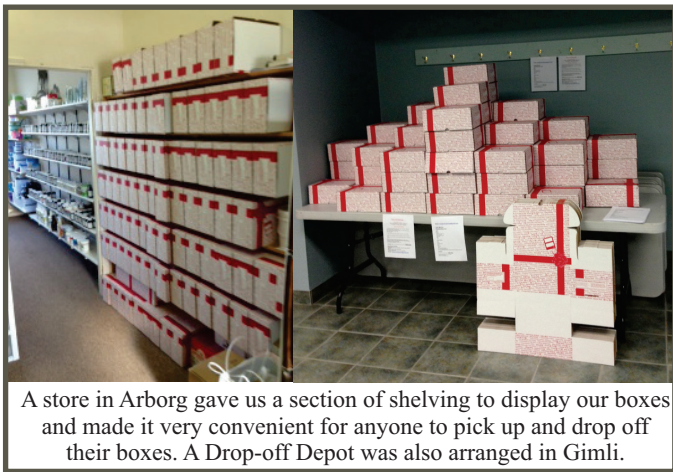
Бог мой да восполнит всякую нужду вашу, по богатству Своему в славе, Христом Иисусом. (Фил.4:19)

Дорогой Джейк, мы продолжаем молиться о твоем здоровье. Братья и сестры Церкви в Узине передают тебе привет. Благословений тебе и твоей семье.

Виктор

Dear Jake,

I want to thank the Faith Mission Board for their assistance rendered to the mission for Vera Semeniuk and her family. Some time ago, I wrote to you about the fire that occurred in the



A store in Arborg gave us a section of shelving to display our boxes and made it very convenient for anyone to pick up and drop off their boxes. A Drop-off Depot was also arranged in Gimli.

good to us.

#### **The 2014 Christmas Shoe Box Drive**

*A big thank you to all who took part this year, as we know by having read the stories in past newsletters there are many needs in Ukraine and filling a gift box is such a simple thing for us to do. We could say it's an overseas mission that we can participate in, right in the comfort of our own homes. We can make it a family project. We can go shopping together with our young children and at the same time explain the reason for the mission and teaching our children the importance and value of helping those less fortunate than ourselves. I had set a goal of 500 boxes for the Arborg Gift Box drive and we achieved 231. Thank you!*



Filled Gift Boxes dropped off at Faith Mission-Winkler

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doors, replaced electrical cables and devices, re-plastered the entire apartment and installed a new gas boiler and heating system.

Thank you for your participation in this situation.



Vera Semeniuk and her son, very happy for the heating system that Faith Mission was able to provide for their fire-damaged home.

We received 1,000 euros from Faith Mission through FriedensBote. These funds were used to purchase a gas boiler and all the materials needed for the heating system. The family currently lives in the partially restored apartment. Electricity has been restored and it's warm. To complete the project, the floors need to be replaced and the walls need to be painted. We hope that this will be done soon.

Given the difficult economic situation in Ukraine and in the local church, we could not have done this work ourselves. Through you, God provided a way for the Uzyn Church to help this family with this restoration project. This is a very powerful and effective testimony to the surrounding neighbours and residents of our small town. We sincerely thank you for your participation and wish you God's blessings to you and your families.

*"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil.4: 19)*

Dear Jake, we continue to pray for your health.

The Brothers and sisters of the Church in Uzyn pass on their warmest greetings.

Blessings to you and your family, Victor.

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## **Emerado Students + Faith Mission = A Great Mission Team**

Tammy and her EXP class from the Emerado School in Winkler have been coming to sort and bale clothes at Faith Mission on a regular basis for the last few years. I was invited to their school to do a short Powerpoint Presentation for the students on November 27th. Most of the students had already been to Faith Mission so they knew about the sorting and baling so I tried to cover some of the other areas of our mission. *(Jake Elias)*

Tammy and her class sent me this short email about my visit: *On Thursday, November 27, 2014, Jake Elias came to our grade 8 class at the Emerado Centennial School to share about work and the the goals of Faith Mission – to help the people of the Ukraine. He also explained how the clothes are sorted, folded, baled, shipped and distributed to the needy people in Ukraine. He showed us pictures of the existing Faith Mission building and pictures of the new building that is being built on Roblin Blvd East. He also answered any questions that we may have had.*


*Our grade 8 class is participating in a service learning opportunity for the next few months; we are going to Faith Mission about once a week to help sort, fold and bale clothes. We are very excited to participate.*

We are very happy when the schools arrange to come in to our warehouse to 'educate' the children about missions and about some of the cultures of the world where people can't just go out and purchase whatever they need. It is very important to teach the children to have a 'servant' attitude. ☺☺

## HELP! Our bin is almost empty!.....

Once again we're almost down to the bare floor! We have again needed to cancel several groups that were booked to come and bale, because our stockpile was so low.

Although it will be good if we are almost cleaned out for our move to the new building, we still have a while to wait. Right now it looks like it won't be before the end of January. Till then we

will be happy to accept loads or individual bags or boxes. We need to keep sorting and baling. We are hoping that the move into our new facility will not affect our operations too much. Our mission is to provide the much-needed Humanitarian Aid to the people in the war-torn country of Ukraine. There are thousands of people who have lost their homes and are struggling to survive. Please continue to pray for all these families who are affected. 



### 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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