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“For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.” (Psa. 119:89-91)

If man would consider these' words of the psalmist, I believe that each would realize that the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God, is the most priceless possession we have on this earth. Regardless of the myriad changes we see taking place around us, the Word of the Lord endures forever (I Pet. 1:25). It is settled in heaven and is as immovable as the mountains of brass. No word that God has spoken to us shall fall to the ground (Isa. 55:11).

“Thy faithfulness is unto all generations.” How can we be so careless as to neglect the study of God's holy Word? God was faithful to our ancestors all the way back to Adam and Eve. He will be faithful to the last child born before Jesus comes. back to claim His bride.

God's faithfulness included sending His only Son, Jesus, to earth to be born of man. It also included Jesus' dying on the rugged cross for the sins of mankind. And rising on the third day that we might have eternal life. There can be no greater faithfulness.

“Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.” The earth is as it was when God created it - poised with its own weight in the weightlessness of space where He placed it. But the earth does more than occupy its appointed space: it provides man with a place to live and work and serve our Creator.

“They continue this day according to thine ordinances, for all are thy servants.” All the creatures are serviceable to their Creator. They do His will, and they show forth His glory to all the ends of the earth.

Shall man, God's most prized and highest creation then be the only rebel to God's goodness and mercy? Shall he be the only unprofitable burden of the earth?

When we consider all these things, however, we know that the triumphant song of God's people shall always be, *“The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty ... the floods have lifted up their voice.”* (Psa. 93:1, 3). ❁❁

The War in Ukraine Intensifies

Please Pray.....

As the conflict in Ukraine continues to escalate, more than 5,000 people have lost their lives, since the fighting began a year ago. Many of those who perished are women and children. The destruction continues and the need for Humanitarian Aid



keeps growing every day. Many people who have visited the eastern area of Ukraine have confirmed that the destruction that

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we see on the news is really only the “tip of the ice-berg” as the saying goes. In reality, the situation is much worse than anyone can imagine. Damage to buildings and infrastructure will be in the billions of dollars. A surreal amount for a country that was facing an economic crisis even before the conflict began. Here a few photos of the Donetsk Airport in Eastern Ukraine which the Russian supported separatists have demolished and taken over.

separatists may plan to use this airport as their air force base. Please pray that God will intervene! We can not fathom the power of God’s love and we can not imagine how His Grace can be sufficient to forgive and forget all this bloodshed. Please also pray that Faith Mission’s path between Canada and Ukraine will remain open so that we can provide more clothing, footwear and other essential items to these needy people. ~ ~ ~



Donetsk Airport Terminal Spring 2014



The same Donetsk Airport December 2014 totally destroyed. Recent reports have indicated that the Russian

*Our ministry at the end of 2014 and beginning of 2015
Recent news from The Carpathians of Ukraine.....
Greetings, dear brother Jake and Faith Mission co-workers
in this new year, 2015!*

One more year of our ministry is finished. Looking back, we see God's hand and His leading. Twenty-14 was very special among the 17 years of our ministry in the Carpathian Mountains. The events in the Eastern Ukraine had a strong influence on the people in the western region as many men were mobilized for war and many of them have been killed already. Although it's very difficult, we have to talk about the cause of the war. It is the result of the sinful life of the people, as the Bible says. People are looking for those who are guilty of it but they don't understand that we all are guilty of what's going on around us. Mothers and wives cry for their fallen sons and husbands at war, but, nobody talks about the mothers who kill their unborn children they bear under their hearts. It's an invisible war which is much bigger than the one we have in Eastern Ukraine. It is amazing, when I share that with the dozens of people who come to our church or when we visit in the surrounding villages, you know, nobody blames me for saying that! Some of them came to me and asked what they should do if they had 5 abortions!

Last summer we persuaded a mother who moved from the Crimea not to abort her third child that she thought she wouldn't be able to provide for. Also, the doctors said there were too many risks. We provided a place for her to live in. Praise God, she decided not to do it. I saw her a week ago and she was happy to tell us that she would soon have a little daughter. She has two little boys already.

The last year was special because we had 130 services with non-believers in our House of Worship. These people came to



pick-up humanitarian aid as they usually do every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 10 am. People come from 30 different villages in the region. We start with a prayer followed by a one hour sermon. We talk about many different topics..... Many people have tears in their eyes. Then we have some time for one-on-one conversations. We shared the Good News with more than 4500 people last year, we distributed hundreds of Gospels and tens of thousands of brochures including the Canadian tracts from Faith Mission, "How to know God" in Ukrainian.

We also worked in the neighbouring region of Kosiv, where we met hundreds of people from 15 different villages. I preached a total of 240 messages last year! This is not only a great responsibility, but it's also a great joy to show those people the way to heaven. May all the Glory go to Jesus Christ, who made it possible with the help of all our Canadian friends and many Canadian churches!

We remember very well, 10 years ago when Faith Mission helped us to get beds, blankets, pillows, dishes, etc. for our camps while your son, Nathan was in Ukraine. Your help has been multiplied many times since then. Thousands of children have been able to attend our camps that were sponsored by Faith Mission. Last year alone, we had almost 500 campers.

Just before the New Year we had "From Heart To Heart" action, meeting with children, poor people, and visiting elderly homes. That was a huge preparation work before Christmas time, which we celebrated on Jan 7th as usual. And, guess whom God used to promote this ministry? Social workers from dozens of the villages! More than 60 people from the welfare service, school principals, heads of the villages participated in it as we wanted the poorest and neediest children from everywhere to come and receive gifts from God. Brothers

from Friedensbote (Germany) helped us with this. In seven days we had 17 services with about 1500 children and more than 600 adults. The children were given Christmas gifts and the adults were given 140 food packages. We visited three homes for elderly people where about 70 people received small gifts. Those were touching moments with people in the wheelchairs, some with no legs or hands, lying in their beds. We also saw a young man on his death-bed. Everybody was crying after the meeting.

We had meetings with children in our churches, in schools and community halls. We invited a choir from Storozhinets and a group of young people from Chernivtsi and Tuchapy. Preaching the Christmas message was the focus of our services. Those were 4 wonderful services. We had children and adults from about 50 different villages. We had wonderful winter weather for Christmas time in the Carpathians – minus 26 Celsius. We also have a few more meetings planned, which I will tell you about later.

We have 10 refugees from Donetsk (the war zone in Eastern Ukraine) who live in our church building in Tuchapy. Our churches prepared 150 Christmas gifts for the children in the East. Our brothers who came from there told us that the situation there is awful. The churches are empty, many people have fled the region. Many other refugees who now live in the mountains come to our church to get some clothing, shoes, blankets and other essential items.

The year has passed by so quickly. God let many difficult things happen and gave us new possibilities to serve people. We are very thankful for the way The Lord is preparing us for eternity and we want to be faithful to Him.

Dear friends, we are very grateful to God for you, your ministry and help. Our ministry in Ukraine is also your ministry.

God bless you abundantly! Peter, Carpathians



Faith Mission News and Needs.....


Praise Items! The new Faith Mission building is nearing completion. The workshop area is almost complete. The furnaces are in, lights are on, and the rest of the electrical work is almost done. The office / washroom / meeting room / lunch room area has been dry-walled. Mudding and taping has been started. If you would like to help us to quickly pay off our mortgage on the building project, please designate your donations for the "Building Fund". The tax-deductible receipts for 2014 will be mailed very shortly. We appreciate all the support, be it financial, donating items, all the volunteer labour or maybe just praying for our ministry.

Needs! There are still a number of items that we need. Maybe you would like to help us purchase them or donate them:

- A second washer (needs to be extra large tub)
- Folding tables & Stackable chairs
- Window Blinds for Office
- Central Vacuum System

Blessings! A very special thank you for the stove and dishwasher that were donated for our new lunch room.

* Our clothing stockpile is still very low, in fact we ran out completely this week. Although we would like to save the larger loads for our new warehouse at 425 Roblin Blvd East, we would really appreciate smaller drop-offs at 500 Cargill Road in the mean time.

* We are still hoping to be able to move by the end of February. Please continue to pray for Faith Mission. 



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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