

# Mission Newsletter



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*“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” (John 17:17)*

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Just as Jesus prayed for His disciples, He prays for you and me - and in this verse, He prays for our sanctification. Sanctification means to be set free from the burden of sin and set apart and made holy unto God. It means, then, to do that which is just and right in the sight of God and man. The disciples were not of this world, yet Christ prayed, *“Father, sanctify them”* (John 17:15-19).

Only God can complete our sanctification and finally crown us with His perfection and holiness:

*“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ”* (Phil. 1:6).

If we have been sanctified through grace, we need to walk in the sanctification daily and grow in grace: *“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ”* (2 Peter 3:18).

God, who is the author of all the good work in us, must be given opportunity to finish that work. For a Christian not to go forward means he will go backward. He that is holy, the Scripture says, must remain holy. We must press forward as those who have gone before us and received the grace of God: *“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those >>>*

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## FAITH MISSION HAS MOVED 425 ROBLIN BLVD EAST

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March 7th was the big day. We had many volunteers who came to help with the moving. We did not get everything moved but we had enough in place that we could sort and bale on the Thursday following the moving day. We are planning an open house of the new facility after the landscaping, loading dock and everything else is completed later this spring. Our **“Little White Trailer”** has been replaced with the new **“Clothing Drop-Off”** door on the west side of the building. There is 24 / 7 access for clothing donations.





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*things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"* (Phil. 3:13, 14). We cannot finish the work; we cannot perfect our own holiness. It is God's working in us and through us.

Divine revelation of the Word is an outward means of sanctification, but it alone cannot sanctify. It is the instrument used by the Spirit in beginning and carrying on that good work in us. The Word is the seed of the new birth; souls are born again by the Word of God which lives and abides forever:

*"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever"* (I Pet. 1:23).

God's Word is the food of the new life: *"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby"* (I Pet 2:2).

Therefore, our sincere prayer for our own soul ought to be, *"Sanctify me through thy truth, thy word is truth."* ❀❀

## NEWS FROM UKRAINE.....

### Carpathian Mountain Village "In the Hands of God"

A famous Ukrainian poet gave this name to the village of Kosmach in the Carpathian mountains. We arrived at this village for some Evangelistic meetings and to distribute gifts and clothing from Faith Mission, Canada. We had some concerns when we began planning these meetings. How would the people accept us? Would they even want to come to the meetings? Would there be children? Planning the meetings began more than a month ago. We prayed about it and decided to invite a choir from one of the churches in Chernivtsi to come with us. Finally the scheduled day arrived, Sunday, March 22. We arrived an hour and a half before the meeting was to start. Several people were already waiting for us. Now we were more hopeful that more people would come. The principal of the local school met us in a very friendly manner. However, he was a bit concerned about our program and what we had to say.

Soon people started coming..... They poured in from all directions. About 30 minutes before the meeting was to start, the music/concert hall of the school was full. We start our meeting early but people still kept coming. The hall was overcrowded with adults and children! There were only enough seats for about the third of the attendees. The school principal stopped people in the hallways, not allowing more guests to enter the hall, because the hall was on the second floor of the school building. He



was very concerned that the floor would not withstand the heavy load. I worried about that too and prayed silently.

When the choir sang "Our Father in Heaven" and "I Believe" I saw some people had tears in their eyes. That wiped away all my concerns. My heart was filled with joy and gratefulness to God. God arranged everything so well! There were about 350 people and they were completely silent because they saw something special, unseen and eternal. They saw Christianity, not as a tradition, but a living faith in God. Many people took pictures and shot videos of our choir. Even the head of the village made a few pictures for himself, which says a lot.

"This is a miracle!" said one of the believers from the village. He was so happy that the people of his village were able to hear the Word of God. Till now, there were about 10 believers in the village with a population of 6000, covering an area of 84 square kilometers.

At the end of the meeting, they heard a sermon entitled "Adam, where are you?" The preacher asked if we are playing 'hide-and-seek' with God while He is looking for us.

After closing the meeting, the head of the village expressed a big thank you, gave some small gifts to us and hoped we would continue meetings like this in his village. He promised to do everything possible to make it





happen again. The school principal was so happy that he even called me 'Brother Peter!' We distributed more than 200 New Testaments and about 300 tracts and brochures.

When the literature was almost gone, the principal asked to leave some books for his school as he had more than 500 students he wanted to give them to. This is the first time I met a principal like that! This is a real miracle! Therefore, I left all the remaining tracts with him.

Then we began with the distribution of the gifts and clothing. But as always it wasn't enough...

Although we were all tired, we had a tremendous joy in our hearts as we headed home, a 3 hour drive along the Ukrainian mountain roads.....!

Brother Jake! The container with clothing we recently received will bring a lot of blessings and help for our people. Many local people are ready to listen to the Bible because of that! I would be so happy to have you at such meetings. For this meeting we re-packed clothing in black garbage bags, as it would be difficult to distribute clothing to such a big number of people. In smaller places, we usually let people choose their clothing personally.

There was a meeting with a sermon and distribution of clothing on the street.

In addition, we delivered your clothing and gift boxes to a special school for sick and mentally handicapped children.

We continue having meetings with people in Verkhovyna church every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This year we have already had 20 such meetings that were attended by about one thousand people.

Thank you for the container as we now have a storage room at our facility in Tuchapy. (See photos at top of page)

May God bless Faith Mission and all the friends who help us in this important ministry!

Peter

The Carpathians

## PRAISE THE LORD - FAITH MISSION AID TO UKRAINE CONTINUES

Our last 2 containers, number 216 and 217 are sailing the Atlantic for the port of Odessa as this Newsletter is printed. Please pray that these containers, filled with used clothing, footwear, blankets, and Gift Boxes will be expedited through the port and customs. We trust that the needy people of Ukraine will soon benefit from this aid.

We are really looking forward to loading at our new location where we will have a loading dock and forklift. This should make the container loading task much easier.

In a recent discussion with our mission partners at Missionswerk FriedensBote in Germany, they confirmed the dire needs of the people in Ukraine.

Please continue to support our Humanitarian Aid program. The costs per container have increased significantly. This is partly due to the falling Canadian dollar or higher US dollar and also because we are now buying our own containers. Due to the economic instability of the former soviet countries, the Ocean Shipping companies are very leery about shipping their containers into Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania. The total cost of the most recent container shipments is likely going to be at least 40% more than it was a year ago.

Our focus and prayer at Faith Mission continues to be that we may be able to help the needy people in the former communist countries of the world with humanitarian aid such as clothing, blankets and footwear. Our new facility should help us to not only be more efficient but also provide a more pleasant work environment for our volunteers. Thanks again for your continued support.







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## Faith Mission Soup & Pie Supper



**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**from 5:00 to 7:00 pm**

**at the**

**Winkler Mennonite Church**



*Freewill Offering*

All Proceeds going toward the ministry of Faith Mission

*Everyone Welcome!*



### 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.**

Bags or boxes of clothing may be dropped off at the "DROP-OFF" door on the west side of the Faith Mission warehouse building. This drop-off room is opened 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.

### 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.

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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