

Mission Newsletter



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"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." (Psa. 119:130)

The great mission of the Word of God is to give spiritual light and understanding to the Christian as he travels through a spiritually darkened world.

How is this done? Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" John 8:12). What a statement!

The Spirit of God uses those things created by God in the physical sense to teach us that which is spiritual. The Word of God contains many such examples of how this is done. When we give our hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ and accept His great salvation, we take on a new interest in the Word of God. The Word then finds place in our hearts. As we study, we begin to comprehend and understand its teachings. We are enlightened to its great truths.

The very first verses give us surprising, and yet wonderfully satisfying, discoveries of the origin of the universe. To the unsaved mind, this can remain a mystery. But to the Christian, there is understanding.

The simplest truths of the Bible - the milk appointed for babes (Heb. 5:13; I Pet. 2:2) - bring understanding into our souls. As we grow in grace and knowledge (2 Pet. 3:18), our souls are more and more illuminated by the sublime mysteries bound within its pages.

"It giveth understanding unto the simple." God's Word gives understanding even to the simple. It points the way to heaven so plainly that wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein (Isa. 35:8). Yet its truths are profound even to the genius.

How can that be? Understanding the wonders of the Word of God is by divine illumination of the Spirit of God dwelling within our hearts. And there, there is no designation of rich or poor, brilliant or simple-minded. The cross is the great leveler. If you want to understand the Word of God, you can. Spend time in its truths, study it, and ask God to help you to rightly divide the Word of truth (II Tim. 2:15). ❖❖



Faith Mission Soup & Pie Supper Cancelled for this Spring

For many years, April or May has usually been the month when we have our annual Fundraising Soup & Pie Supper. This year is different. Like other years, we had the church booked for April 23rd and were getting ready for the day when we would once again call all the faithful volunteers and ask them to cook and bake for the supper. Before we started to call the ladies, we were made aware that the health regulations have been clamped down and we are no longer allowed to bring food into the church kitchen to serve it. Now they are asking that we cook and bake all the food in the certified kitchen where we have the supper. Because of the quantity of food we need to prepare, this is not possible. We would never be able to cook all the soups, bake all the buns, kringles, and all the pie crusts and cook all the pudding for all those pies in one day. In order for us to prepare all the food there we would have to rent the kitchen for 2 or 3 days. That would be an added cost for Faith Mission. So, sorry to say, we have cancelled the Soup & Pie Supper for 2016. We hope that everyone will understand our situation and that this is not

in our control. Since we started having these suppers, which according to my records was in 2000, we have been blessed with very many willing volunteers who not only helped us prepare the food, but donated it. We were always blessed with many volunteers that came out early to help with preparing for the supper as well as serving. We are thankful for all that was done and given. These suppers have been a great source of income for 15 years. The generous financial support at the supper always gave us a tremendous boost every spring. If I remember correctly we have received as much as \$14,000.00 in donations on one



A Soup and Pie Supper "Way Back When"! April 1, 2005 at the Winkler Senior Centre on 6th Street

such an evening. So this is where we will have to have faith, that even though we will not be having the supper this year, the Lord will supply us with the funds that we need to keep our mission running through you as our supporters.

Recently the costs for shipping the containers to Ukraine is approximately double from what it was 2 years ago. Now that the value of the Canadian dollar has come up, our cost should come down some at least.

We trust that you will "step up to the plate" and help us out with a generous donation this spring so that we can continue to ship our humanitarian aid to the needy people in Ukraine. We also hope that we can again support the Ukrainian Children's Camps this summer. Or, any other special projects coming up.

Ladies Sewing Days

It's been quite a while since I wrote about our Bi-weekly Monday Sewing Days. Our work days haven't changed a whole lot. The response to our request for help has been great. The ladies that come for the whole day bring their own bag lunch. It's so good to have a stove and a microwave to heat up our lunches. We also have a fridge where they can keep their food cold till lunch or coffee break. At 3:00 we have coffee break when everyone shares their sweets, chips, fruits or veggies or whatever they brought. The lunch and faspas break is a wonderful time for sharing and visiting. I don't know how the other ladies feel but to me it always

feels like we are a Faith Mission Family; everyone is really appreciated and we really notice if someone is missing. "Many hands make work lighter," is a saying that is very true in our work at Faith Mission. If anyone is missing, the others have to pull harder at the load.

I will share what we do on these sewing Mondays. Some of the ladies cut panties - mostly from recycled T-Shirting, some ladies serge the panties and some sew on the elastic. There is usually terylene to card which we get from old pillows and stuffed animals. We are very grateful to have an electric carding machine. One of the ladies will stuff the carded terylene into the pillow cases that someone has faithfully sewn at home so they would be ready and make pillows this way. Someone else will sew up the opening of the pillows and put on the outer pillowcases. We usually try to put two pillowcases on each pillow. This uses lots of pillow cases, so we usually save whatever



pillowcases are donated. A couple of ladies are kept busy sewing duvet covers for the terylene blankets that come in without covers. After the duvet cover is put on, we roll up the blanket together with the pillows and put them into a garbage bag to ship overseas. You might ask why we don't bale these blankets. We think that after the baler compresses the thicker fiberfill blankets, the fluffiness might never come back. Another reason why we send these blankets like this is because when the bales are loaded into the container, there is usually some space on top of the bales. If we stuff these soft blankets and pillows into this space, we can really ship them for free because we can't put anything like bikes or boxes up there. This is also where we put the Gift Boxes.

There are always ladies that are working with denim; one lady usually serges the cut pieces. Often, one of the ladies will sew the pieces together to make a long strip which is



rolled up into a big roll and another lady then sews these long strips together to make a blanket top. Most of our blankets are made about 60 inches by 80 inches. After the tops are finished, we have some ladies who will put the backing on these jean blanket tops. First they need to cut both ends of the tops to make sure they are nice and square. Then they measure, cut and pin the backing onto the jean blanket tops. Next a couple of the ladies sew the backing onto the tops. For this we use the two commercial sewing machines that have both been donated to Faith Mission.

A few of the ladies sort through the clothing that has been put into the carts under the sorting tables. Some of these clothes are cut up for grease rags. A couple of ladies work with sorting and doing laundry. Some articles of clothing that need to be washed have very bad stains so the stains need to be sprayed or soaked in bleach. Most sewing days, the two washers and two dryers are kept busy the whole day.

Some ladies come to work till lunch. Others come for the afternoon and some come for the whole day. It doesn't matter how long someone stays, but every hour spent there is worth a lot. We are so thankful and blessed that all of these women come to spend time working here at Faith Mission! There are young ladies, middle aged, and older ladies. Everyone is working for the same cause, and that reason being "To serve those in need, in the name of Jesus!" All we do, we do for the Lord!

Helena Elias

Новости от Карпатских гор..... News from the Carpathian Mountains.....

Dear Friends at Faith Mission!

We are glad to have friends through whom God shows us and many people, what real Christianity is. It's not just about beautiful songs and sermons, but rather real deeds and real ministry. That's why our people see real help from friends in Canada and hear the Word of God from us. People are surprised because their orthodox priests do not tell them the same Gospel we do.

Today we received 200 Christmas gift-boxes for children. During Easter time (after May 1, 2016 in our country) we will have many meetings with people and children, when we are planning to preach the Gospel and distribute clothing in packs as we did for Christmas. All the gift packages will have Faith Mission labels on them as before. We have several tons of Faith Mission humanitarian aid, which we kept for this kind of meetings. If you have any special requests or any advice on how to distribute the clothing, please let us know.

People from Tuchapy and Verkhovyna keep coming back to us. In 2 months we held more than 20 crusade meetings in the Carpathians which more than 1500 people attended. We distributed thousands of tracts and New Testaments. People

come for help all year round.

The church in Verkhovyna is usually overcrowded on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Also, many people come on Sundays. During the services, we have about an hour of preaching and then we spend some time singing and praying. And at the end of the prayer very many people join in with an 'Amen' which means they agree with what they hear. But unfortunately, they don't come to the Lord. Why??? God knows. Friends, pray for these people who have heard so much about God, that they would open their hearts to Him.

Thousands of people in the mountains call me 'brother'. I tell them that I really want to be their brother in the Lord. However, fear of other people makes them reluctant to accept Jesus and become real brothers and sisters in Christ.

If God's willing we are planning to have many summer camps, as always. We need many teachers and cooks. Our camp time will be from June 20 till July 4. We will be very glad if Faith Mission will support us in this ministry, as they have done in the past.

Starting August 8 we plan to have crusades on bikes in the villages. We appreciate the "Canadian" Faith Mission bikes we got from you because they are very reliable for the rough mountain terrain. We will have young folks coming from Kyiv, Odessa, Kharkov. They will distribute invitations during the daytime and in the evening we will have the crusade. We will have these meetings in community halls, schools, etc.

We invited friends from Germany, from Friedensbote Mission. We would be happy to have guests from Canada too!

Our team plans to live in tents for the nights and in the morning we will move to another village.

We have 4 working libraries right now in different places. It makes it possible to meet people from dozens of villages because we set these libraries up at the market places where



local people come.

We also visit senior's homes. The old people are always happy to see us. We use as many possibilities as we can to reach

We are grateful for your ministry. Faith Mission has been supporting us for about 15 years. It has meant a lot to us and has impacted hundreds of families! We send greetings to all the volunteers and co-workers. I trust that they are all praying for the people who will get your humanitarian aid.

We must hurry and do everything we can while we are still here on Earth. There are still so many people in our country who don't know Jesus!

Many blessings for your Easter time. Our Easter will be on May 1, one month later than yours!

Peter and Elena

The Carpathian Mountains, Ukraine.



Please remember to mail in your camp support and pray for the Ukrainian Children's Camps 2016. Thank you!



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.

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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