

Mission Newsletter



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Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 5:3)

What did Jesus mean by the statement, "poor in spirit"? Actually, He was talking about those with humble attitudes.

Humility is the foundation of all Christian graces. It's a hard lesson for us to learn because man does not acquire humility very easily. It is the opposite of our fallen nature. Our nature is one of pride, arrogance, and ego. It's hard on the flesh for us to be abased, but Paul said he had learned how to be abased.

To be the Christians we ought to be, we must learn how to be abased. We don't like that. We want to be looked up to, and we want to be praised. The disciples had this problem. Jesus had to constantly warn them about it. He taught them that if one would be great, he must be a minister. And He wasn't speaking of a preacher of the gospel; He was talking about one that serves people.

No man is to think of himself as better than his fellowman, yet this is one of the great sins of the world today — the sin of ego, of pride, of self-love. One of the

great attributes of Jesus Christ was that He emptied Himself. Self-will was placed aside. Humility was what He was and what He taught. That is one main requirement for a person to be what they ought to be. He must be poor in spirit, humble.

Humility, however, does not deny the gifts that God has bestowed upon us. Through humility, we acknowledge that we are nothing by our own design. Everything we have is from God.

Jesus was the most humble man who ever lived, yet He was also the most blessed of the Father. His humility allowed for His true greatness. He could use all that He had without losing sight of the fact that it all came from the Father and was only His to use in service to the Father.

All gifts or talents that have been bestowed upon us are from the Lord. It is reasonable and wise that we glorify Him in our use of those talents and gifts. Any other use would be less than fulfilling and a waste of our talents. ❖ ❖ ❖

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.



Port of Odessa, Ukraine

Praise God, Faith Mission Shipped 6 containers of Aid into the Port of Odessa in 2016. Net 89,042 kilograms

Number 223 - Kharkiv
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(Quite a bit of the Kharkiv Aid has been shipped on to the War-ravaged Eastern Region of Ukraine) >>>>

The War Continues.....

We were ready to load the 7th container by Christmas but we were not able to arrange a loading date with our volunteers till after January 1st so container number 229 was only delivered in 2017.

We have been blessed with an abundance of clothing this winter. so if there are any groups that would like to come and help us out with sorting and baling, please don't hesitate to call.

We have boxes and boxes full of worn-out jeans that need to be cut up and sewn into jean blankets. Our ladies have been working on this job for the last couple of years but they just can't keep up. People in Ukraine really



“need” these blankets because this may be the only blanket that they have to sleep on or to sleep under.

If you would like to help us out and sew some of these jean remnants into blankets, please call Helena at the FM office to arrange to pick up a box or several boxes. Maybe you're prayer group or Bible Study group would like to take on this project.

Believe you can and you're halfway there. Theodore Roosevelt

January 26, 2017 - In the last day, the combined Russian-separatist forces attacked Ukrainian army positions in Donbas 48 times in the past 24 hours with one Ukrainian soldier reported as wounded in action (WIA), according to the press service of the Anti-Terrorist Operation (ATO) Headquarters.



Russian Militants use banned heavy weapons, including 120mm caliber, shelling the Ukrainian troops along the frontline from Donetsk airport to Yasinuvata railway station, press officer Olena Mokrinchuk reported, according to Ukrainska Pravda. On Monday morning, Ukrainian army positions came under heavy artillery fire, according to Facebook user Stanislav Vasin, currently located in Donetsk.

(Jan.30, 2017) Ukraine reports 5 KIA, 9 WIA in Donbas in past day amid escalation The combined Russian-separatist forces attacked Ukrainian army positions in Donbas 56 times in the past 24 hours with five Ukrainian soldiers reported as killed in action (KIA) and nine wounded in action (WIA), according to the press service of the Anti-Terrorist Operation (ATO) Headquarters.

(Jan.30, 2017) "About 60 bodies of Russian soldiers are now in the Kalininsky district morgue in the [Russian-occupied] city of Donetsk," the brigade wrote on Facebook.

Read more on UNIAN:
<http://www.unian.info/war/1750397-ukrainian-intel-about-60-soldiers-in-donetsk-morgue-after-two-day-fighting.html>

Please continue to pray for an end to this terrible war that has killed more than 11,000 people in Ukraine. The death toll about a year ago (Mar.3, 2016) was 9160. Many of these were innocent civilians and children. Please remember to pray that God will use the Christian community to witness to the soldiers and to the many families who have never heard about the plan of salvation and a “Life of Peace and Joy” that can only come through the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His Blood shed on the Cross at Calvary.

Peter - Carpathian Region - Jan. 24, 2017

(Peter sent us 14 sets of pictures that went with this letter. I will condense the letter and share a few pictures)

“Your Savior is born!”

These were the words of the angels to shepherds. And it's one of the most joyful greetings from God to people even today. It was special to those who had been waiting for that moment. Their joy was overwhelming. But those who hadn't been expecting it, got really concerned. Christ was born to die on the cross. This Christmas season we again shared this story to many. We reminded them that Christmas is not about a full table of the finest food. It's not about the Christmas tree and a crowd of guests, but rather an event that changed the history of mankind. This event can change people's lives even today. So, we have wonderful news to share – our Savior was born!

Christmas season in the Carpathian Mountains lasts until the 19th of January when we celebrate Christ's Baptism. Therefore, this is a great opportunity to visit people and share the gospel.

We thank God for taking care of our people so we need not go empty-handed. Usually we have gifts for adults and children. They remind us that Christ was the best Gift from heaven to the perishing people.

As usual, the preparation took a lot of time and effort. We needed to organize twenty services and 7 days of meetings in the villages in three different regions. We gave out more than 2,000 invitations for children and 1,000 for adults. On January 2 some friends from Friedensbote in Germany as well as a group from Volyn, led by Alexandr Tokarchuk, came to join us for these meetings.



(01) First Service In The Village of Bereziv, Kosiv region

This was our first meeting with the people of this village. We were concerned how many people would show up because we had a bad snowstorm. The roads were so bad that it took us two hours to get there so we arrived 10 minutes late. When we entered the Community Hall we saw it was completely packed with children and adults. We were so relieved! It warmed our own hearts as we told these people about salvation and Christmas for the first time. We shared songs, poems and a short message. At the end of our program,

we distributed Gospels, tracts, and the gifts for children and adults. Local people had even prepared some sandwiches for us.

We were pleasantly surprised when at the end of the service a catholic priest walked up to the podium and on behalf of all the local people, thanked us for coming. This rarely happens. Usually we would get criticized. We had about 160 children and more than 100 adults at this meeting.

Then we hurried to the next village for another service.



(02) Stopchativ village

People know us in this village. They had been waiting for us in the local Community Hall, which was overcrowded as usual. There were about 190 children and 140 adults. The program in every village was the same but we just had preachers taking turns. The singing and music brought much joy to the people.

We didn't have much time for fellowship as we had to go to the next village, about 20 km away.



(03) Rozhniv village

We had tried to visit this village before but the local authorities wouldn't give us a place to have a meeting. But this time God made it possible and we had 130 children and 80 adults in the Community Hall. I was very surprised with the interest people expressed as there were no evangelical churches in the surrounding areas. No one refused receiving the Gospels and tracts.

In the evening we returned to Staische, excited to share what happened after the first day of this ministry. We were happy for

being able to tell so many people about Salvation.

(04) Town of Kosiv - January 4, 2017

We left at 8am.

Again, quite stormy with heavy snow and very cold. When we arrived in Kosiv there were just a few people. I started to worry because we had given out the most invitations here. However, by 10 a.m. the auditorium was full. There were 240 children and more than 200 adults. My



faith had again fallen short! Although the weather was quite miserable, many of the guests had come from the neighboring villages. The singing group from Chernivtzi helped to make it a wonderful service. For many people, it was the first time they attended a meeting like this. Children were especially happy because of the gifts they received from the friends from the West.

We had shared the Christmas story with about 2,200 children and more than 1,000 adults. We are very grateful to all the friends and supporters of Faith Mission for all the blessings you bring to our people.

We also distributed more than 1,000 New Testaments and thousands of tracts and brochures, and about 2,000 calendars published by Missionwerk Friedensbote.

May God bless you abundantly, dear friends! Peter N.



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 and is emptied on a regular basis. However, if you have more than a few bags or boxes, please call ahead to arrange your 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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