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“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. (Matt. 5:7)

Jesus gave the greatest array of blessings that one could ever name or think of in His great Sermon on the Mount. He told us how to be blessed, and He told us the things to do that we may obtain these blessings. One of those things to do is to be merciful. Then He said that if we are merciful, we shall obtain mercy.

The Christian must be quick to forgive. He must be tender-hearted. He must be compassionate. He must not hold grudges. He must not set one standard for himself and another standard for others. He must realize that the same things that others do, sometimes we do also. He is in essence saying that if we are merciful to others, then when we fail, when we are weak, or when we fall into shortcomings and stand in need of mercy and forgiveness, we shall obtain it.

The implication is also there that what we sow, we shall reap. If we are not merciful, if we are hard and cold and calloused, then heaven's door will remain closed with respect to our needs.

As a child of God, one of the great prerequisites is that we be merciful. We should be quick to forgive and quick to overlook wrongs that are done to us.

Mercy also means showing compassion to those in distress. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

We should have our eyes open to see where mercy needs to be extended. So many opportunities come our way, but do we take advantage of them? Unfortunately, many times we do not. The person in need continues to have needs and we miss our chance to bless and be blessed. How can we expect to obtain mercy when we pat our needy neighbour on the back and send him on his way?

Mercy is another mark of a true Christian. We should be ever ready to give of all that God has given us and to extend forgiveness to all who need to be forgiven. 🍁🍁🍁

FAITH MISSION TEAM 2 WEEK TOUR OF UKRAINE **JUNE 27 - JULY 12, 2017 (PART 2)**

Continuing where we left it in the last Newsletter...

On June 29th we visited the Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Center in the small Village of Bspetschna. (pop.200).

The Rehab Center was started about 5 years ago when one of the village men was freed from his addiction and decided to donate his property to the church to be used as a Rehabilitation Center.

Since then, there have

been about 60 men who have been treated at the center. Of course, the success rate is not 100% but most of these men are now living in freedom, many have been reunited with their families. There are 2 young men, Jaroslav and Dennis who were both living with drug and alcohol addictions before they came to the center. Jaroslav, the leader of the Rehabilitation Centre,





was himself near death because of his addictions. The doctors had no hope of recovery for him. His assistant, Denis, also has a very troubled past. However, God had other plans for these young men

who have truly been a blessing for many of the clients who have been through the rehab program. Both, Jaroslav (standing in photo) and Denis (left) have a passion to keep the Rehab Centre in operation.



Letter from the "VICTORY" Center

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. (1 John 5:4)

Peace to you, dear brothers and sisters, friends, beloved by our Lord!

We greet you all with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. We want to share with you very briefly about the ministry of the Christian Rehabilitation Center for alcohol and drug addicts, called "Victory." How did God influence us to begin this ministry? The idea of creating this center was a response to the prayers of the brothers who had been rehabilitated from their addictions. God changed their lives, and called them to help others to find their way out of their life in bondage.

Rehabilitation is the restoration, the rebirth of man to life. What happens when a person is caught in this trap? He loses his physical health! However, what is much more dangerous and terrible is the loss of mental health, loss of oneself, of one's own soul. Therefore, for people who are in chemical and other addictions and are in need of help, the Christian Life Church established a charitable Christian rehabilitation center for drug and alcohol addicts.

The principles of service are such that people are not forced to anything, but the directors open the truth to them, so that they can understand what has happened to them. We don't make people believe by force when they undergo rehabilitation in the center. They are not under prohibitions or restrictions - first of all, these are those who are taught the principles of God. Realizing the meaning of his being, realizing himself as a person, knowing God's will for his life, as well as the correct way out of the current situation, a person experiences complete spiritual and physical healing and turns to a life full of joy and meaning. A person who has learned the truth will make the right decision. This is one of the main principles of our ministry: in God's love, in longsuffering, in a spirit of meekness and humility, bring the love of God to man.

Despite all the difficulties of the rehabilitation ministry, the center managed to bring a lot of ruined souls to God. Thank God many believers prayed for us and we were supported financially by local churches that believed in this ministry. We are pleased that each of them was introduced to Jesus, and most of them repented. Seeing the

Rehab Clients - Before and after



Many are freed from their addictions, have accepted a life with Jesus Christ and are reunited with their families.



The Rehab Centre is expanding in the region. Their Evangelistic program is already getting a good reputation among the local people. Besspetschna has 200 inhabitants and nearby, there are 4 more larger villages with 1 to 2 thousand people. The men from the centre have Evangelistic meetings in the community on a regular basis. The rehabilitation program is getting to be well known in the region. Because of their limited space in the small home, they can accommodate a maximum of 10 clients. Some men, desperate for freedom from their addictions have offered to sleep on the floor, if only they can go through the program.

positive changes in the lives of these people is so exciting. Their families also come to know Jesus Christ - wives, mothers and children, and even their friends. This is very encouraging. Unfortunately, there are some unsuccessful cases - some of them return to their old lifestyle. We still try to stay in touch with them as much as possible. We pray for them and make every effort to assure them that they can leave the sinful life behind.

We ask you to support this ministry, and may the Lord reward everyone who gives us his helping hand to develop this ministry. We believe it is worth investing both time and finances because many people are still in Satan's trap and need salvation.

Please also keep us and our needs in your prayers for this year:

1.for continued construction and development of the rehabilitation center;
2.for help for the second phase of the rehab program (follow-up, social life, work, family etc.); and
3.for the directors of the Rehab Center; since we have to devote a lot of time for these men and their families, taking into account the economic situation of Ukraine, it becomes more difficult for us all the time.

If the Lord encourages you to help us financially, we will be sincerely grateful, for all that we do for the Lord is not for our merit. Our task is to glorify the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who died for every sinner, and to testify about the love of God.

Faith Mission Note: If you want to support this very important area of ministry in Ukraine, please designate your donation on the Mailing Card as "Victory Rehabilitation Center".

June 30, 2017

Orphans, Orphans, more Orphans



Paul & Lubov and their 2 daughters (Natasha top; Tatiana center) have adopted 29 Orphan Children. Many families in their church are also fostering or adopting, giving these young lives, a new hope, a Christian education and most important, the love of Jesus they have never felt before.

Paul is the Pastor in the church and was also the chairman of the board when they built a new Christian School a few years ago. He loves to work with children.....

Many of these adopting families are struggling with their finances. Some of the fathers have given up full time work in order to be home more with their large family. Faith Mission would like to support these families and thereby encourage



Church Pastor, Jacob Schwetz and wife, Irina, have opened their home to a family orphanage. The 3 children in the back row were born into the Schwetz family. In the past 8 years, the other 10 orphans were added to their family.

more families to adopt and give these orphans a new life. We will be working together with Missionswerk FriedensBote in Germany on this project.

If you would like to support this new Orphan program in Ukraine, please designate your gift as Orphan Support on the Mailing Card.

July 1, 2017



We had planned to visit the church in Cherkassy where the roof of the church and much of the interior was destroyed by fire on Christmas Eve, Jan. 6th. We were looking forward to meeting with the Pastor, Paul Shepel but we had no idea that we would be greeted by his brother Sasha (Striped shirt, shaking hands

with Eduard in photo). Sasha and his Dad, Nikolai were in Canada way back in April of 1996. Sasha, attended college in Oklahoma at that time so he was fluent in English. He did the interpreting for his Dad. (Nikolai has passed into his eternal home a number of years ago.) We travelled through southern Manitoba with them doing Faith Mission presentations. We got to know Sasha quite well. We visited him in California later and some of our family went to their wedding in Seattle, Washington. Sasha and his family are still living in Seattle. Even though we only had a few hours to chat, it was so special to renew our acquaintances. ❁❁❁



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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