

Mission Newsletter



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“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.” (Matt. 7:15-17) KJV

Here is a very simple question - one that perhaps may be difficult for you to answer: How do you know that the doctrine being taught by your church is correct? Considering the number of churches that dot the landscape of Canada and the United States, it is probable that many of these churches are propagating false doctrine.

No matter how sincere or religious you may be, if the preacher you're listening to is spewing forth doctrinal error, that error will lead to your spiritual destruction. You may have good intentions, wanting in your heart to do right in the eyes of God, but you will, nevertheless, be guilty of wrongdoing.

It is true, though, that two preachers can build a sermon on the same Scripture and subject matter and still be at variance. This is why it is so important to inspect the teachings we hear. We would do well to follow the example of the Bereans of Paul's day, who, *“searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so” (Acts 17:11).*

Jesus said, *“Ye shall know them by their fruits.”* Do the teachings of your church bring forth good fruit? Are people being saved by the blood of Jesus? Are they being filled with the Holy Spirit? Do you see lives changed, hearts mended, and sick bodies healed? That, my friend, is good fruit. Now, admittedly, every church will have some problems; but if a church is peopled by individuals who bear no Christian witness in their lives, then the fruit being produced there cannot, in all honesty, be called good. If you suspect that false doctrines are being taught at your church, do some searching. Don't wait. The fate of your soul demands immediate attention. ***

LADIES WORKDAY - EVERY OTHER MONDAY



For many stay at home ladies; mothers and Grandmothers, Mondays are just the first day of a new week of routine work at home. For the ladies that come to volunteer their time at Faith Mission on the Sewing-day Monday, it is a very special day! We are always glad to see each other and the familiar faces, but at the same time we are very happy to see new faces as well. It is an excellent opportunity to get out of the home and do mission-work, while working together with a group of friends and having a good time of sharing and fellowship! We have had as many as 19 ladies come in one day. Some come for half a day and some for a whole day. That is the handy part of coming to volunteer here, you can do it during the time it works best for you and for as long at a time as your time frame allows you to. Ladies that come to help on Monday Sewing Days, come to work on the different projects;

sewing or other projects. The different jobs they do are: Serging the denim pieces, sewing together the denim pieces and making long strips which are rolled up into big rolls; we have someone that picks up these big rolls and sews them together to make the blanket tops for us, at home, preparing the backing for the blankets; cutting it to size and pinning it together, sewing backing onto the denim blanket tops, cutting panties, sewing the panties; Serging them together and sewing on the elastic, doing Laundry; yes, I know this has nothing to do with sewing but this is one area where the ladies are always busy with because we get so much laundry, making pillows; stuffing them, sewing them up and

putting pillowcases on them; each pillow gets two pillowcases, recycling the fleece by cutting it into pieces, to piece together for blanket tops, carding fibre-fill; there is always lots of carding to be done; we card the fibre-fill and use it to make new pillows, sewing blanket duvets; so many of the thicker comforters we get need duvets, fixing broken zippers; we receive many, many jackets with broken zippers, we fix as many of them as we possibly can. We can't forget another very important thing that happens on Monday Sewing days and as well as on other work days at Faith Mission. That would be Faspas-Time. A time when we sit down in the coffee room for a much needed rest, a bit of food and coffee and have some good fellowship. Helena Elias on behalf of the ladies group

The work that is accomplished in one day would definitely surprise everyone! We have never kept track of how much gets sewn or cut in one day, but I remember the ladies telling me they sewed backing on 25 denim blankets, in one day. Just to give you a rough idea, we put 2 blankets into most of the bales that are shipped and we have shipped a total of 73,873 bales of clothing so that would work out to approximately 147,746 blankets. This does not include comforter type blankets which we do not put in bales. The comforters are usually rolled up with a pillow.

The work that these ladies do so faithfully is often overlooked and taken for granted. On behalf of the Faith Mission Board I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very special Thank-You to each one that has participated in the Monday Sewing Days. Jake Elias.... for Faith Mission



Comforters Waiting for pillows



Sewing Underwear



Sewing Jean Patches

God is Good ... God is Great!

January 20th Henry fell on the ice, hitting his head very hard on the concrete. He was taken to Heath Science Center in Winnipeg by STARS ambulance helicopter, where they did emergency surgery since the injury was life threatening. He had a fractured skull, and hemorrhaging of the brain. The surgeon told us it would be a long, hard recovery for him and that part of his brain received damage. It took about a week till the swelling started to go down, during which time he had a lot of short term memory loss! After the



Henry Penner, wife Gertrude and his nurse at Riverview Health Center. Going home! March 16

two and a half weeks, he was transferred to Riverview Hospital in Winnipeg where he would be doing a lot of physical, and occupational therapy. We are so thankful for the wonderful care he received! Above all, our praise and gratitude is extended to our loving Heavenly Father who has once again, so graciously touched Henry with His healing Hands! Henry came home on March 16th and he is doing remarkably well!! He is almost recovered, getting stronger every day! He is able to do almost everything he did before the accident, his memory has been restored as well!! We praise the Lord for a miraculous healing!!

This is from Henry himself: I would like to thank everyone for the prayer support we got and most of all thank and praise be to God for the miraculous healing that He has brought me again!

Faith Mission Container Report:

CONTAINER #2018-01-236

ODESSA-KIEV-TUCHAPY



TUCHAPY CONTAINER #2018-01-236

Container number 2018-01-236 was loaded in Winkler on January 25th. It travelled by rail to Montreal where it was loaded onto a Container Vessel. On February 3rd it left the port of Montreal for Odessa. When it arrived in Odessa, there was a severe blizzard in southern Ukraine so it could not be delivered to Kiev as per the schedule. Delivery was delayed for more than a week but then it was delivered to Kiev for Customs inspection. It was unloaded and cleared through Customs and then loaded onto FriedensBote's truck and delivered to the village of Tuchapy in the Carpathian Mountains. The entire trip this container made took about 10 weeks. Depending on the delays at the port or at Customs, the time it is in transit can vary quite a bit. However, one thing is certain, when the container arrives at the destination, the Love of God is scattered throughout the community when the humanitarian aid is distributed.

MOLDOVA CONTAINER #2018-02-237

Moldova is the poorest country in Europe with nearly 17 percent of people living below the poverty line. With jobs both scarce and very low paying, almost one-fourth of adult Moldovans work abroad, one of the highest proportions of any country worldwide.

We are very happy that we were able to ship this container to the country of Moldova. This container was loaded in Winkler on March 22nd and should arrive in Odessa on May 5th and then go to Chisinau, Moldova soon after that.

Here are a few photos that we recently received from Missionswerk FriedensBote in Germany. As they always say: "a picture is worth a thousand words". But, poverty is very hard to express on any photo. However, I think these photos give us a glimpse of life in Moldova.

CONTAINER #2018-02-237

ODESSA-CHISINAU, MOLDOVA





The Sunday School students from the Steinbach Sommerfeld Mennonite Church, posing with the Gift Boxes that they prepared for Faith Mission's overseas distribution.

Faith Mission Director, Jake Elias, visited the Steinbach Sunday School on February 25th and provided the students and teachers with a special presentation about the Faith Mission Gift Box ministry. The students are already looking forward to packing more boxes for Christmas 2018.

Some people ask us: "When do you start to pack the Christmas Gift Boxes?" Well, we are already working on gift boxes that are trickling into the warehouse. We would like to encourage you to make the Gift Box Ministry a year-round mission for your family. It is so good to discuss the needs of the children living in poverty stricken areas of the world and then, as a family, plan how to prepare for packing the Gift Boxes.

If you would like a supply of boxes or would like to discuss how your school, Bible Study Group or Sunday School can get involved, please do not hesitate to call our office or Helena's Cell at 204-362-3406. Maybe you would like us to come to do a short presentation for your group! ★★



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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Faith Mission (FriedensBote) Inc. is a nonprofit, registered charitable organization based in Winkler, Manitoba.

Faith Mission was incorporated on May the 16th, 1994 in the Province of Manitoba

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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Camps from the past....



“But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” Mark 10:14 (KJV)

Here are some short phrases shared by campers from the past. Again, confirming how important this ministry is to them. Many have encountered much suffering since their childhood. Some of them are unpredictable in their behavior. But, now they experienced something new; a life of hope and a brighter future.

It is comments like these that encourage us to support those who are involved with organizing and working in the camps.

1. I couldn't even imagine that I could find out more than in all my lifetime. I never had a clue that this Christian camp would be beyond my imagination! I can't describe my emotions. You may have guessed it right that this camp showed me a way to the eternal life. (A boy)
2. I came to a conclusion that I had to change my life. Without God we will live in the darkness. In the darkness of sin (A girl)
3. I believe that God will help me with what I've been taught. Now I know how to respect God and people. I want to know more and more every day. I want to remember this camp for the rest of my life (A girl)
4. Despair and disappointment of one of my roommates really touched me. A child, for the first time in my life, told me that she wants to die because no one loves her and doesn't want to make friends with her. After some visit with her, God has touched her heart, though it wasn't easy for her. We prayed together and she prayed and got saved. She asked God to bless her enemies, though she wished evil things to them before. Praise the Lord! (A group leader)
5. I haven't seen eyes like that before in my life – when the one who was the most undisciplined prayed with big tears on his face and asked forgiveness from all the children in the camp. God has melted his ice-cold heart (A group leader)
6. I want to dedicate all my life to Jesus. I want everybody to come to Jesus. (A girl)

From Carpathian Camps 2017.....

Dear friends! These testimonies tell so much! I'm sure that you also understand that this area of ministry is worth all the effort, time and money spent. We see how children respond to everything they heard about our Lord Jesus Christ and what He's done for them.

Some guys consider themselves big heroes when they arrive at the camp. They want to show that they mean something. But, many leave the camp with tears in their eyes. They understand that they are lost sinners and they need to ask forgiveness from God.....

We had 8 camps in the villages of Iltsi, Bukovets, Dovgopole, Khodak, Rivnya, Tuchapy and two camps at Staische. All together we had 550 children. That is without the teachers/leaders who came from Kharkov, Odessa, Kiev, Chernivtsi and the local churches. We are grateful to God that we didn't have any accidents.

Unfortunately, we were refused to have camps in several villages because of the opposition of the local Orthodox priests. They were concerned because so many children hear the Living Word of God. We tell children and adults about sin, hell, salvation and everlasting life.

Please support the Ukrainian Children's Camps 2018. Designate your Donation by checking the Children's Camp box on the Mailing Card. If you can not give financially at this time, then, please pray for the Camp Projects.