

Mission Newsletter



**FAITH
MISSION**
FriedensBote Inc

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"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." (1 John 4:16)

There is a close spiritual relationship between the God of love and the person who loves. If we dwell in love, we have the love of God shed abroad in our hearts. We have the stamp of God upon our spirits. We have the Holy Spirit sanctifying and sealing us.

God said that He is love - boundless, eternal, perfect love. God is the author, the commander, and the fountain of love. It is really the sum total of His law and gospel.

God revealed something of His grandeur and glory when He made the heavens for the ministering spirits that are before His throne. He revealed something of His power and wisdom when He made the world. But when God chose to show us that He is love, He gave His eternal Son for our salvation.

Now, while we're on this earth, we can never fully understand the vastness of divine love. I know many times when people, in giant crusade meetings, come down to be saved by the thousands, they need to be told this: Even after you've accepted Jesus Christ and experienced the miracle of the new birth, God will not love you any more than He does when you're lost, wicked, and undone without Him. That, my friends, is love.

Each one of us needs a burden and a love for the lost. God loves the lost just as much as He loves each one of us. *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance"* (II Peter 3:9).

There is a great end-time harvest of souls to be gathered; even now the table is set. Yet, so few in the churches have their eyes on the Lord and His Great Commission. *"Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage"* (Matt. 22:8, 9).

When Jesus came the first time, He was rejected by the majority of the Jews, so the Gentiles were given the calling to preach the gospel. Will the church reject Jesus as the Jews did then? Perhaps, even now, He is calling those whom others would view as not worthy. ♦♦♦

25th Anniversary for Faith Mission

"Let's Just Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let's just lift our hearts to Heaven, and praise the Lord!...."

God has been so good to us! It is very hard to believe that it's been 25 years since Faith Mission was incorporated. Although we could write a book about all our Faith Mission experiences over the past 25 years, here I will use some pictures to share some of the highlights and memories of the past.



Alex Janzen



Eduard Ewert

Faith Mission is very happy to report that 2 of our co-workers from Missionswerk FriedensBote in Germany plan to be in Canada to help us celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Eduard Ewert and Alex Janzen plan to spend a few weeks in Canada. They will be doing a few presentations in Ontario before they arrive in Manitoba on May 10th. Although not all the dates have been confirmed, we have scheduled a number of presentations in Southern Manitoba as well the Fundraising Supper at the Winkler Mennonite Church on May 11th. (Poster on back page)

Eduard Ewert has visited us several times over the years but for Alex, this will be the first time visiting southern Manitoba. Both of these men were part of our tour group when we visited Ukraine in July of 2017. The confirmed dates for slide

presentations and report are for May 12th in Winkler, north of Arborg on the 18th of May and MacGregor on Sunday, May 19th. (More details on back page)

Dates have not yet been confirmed but we are also hoping to travel way up north to LaCrete Alberta and visit a few communities along the way. Please pray that God's hand will protect us along the way.

FAITH MISSION HISTORY

Our first load of clothing, before we had a baler, was shipped to Abbotsford, BC in these gravel trailer boxes.



Faith Mission was incorporated on May 14, 1994. We had started collecting used clothing a few years before that and shipped the humanitarian Aid through other charitable organizations.



In July of 1994 we made our first trip to Ukraine. Our tour group consisted of eleven men - all four Faith Mission Board Members, four guests from southern Manitoba, one guest from France and two FriedensBote Directors from Germany.

Looking back now, it's hard to believe how things have changed in Ukraine since 1994. We have made many trips into Ukraine and although we have seen many changes, the need for Humanitarian Aid still remains. The war which began in 2014 has made life in Ukraine even more difficult. Please continue to pray for the Evangelical Churches in Ukraine. God is Good!

FAITH MISSION FACILITIES



Jake & Helena Elias yard near Blumenfeld, MB 1992



Move into Old Sewing Factory 2nd Street, Winkler, MB - 1994



Move to Main Plaza Main Street - Winkler, MB - Feb.1996



Move to 500 Cargill Road Winkler, MB - 1999



**2014 Built a new Faith Mission Warehouse / Office Building on
425 Roblin Blvd East - Moved in March 2015**

Those were the days.....



...When all cardboard sheets were picked up at the furniture stores and the baling Sheets were cut by hand.



**Charity Mission - Arborg, MB
Collection, Sorting, Baling - Shipping to Winkler, MB**

Extras from our Trips to Ukraine....



Drop-off & sorting near Grunthal MB



**La Crete, Alberta - Care & Share Thrift Store
Collection, Sorting, Baling - Shipping to Winkler, MB**

Historical Mennonite home and the famous 800 year old Oak Tree, we visited on our 2008 trip to Ukraine.

This house is in the Village of Franzfeld, near Zaporozhye. Many of our Mennonite ancestors left this region of Ukraine in the 1870's and migrated to Canada. There are still many buildings and landmarks that our fore-fathers built in the 1800's.



25th Anniversary Celebration

Mission Report Slide Presentations

Sunday, May 12th, 2019 7:00 pm

Winkler EMM Church

Saturday, May 18th, 2019 7:00 pm

Arborg IMF Church

Sunday, May 19th, 2019 7:00 pm

MacGregor Sommerfeld Church

Other Dates not yet confirmed

Freewill Offerings

All Proceeds going toward the ministry of Faith Mission

Everyone Welcome!

Mark your calendars



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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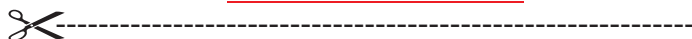
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Faith Mission (FriedensBote) Inc. is a nonprofit, registered charitable organization based in Winkler, Manitoba. Faith Mission was incorporated on May the 16th, 1994 in the Province of Manitoba

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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25th

Anniversary Celebration

Fundraising Sausage, Baked Potato & Dessert Supper

Saturday, May 11th, 2019
from 5:00 to 7:00 pm
at the
Winkler Mennonite Church
31 Willowdale Cres - Winkler, MB
Call: 204-325-5446
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Everyone Welcome!

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