

Mission Newsletter



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"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 5:20)

Giving thanks is one thing that the great Apostle Paul strongly urges us to do. Why should we do this? Simply because we have so many things to be thankful for.

Paul wrote, "Giving thanks always for all things."

Now some might take this to mean that we are to give thanks for all the bad things that happen in our lives and in the world - things that Satan does. But that's not what it's referring to. The preceding verses let us know that we are to give thanks for all things that God has done. We certainly wouldn't thank God for the things that Satan has done. God would not want or desire that type of praise. Let us instead always give thanks to God for everything He has done and praise Him that He is able to turn every wicked work of Satan to our good. *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"* (Rom. 8:28).

Just think how wonderful it is to know and serve God. Even our children are blessed because of our faithfulness to Him. He protects them, blesses them, guides them, shelters them, loves them, and shows mercy on them for our sakes.

Satan, on the other hand, offers false assurances, empty promises, lies, and deceptions beyond description. He is evil personified. He only wishes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10) - even his own followers.

Oh, how we have been blessed by the Lord to be delivered from Satan's curses! For this we owe the Lord total loyalty and obedience.

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:18, 19). ❖❖❖



**Thanksgiving Celebration 2019
Staiche Village Church - Ukraine**

Living in poverty and despair... Still being so thankful for God's blessings!

Yes, we do have so much to thank Him for!

Bicycles! Praise the Lord! The bikes wrapped up in this photo were shipped all the way from LaCrete, Alberta.



(Here is a copy of the letter that we received regarding the LaCrete Bicycle Project.).

Hello there. I was asked by someone from LaCrete Care and Share to write a short article on some background information on the 10 new bikes we sent. This was done by the children attending Vacation Bible School at Cornerstone Evangelical Church near LaCrete. Every year we pick a project to

raise money for, and this year one of the parents suggested this bicycle project. We could actually purchase the bikes and the children could see them before they were sent off. We all thought it was a great idea as it made it a lot more "real" and hands on for the students. We actually had some of the older boys assemble them all. The children were very excited to see all those bikes that we could send to someone in need. We hope they will be a great blessing to someone in need, and if there are ever pictures of people receiving them, we would love to show them to the students. Thank you for the Ministry you are doing and I pray for Gods blessings for it.Andrew

Mr. Thiessen, our bicycle mechanic has been really encouraged with the quality of the bikes that he has serviced and repaired this summer. Earlier in the spring we had requested better bicycles that we could ship overseas and we are very grateful for the response. Thank you very much!

I have mentioned this many times before but I know many people here in Canada can not fathom the poverty that so many of the people in Ukraine deal with on a daily basis. They just do not



have the resources to own a vehicle or if they have a vehicle they likely can not afford the fuel. That is why the bicycle ministry is such an important part of our ministry.

We have been blessed with lots of excellent clothing!

This photo shows our Clothing Bin #2, filled to the top..... I guess it's higher than the top of the bin!

Lately we have not been able to keep up with what has been donated but we are looking forward to having

more groups coming in this fall and winter to sort and bale. Although it is always difficult to get volunteers to help us out during the summer months, our Thursday afternoon team has been faithfully sorting and baling. We are planning to ship another container on October 3rd.



Thanks again for the wonderful response to the Gift Box Ministry - Merry Christmas!

Praise the Lord! It looks like we will be able to put more than 700 Gift Boxes into the container going out this week. For many of us here in Canada it is "just a box of stuff!" However, for those children in the villages of Ukraine, it is possibly the only gift they get all year....maybe this is the first Christmas Gift they have ever received. It is so much more than a box of stuff! When they open the package, they experience the "Love of Jesus" that was included when it was packed here in Canada. Many of these children hear the Story of the Birth of Jesus for the first time in their life before the gifts are distributed. It gives us a heart full of joy, just thinking of how many families have been touched, inspired and saved through the Gift Box Ministry. We want to thank all of you for supporting this project, either by packing a gift, providing funds so that we can pack the gifts or by praying for this very exciting part of Faith Mission. A very special thank you to our local Dollar Tree for supporting the Gift Box Project. Empty Gift Boxes can be picked up at the Winkler Dollar Tree Store. May God Bless each one for their contribution! PTL!



Christmas Gift Box Packing List....

Packing Guidelines:

1. Come pick up your supply of "Gift Boxes" at Faith Mission at 425 Roblin Blvd. East, or call 204-325-4086 to arrange pick up.
2. Fill the Boxes; see detailed list.
3. Add note or card with a picture of yourself and your address. You never know, maybe you will get a "Thank You" letter. You might think they won't respond but we have had children writing letters back.
4. Bring the filled boxes back to Faith Mission at 425 Roblin Blvd East.
5. Above all, PRAY that God will touch the Life of every child that receives a Gift Box.

Faith Mission Gift-Box List - 2019

T-Shirt (Optional)

Underwear - Boys or Girls	Socks - Boy or Girls
Toque	Mittens / Scarf
Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Wash Cloth	Soap
Comb	Pencil / Pencil Sharpener
Eraser / Ruler	Scissor
Glue Stick	Paper
Pencil Crayons or Crayons	
"New" Toys - Ball, Skipping Rope, Small Vehicle or doll, etc.	

Age Groups: (Boys or Girls)

2 – 4 years 5 – 8 years

9 – 12 years 13 – 16 years

We would like all items to be "NEW" or as good as "NEW"

LIST OF NO's - Pictures of Skeletons on any of the Clothes or Toys / Ugly Pictures or graphic illustrations on anything / War toys, Spiderman, Batman, Barbie, Superman, etc. / Playing Cards / Jewelry / Make-up / Shampoo, Liquid Soap or Lotion

NO Coloring books (Faith Mission has a supply of Ukrainian coloring books to add to the boxes)



Gift Boxes all packed and ready for loading

Another Camp Season has come and gone!

Thank God, it is only through your support that Faith Mission has again been able to support several Children's Summer Camps this year. We were able to support the Sucholessy Camp which is approximately 100 kilometers from Kiev. This Camp is managed by the Uzin Church. We have visited the Sucholessy Camp a number of times and are very excited about the various special camps that they host during the year, e.g. Children's Camp, Youth Camp, Widow's Camp, and a Camp for People With Disabilities.



The top photo was taken at the Sucholessy Children's Camp. The second photo was taken at the same camp. Every summer they host a camp for people struggling with disabilities. This is a very special outing for the disabled people in Ukraine because they are often left in institutions where care is minimal. Our hope and prayer is that God will touch the hearts of these people and that they can accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We also pray that God will continue to bless and encourage those people who take the time to work with these less fortunate people at the camp or wherever they are. For most of these situations, resources are extremely limited so they have to get by with what they have.

Faith Mission has supported and partially sponsored the Carpathian Children's Camp for 15 years. Our first year of Camp support was in 2004 when we were made aware of the impact that the Children's Camp Ministry had, especially on the people in the Ukrainian villages.

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Always a highlight of the Carpathian Mountain Camp - nature hike up the beautiful mountains. "I can still smell the wonderful pure mountain air!" (JakeE)

Here are a few comments left by the campers:

"The group leaders have given us an understanding of the good life. I will never forget those special prayers they prayed for us."

"This Camp was like being on another Planet - no hatred, no force, no humiliation, no discrimination! Everyone is the same! The leaders love us all without exception - just the way the Lord Jesus loves us all...."

"I understand that Jesus died for me In great agony! This is why I dedicated my life to Him!"

"Our leaders have made a wonderful journey with all of us through the pages of the Bible."

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Office Hours



Tuesday (Office only) 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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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.

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Be Thankful - Poet Unknown

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.

If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

*Be thankful when you don't know something,
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.*

Be thankful for the difficult times.

During those times you grow.

*Be thankful for your limitations,
because they give you opportunities for improvement.*

*Be thankful for each new challenge,
because it will build your strength and character.*

Be thankful for your mistakes.

They will teach you valuable lessons.

*Be thankful when you're tired and weary,
because it means you've made a difference.*

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.

*A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who
are also thankful for the setbacks.*

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.

*Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,
and they can become your blessings.*

*"O give thanks unto the LORD, for [he is] good: for his
Mercy [endureth] for ever." Psalms 107:1*

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Please Pray

- for all the many young Ukrainian and Moldovan children who attended camps this summer. Pray that their camp experience will be etched in their heart for the rest of their life.
- for all the many Ukrainian orphans.... that there will be more Christian families that adopt these young people and give them a meaningful life.
- for the financial needs of Faith Mission and Missionswerk FriedensBote as we take on new mission projects in Ukraine, Georgia, Russia and Moldova.
- for a special blessing on each Christmas Gift Box that is packaged here in Canada and gets shipped overseas. Pray that the child opening the gift box will feel the Love of Jesus.
- for all the volunteers who have been so faithful to God's calling....coming in to help with various tasks at our warehouse or working with projects at home.
- for the safety of the missionaries who are working in Ukraine, Moldova and other former communist countries...especially for those in the War-Zone of eastern Ukraine.