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"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal. 6:9)

ot to be weary in well doing is sound doctrine for every one of us. Think of the difference it would make in our homes, churches, towns, nations, and world if we would all do our best to follow the example of the Lord Jesus Christ, who went about doing good. He was never too tired to do good for and bless the people around Him.

Being weak and human, we are prone, at times, to becoming tired of doing the things we ought to do. We may not want to deny ourselves in humble, loving service for the good of others; but Paul reminds us, "let us not be weary in well doing."

Christians, we have spiritual as well as temporal work to do, so whatever our hands find to do, let's do it with all our might. He said, "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." This teaches us to persevere in doing good. And it is perseverance that wins the crown in worldly things and in spiritual things. Jesus said, "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Mark 13:13).

The Lord requires us, as Christians, to do good. The church at Philadelphia had been faithful in doing the Lord's will, using whatever resources they had. They were therefore promised open doors and safety in the hour of temptation, which would come upon the whole earth to try the souls of men. Their total faithfulness to the Lord and to His Word was the key to reaping these benefits (Rev. 3:7-11).

The other churches mentioned in chapters two and three of the book of Revelation reaped less because they sowed less. We will reap in proportion to the amount we sow. A wise person therefore sows seeds of righteousness in abundance. The Lord desires "a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Tit. 2:14).

We are told to not grow weary in well doing. Many times those around you may begin to fall into sin or a relaxed attitude. They are sowing seeds that will produce corrupt fruit. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, not on our fellowman.

The time is short, so we must attend to the work at hand with all diligence and longsuffering, looking toward our final goal: eternity with Jesus. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God" (Rev. 2:7) $\blacklozenge \blacklozenge \spadesuit$

Christmas Joy for more than 2100 children in Ukraine....

Praise the Lord! Our prayers were answered! When we



started planning our Gift Box packing for this year, we were discussing the possibility of fulfilling the request from Ukraine for sending them at least 2000 gifts this year. Well God has been so good! We shipped 773 in our October container and 1347 in our November shipment....a total of 2110. There are still more boxes trickling in so we will be shipping more in our next



container which we plan to ship in the next couple of weeks.

In the past, December has been a very slow month but this year it looks like it will be a busy month. We are expecting a load of bales from LaCrete, Alberta any day and we also arranged for a load of bales to be delivered from Arborg, Manitoba. We are also very grateful for all the groups that have been scheduled to come and help us out.

Please Pray for Container #2019-07-250

Container #2019-07-250 is a very special container for several reasons.....

First of all, this is the 250th 40 foot Humanitarian Aid container that Faith Mission has shipped overseas. It's definitely not a number that we would have ever imagined when we began collecting clothing, footwear and blankets in the late 80's or early 90's.

Secondly, this container is destined for the Mariupol region of Ukraine which is right in the war zone of Eastern Ukraine. We have been able to ship several containers of aid into this region and we have complete trust that God will again allow this shipment into the region that is in such desperate need.

Also, this container has been packed with 1347 special gift boxes that should be in Ukraine just in time for Christmas. Please pray a special Blessing on these gifts as well as the bales, bikes and blankets that are heading into the poorest region of the country of Ukraine.

The war in Ukraine has caused more damage than we can



imagine. It is estimated that more than 10,000 civilians have lost their lives. More than 1.5 million people have been displaced as a result of the war. Please Pray! ***



CHILDREN'S SILOAM - August 31, 2019. Valentina Khorolska - director

organization. At first it served as a residence where children child will be supported.

who had problems at home could stay and receive help.

Starting in November 2007, the eleven children who staved in the centre were considered as foster children to their director. We continued the work of the centre separate from this foster family with other children who lived with other families in crisis in our city and surrounding villages.

The centre has different branches of work that it does: direct work with children registered with the centre, summer camps, Christian outreach programs, visits to schools and orphanages and a travelling puppet theatre. The centre also provides humanitarian help to poor families.

Several children are registered with the centre. They get priority help and the others are helped after them. The number registered at the center is limited and at this time is approximately 40 children.

A child can stay until they reach the age of 18 and only then, when one child leaves the program can we accept another child. Some children have been receiving help from the center for almost 10 years. More than 60 children have been able to go through the program since 2007.

The main goal of the centre is to provide assistance in all aspects of life's needs. We teach children spiritual lessons; provide them with food and clothes; try to help with their health, and teach them basic skills.

The program includes meetings by age groups a few times a week with Bible stories, crafts and games. These are often held at the home of the director or families with enough space in their homes. Approximately once a month, we have a large gathering at the church. Every gathering has a theme with a goal to build relationships between children and their parents or guardians. It may be as simple as learning how to play games together. The director is trying to improve children's health by taking them on short trips. Staff will often visit children and families at their homes as well. In summertime, staff organizes outdoor nature trips, outdoor cooking on a bonfire and many different sports activities.

The center sends children to Christian camps and covers the cost with the donated money. Every couple of months, they prepare food bags and have a big community gathering, giving out food bags to families. Sometimes they will even deliver them to the families.

The staff often shops for clothing, shoes, and school supplies. The director writes a report every 4 months which goes to Kiev "Children's Siloam" was established in 2001. It was where the attempt is made to find a sponsor for every child. The registered with the government as a non profit, charitable support changes every 4 months and the staff never knows which



Often, many years later, after the children have become adults and have left the centre, they will come back and stay to talk with the staff and director about their challenges and life experiences.

God also directed our work to working with children who live in orphanages and children who attend a school for mentally handicapped children. We also work with several of the local daycare centres who provide help to crisis families. Many children in these daycares stay there from Monday to Friday. We go to their places and we run different Christian programs for these children.

Lately with God's help and the help of Faith Mission, we have been able to provide more help to the children of the center and our Christian brothers and sisters in need. Every article of clothing donated is used and appreciated. Some of the parents coming to get the clothing cry and say how embarrassed they are to be in such need. The director says that it is a time for them to accept help and one day they may be in a position to offer it to others. It is not shameful to need help and accept it.

(Editor's Note: We met Valentina's daughter at Missionfest in Winnipeg a number of years ago. It has truly been a blessing to work with this family these last number of years. Faith Mission has been able to bale and ship a lot of clothing and other items for these different programs that Valentina is providing for the less fortunate children. This is happening not far from the vicinity where many of our great, great grammas and grampas grew up. Valentina has been to the Faith Mission office/warehouse in Winkler a few times when she visited her family in Manitoba and is very excited that we can work on these projects as a team. Our prayer is that the young children she works with, will be impacted in such a way that we will be able to share Heaven's Eternal Glory with them speaking the same language!)

If you would like to support the various Orphanage programs that Faith Mission is sponsoring, please designate your donations as "Orphanage" on the Mailing Card.

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Deadline for 2019 Charitable Donations is almost here....\$\$\$\$

Important Note to all Faith Mission Supporters:

It's very hard to believe but the end of the year is Fast approaching so if you would like to use your Faith Mission Charitable Receipt for your 2019 Income Tax return, please make sure that your donation is dated for 2019 and is postmarked no later than December 31, 2019.

> Thank you for your support! ****





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 vour 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.

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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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