

Mission Newsletter



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“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.” (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Faith, hope, and charity are the three principle Christian graces, but charity is the greatest. We would do well to read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians in its entirety, for this is where the Apostle Paul expounded upon charity.

Faith is needed because so much of life is unseen and unknown. We have faith that God will take us through the times when we are not able to rely upon what we see or know. It brings us closer to God because we must trust Him to provide for our needs.

We need hope in this life because everything we do now, we do because we look forward to that which will come in the future. *"Hope deferred, maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life"* (Prov. 13:12).

Charity, however, is special because men can have great faith and hope without having great love. Charity is great love. It is a special kind of love that is *always giving*. It is God's love, and His greatest act of charity was when He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins.

The world has love, but it is worldly love. This type of love is conditional. In other words, it requires something in return: I love you if you love me, I love you *as long as* it pleases me, or I love you *because* we have the same interests.

God loved us when we were yet sinners and as such were in a most unlovable state. Because of His love, He gave us a gift called salvation, and now we are to either accept it or reject it. His is a giving love that is pure and without selfish motives. He will always love us, even if we reject Him.

People should know that we are Christians by the charity we exhibit in our dealings with others. Our love should be pure and giving. Just think of the impression that we, as Christians, would make on the world if we would all act upon the principle of charity.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4:10,11).

Being recipients of such great love, how can we have anything less than love to offer to others? ♦♦♦

Благословений в служении Мисии.....

Blessings in the service of Faith Mission....

Back in the September/October Newsletter, we had a short story about ten new bicycles that were donated by a group of young

people from the LaCrete area of Alberta.

Well, the bikes have arrived in Ukraine and several families in the Tuchapy region have already been blessed with a brand new bicycle. Thanks to all our friends in LaCrete.



These are three families from Tuchapy that received new bikes last week.

The first bike was given to a widow who has five children.



(Continued.....)



The second family being blessed with a new bike, is the deacon of the Church. They have four children.



Many thanks to God for friends who donated these gifts. I will send more photos later.

Blessings in the service of Faith Mission. (Peter N.)

Over the years, Faith Mission has shipped thousands of used bicycles. We have been richly blessed this last year with the many good quality bikes that were donated. However, Mr.Thiessen, our bicycle repairman has still been kept busy with servicing all these bikes and replacing parts such as tires, seats, handle grips and shifter or brake cables.

If you feel that you would like to become part of the Faith Mission Bicycle Ministry, please designate your donation as "Bicycles" on the Mailing Card.

(Letter from Victor, Bila Tserkva, Ukraine received a few days ago.....)

Peace to you, dear brothers, and Faith Mission Friends!

All the Christmas festivities are over and I want to write to you about the blessings that we have experienced and thank you for participating in the mission of the Uzin Church. Thank you for the financial help, gifts, calendars, and prayers. Try as we might, we would not be able to conduct all those events if it wasn't for your help.

In preparation for the holidays, we spent much time discussing how to more effectively use the resources that God gives through you so that more children and adults can get to hear the gospel. It was suggested that the camp should not be held for children during the holidays, but should begin in December and then be held every Saturday. The theme of the camp was Advent - Prepare Your Heart for the King. The



program was written and conducted by Diana Marchuk, together with young people and high school teachers. The camps were held on December 14th, 21st, 28th and January 3rd and 4th. In addition to the local children from Uzin, we invited

children from three villages: Malaya Antonovka, Ostriyki and Bloschintsy. Several brothers and I arranged to pick up the children from the villages and take them home after the camp. The police were quite lenient to us transporting the children. We could take 12-18 people in our vans. Sixty-five children came on the first Saturday, 77 on the second, and more than 90 on the following days..... Fortunately, we were able to rent the school gym nearby and conduct all active games there. The lessons and meals for the children happened in the church. For most of the children, who





attended the camp, this was their first time they ever stepped into a church. We had hoped to invite many new children and it had worked out very well.

A great help in children's ministry is the puppet show. It makes it so much easier for the children to understand the important Bible truths. When we sent out the invitations to the puppet show and gift distribution, we had also invited the parents to come with their children. Not all the parents came, but most of the children came with their parents. In total, we had about 280 children. We were able to share about the significance of the Birth of Christ; not only to children, but also to their parents. We pray that God will grow the seeds that were sown.

Together with the youth and the puppet theater team, we were able to hold Christmas meetings for children and parents in other places:

January 5 - Troitskoye village (House of Culture)

January 8 - Bila Tserkva (House of Prayer of the Church "Grace") - children from social services

January 9 - Orphanage in the White Church

January 10 - Rehabilitation center for children with disabilities

January 11 - Boarding school for children with disabilities

A number of children and youth spent most of their holidays in the ministry. I rejoice in this, as it shapes their attitude towards service.

December 25 is a day off in Ukraine, but most people do not celebrate Christmas on this day. Our Church had decided not to conduct service in the House of Prayer, but rather do a concert in the House of Culture on this day. We had already done a concert there the previous year. This is more effective in the community since there are many people who do not go to the House of Prayer. People were again able to hear the gospel and after the concert received a small gift package from

Missionwerk FriedensBote in Germany. It was a literature pack with a calendar, the schedule of church services and a New Testament. As a result of the many people receiving these small gifts, the doors were



opened and the city council of Uzin invited us to do a Christmas concert in the city hall at the expense of the city. This was good news for us and another great blessing.

Thanks to your help, we were able to purchase 250 food packages for widows, people with disabilities, and many needy children from the Uzin Church and other Churches of the region. On December 29 we were able to hold a service, "From the Heart ..." in the Uzin Church. More than one hundred people came to this meeting. It was a wonderful time of testimonies, prayers, and sharing. Thus, many people were fed, both physically and spiritually. I thank God that now, after all these services, we see new people in the Church.

When visiting schools, especially boarding schools for the

Faith Mission Containers Shipped in 2019.....

F\M #	Weight	City	Freight Cost \$\$	Bales Clothing	Bales Footwear	Bicycles	Blankets	Gift Boxes
2019-01-244	16,310	Tuchapy	\$9,749.03	411	21	0	19	
2019-02-245	15,330	Chisinau	\$8,467.96	412	0	0	40	
2019-03-246	14,670	Kharkiv	\$9,199.77	374	35	16	20	
2019-04-247	14,390	Uzin	\$8,995.25	349	20	21	27	
2019-05-248	14,410	Khmelnitzky	\$9,566.67	339	31	30	21	
2019-06-249	14,190	Tuchapy	\$9,582.00	281	31	15	15	773
2019-07-250	14,503	Mariupol	\$9,080.58	283	36	22	22	1347
2019-08-251	15,105	Kharkiv	\$9,754.92	364	32	15	30	272

TOTALS

118,908 kg

\$ 74,396.59

2,813

206

119

194

2,392

TOTAL BALES

3019



disabled, we often meet with administration to discuss their current needs and what is best for the children. This year, in the boarding school for the disabled, we were asked to buy a ladder for them. Since women do most of the work, and their pantry is a narrow room with high shelves, they have to constantly use the ladder. We purchased some fruit for the children (there are 180 of them), and decided to purchase a new ladder for the staff.

Last year, a homeless man from the local "Dump" came to the one of our services. He smelled rather unpleasant so the people sitting near him soon started to move away We realized this problem and discussed it at the next membership meeting. We agreed that we should humble ourselves and somehow do more for these people. The church prayed about it and agreed to prepare a special Christmas dinner for the homeless people.

Soon after we started praying for this ministry, the homeless people began to come to the church, one after another. Many of these people were addicted to drugs and alcohol ... Each person weighed down with their load of problems, physical, emotional, and spiritual ... (Victor M.)

Please pray for this church as they minister to the homeless people.



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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Please Pray

- for a special blessing on each Christmas Gift Box that was packaged here in Canada and got shipped overseas. Pray that each child opening the gift box will feel the Love of Jesus and make a decision to live for Him.
- for all the many young Ukrainian and Moldovan children who attended camps this past summer. Pray that their camp experience will be etched in their heart for the rest of their life.
- for all those children who attended the Advent and Christmas Camps this Christmas. Also, pray for the volunteer leaders who give up so much of their time to introduce the Love of Jesus to the children.
- 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.