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“When he [God] giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only: That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.” (Job 34:29, 30)

Now Job realized this basic truth: God has absolute control over all the affairs of individuals and nations. Whatever God designs cannot be defeated and whatever He does cannot be changed. If God gives quietness, who can make trouble? If God gives us peace, all the powers of hell and earth cannot disturb us. If our souls dwell at ease in God, nothing can make us uneasy. Paul said this: *“The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus”* (Phil. 4:7).

It's also true, however, that if God troubles an individual or a nation, all the smiles of the world cannot bring peace. Without God, no man can relieve the distress of his outward condition, neither can he relieve the distress of his mind.

God, who is wise and ever concerned about the public welfare, does not wish for the hypocrite to reign because power in the hands of a hypocrite is often destructive to the rights and liberties of the people he governs. As we pray for our nation and its leaders, it is comforting to know that God made the earth by His power. He established the world by His wisdom and stretched out the heavens by His discretion. His kingdom rules over all others.

We, as subjects of such a vast kingdom, should wisely seek the King through prayer. Any changes that are to be made can more effectively be accomplished by going to the throne of God. That is why prayer is so important to solving the problems that plague our world.

God has set down many prophecies in the Bible that cannot be changed. Our all-knowing God had already taken into consideration all possibilities and all intercessory prayers when He moved upon the prophets to write those prophecies. There are, however, many prophecies, or warnings, that are given in our day by modern prophets. Often these can be changed if we will repent and seek the Lord in intercessory prayer with all wisdom and perseverance ♦♦♦

“New” Faith Mission Drop-Off Depot in Weyburn, Saskatchewan and a Bale Storage Container in Moldova



Faith Mission, together with a small church group from Yellowgrass, SK, have recently opened a donation Drop-Off depot in Weyburn, Sask. The donations will be taken to Faith Mission in Winkler where clothing will be sorted, baled and shipped overseas as soon as the Corona Virus restrictions will be lifted and activities return to normal.

Lord willing, we are also planning to purchase a 40 foot High Cube container to be used as storage for the humanitarian aid that is shipped to Moldova.

Please pray that God will bless these facilities. ♦♦♦

“What in the World is going on?”

As we join to pray for the World regarding the pandemic resulting from the COVID-19 virus, let us not neglect being informed and careful.

Today let us pray that we may be the "salt and light" in this hour of fear and need.

Let us pray.....

For those who are working tirelessly in the medical field to combat this plague. Pray for strength and protection physically. Pray against exhaustion and despair emotionally. Pray against bitterness spiritually.

Pray for wisdom and rational thinking for our government leaders. Pray that they will not be panicked by media or public opinion. Pray that they will be discerning and not make laws and practices that will be difficult to roll back in times of peace.

Pray for the citizens of all the affected countries of the world, that the pressures of uncertainty and fear will not drive us to despair. Pray that we may live together in harmony, helping and supporting each other through the various crises that will occur individually as a result of all of the closures and layoffs. Even two weeks of social distancing will change the landscape of this country socially and financially for some time to come. We must not forget that right now there are some who are contemplating self harm and suicide as a viable way to deal with this crisis and its aftermath. Let us pray that they find hope and strength through a relationship with Jesus.

Let us pray for our churches. There is much confusion as to why we would not be able to meet. There are some who are willing to defy the orders and meet anyway. Let us pray for grace to be the CHURCH even when we miss the connection of a Sunday or Two. Pray that our roots go deeper in Christ and that we may grow up in Him demonstrating His Glory for all the world to see. May our communities look at the example of our lives and be drawn to God.

Pray for our community grocers and fuel stations who are meeting many people and interacting with the public to provide the necessities of life through this time. May God's protection be upon them.

Finally, but not at all exhaustively, pray for those who have lost loved ones through this plague. In these lives which have been upended by fear and anxiety of disease, they are now dealing with the pain and loss of death. May God grant grace for their pain. And Brothers and Sisters, let us not forget that everyone of these deaths represent a soul that has discovered "*it is appointed unto man, once to die and after that, the judgment.*" In times like these we tend to forget that every soul that passes into eternity is confronted with the truth of God in a moment. Let us pray that they, as well as we, are ready.



Although washing hands is extremely important
At this time, it is even more important to make
sure that your heart is also clean.
“Prepare to meet thy God...” (Amos 4:12)

Faith Mission is Facing Challenges With Container Delays and the World-wide COVID-19 Pandemic

The whole world is struggling to deal with the challenges that have been affecting different people in different ways. Some have felt it in the worst way where they lost a loved one who died from the virus. Others are sick and are trying to recover in the hospital or at home. Others have traveled and need to self-isolate. Many are living in fear! What will next week be like? What will this summer be like? Will we be going camping? Who knows? Only the Almighty God has the answers!

Faith Mission has also been affected in a number of ways. Our volunteers have been asked to stay at home. The Faith Mission Drop-Off room has remained open till now but we have been discouraging donations drop-offs because our storage bins are filling up.

We have not been able to ship out as we normally would. We have enough bales in our stockpile to load a container but we have to wait till the situation in the world will change.

The container that we loaded and shipped on February 20th hasn't left the port of Montreal yet. I was informed today that it will sail on March 28th. It was delayed for more than 2 weeks due to the CN Rail blockades in Ontario.



Please pray that it will be “clear sailing” from here on to Chisinau, Moldova.

Totally unrelated to the Corona pandemic, our last 3 containers that we shipped to Ukraine have also been delayed by Ukrainian Customs. Although the reasons for the delays haven't been verified, we were told that it was not something that we did wrong. We have been told that there are more than 60 humanitarian aid organizations that have been affected by some new rules that have been placed by the new government. Please pray that this issue might be resolved soon so that the aid can continue to flow into the country.

In fall of 2019, the Faith Mission Board talked about the possibility of taking another mission trip to Ukraine and Moldova in 2020. We had discussed the options with our FriedensBote friends in Germany and had decided to make the trip in June and July. We had not confirmed the tickets yet so, because of the world-wide Covid pandemic, plans have been cancelled for this year.

Our annual Faith Mission Fundraising Supper, was scheduled for April the 4th at the Winkler EMMC church. As difficult as it was, we had to cancel the supper. This supper is always a very special event for our ministry and we will surely miss it, the food, the fun, the fellowship, and of course the funds! I'm sure many of you were already looking forward to the Baked Potato and Sausage supper. Sorry about this. We hope to try again in fall.

We have many new projects that we are working on but some of them, even the Ukraine Children's Camps are possibly not going to happen this summer because of the

pandemic. Social distancing and self isolation rules in Ukraine are even more stringent than in Canada. However, there are still many projects that we would like to support, seeing the needs are even greater when people are working through tough times like now. Therefore, if you can possibly help us with a financial gift at this time, we will do our best to use it to further God's Kingdom. Please check off your mailing card and return it to the Faith Mission office. We have also included the Automatic Donation Plan page on the mailing card to make it even easier for you to make a monthly donation.

Only 194 Blankets? Something is wrong. Let me explain.....



FIM #	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	Marupol	\$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				

In the January/February Newsletter, I had shared the information chart above showing all the aid that we had shipped in the containers in 2019. Several people have questioned the “Blanket” column. It shows only 194. This is not the actual number of blankets that we shipped; these would be the garbage bags that we stuff with comforters and pillows. I should have explained it in more detail. Most of the bales we pack have 2 blankets - blankets like in picture above. That would mean $2813 \times 2 = 5626$ blankets last year. We are ever so grateful to all those people who supply us with these excellent quality blankets and quilts. ♦♦♦



Here is a project that we are working on right now. This building is the home of the Drug & Alcohol Rehab Center in the village of Beschizhnoye. We have featured this Rehab Center in earlier Newsletters. The center has outgrown the facility and Jaroslav (*Inset photo*), manager of the Center, has found a bigger place closer to Bila Tserkva. Apparently they will be able to sell this place and need about 10000 Euros (\$15,645.00 Cdn) more to close the deal. Faith Mission would like to support this expansion and we trust that you will be willing to be part of this ministry. Jaroslav has been there...done that, as we would say. Due to his previous lifestyle, his body has been permanently marred and he is not able to drive a vehicle because of it. He is looking forward to having the workplace closer to his home and family in Bila Tserkva. **If you can help us with this project, please check off the**



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.

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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Please Pray

- for all the many Ukrainian orphans.... that there will be more Christian families deciding to adopt these children and give them a meaningful life.
- for a special blessing on each Christmas Gift Box that was packaged here in Canada and got shipped overseas. Pray that each child opening a gift box will feel the Love of Jesus.
- for the financial needs of Faith Mission and Missionswerk FriedensBote as we take on new mission projects in Ukraine, Georgia, Russia and Moldova.
- for all the many Ukrainian and Moldovan children's camps that are right now anxiously planning for this summer's camps.....all the directors and volunteers..... Pray that the pandemic will not restrict the activities of the camps.
- 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.
- for the hundreds or maybe thousands of families struggling to survive in the war-torn region in Eastern Ukraine.
- for our friend Jaroslav and the Drug and Alcohol Rehab Center in Beschizhnoye, Ukraine. Pray that the move to the new facility will go smoothly..... Pray that he will be able to help many more men out of their life of drugs and alcohol and show them God's way of freedom, peace and love.
- for all the volunteers who have faithfully heeded God's calling....coming in to help with various tasks at our warehouse or working with projects at home.
- Faith Mission, as we continue to follow Christ's command by providing humanitarian aid for the people in desperate need.... Pray that we will be patient and respect the authorities during this difficult time in history.... Pray that we will listen to what God wants us to hear.... Even though it may not be what the world wants us to hear. We still have many important decisions to make.

Thank you for your support! May God bless you!

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