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“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” (Col. 4:5 - 6)

If all who profess the name of Christ would act in the manner that Paul told the Christians at Colosse, what an impact we would have on the world! Paul first told them to *“walk in wisdom.”*

Solomon, the wisest man in the Bible gives some excellent input on wisdom (in the book of Proverbs): *“incline thine ear unto wisdom”* (2:2); *“the Lord giveth wisdom”* (2:6); *“When wisdom entereth into thine heart . . . Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee”* (2:10, 11); *“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom”* (3:13); *“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom”* (4:7); *“For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it”* (8:11); *“He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul”* (19:8). Many other Scriptures could be named, but we would do well to note these.

James tells us, in the book that bears his name, *“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him”* (1:5).

If we are to walk in wisdom *“toward them who are without”* we must be *“Christians in shoe leather.”* In other words, we must walk like Christians. Those who are outside the body of Christ are watching every move we make.

Paul said this also: *“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”* If we walk like Christians, we should also talk like Christians. Too many times our speech betrays us. Someone has said that we have two ears and one mouth because God intended for us to listen twice as much as we talk. And that's not a bad idea!

Grace is the salt that seasons our hearts and minds, our actions and conversations. Without that special grace, we cannot really walk in wisdom like we ought to.

Peter said: *“Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ”* (1 Pet. 3:15,16). ♦♦♦

News from Ukraine Photos and letter - May 24, 2020



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Summer is coming! It's time for Christian Children's Camps! As for now, the camp situation is still up in air because of the Covid 19 situation here in Ukraine. It looks like we will not be able to have summer camps, although they promise to possibly allow it in July. However, we still want to have some

COMFORT

We are not alone - even if we were not able to celebrate Jesus's Resurrection this year in large services. The importance of Christ's death and resurrection is all the more important to us in light of the current unrest and should make us happy, because we know that God also has today's events under his control.

WHAT IS WORSE - COVID 19 OR HUNGER?

For a long time, the governments of the CIS countries claimed that they had only a few people affected by Covid-19.

However, the situation there is now catastrophic. E.g. At the beginning of April 2020, Russia officially only recorded around 6,000 people that were infected....on May 4, 2020 there were already over 145,000, (370,680 on May 27, 2020).

Since health systems and hospitals are unable to provide care for the corona sufferers, strict quarantines have been imposed in many communities. People are only allowed on the street with a permit. However, only a fraction of the population has this permit.

"What will we eat tomorrow?"

Most people have no way of earning their daily bread. Above all, the many part-time laborers and guest workers are now unemployed and destitute. Because there are no social systems in these countries as we know them from Europe or North America, the situation is developing dramatically. Hunger is currently at least as great a threat as the virus itself.



Food package: pasta, sugar, rice, tea, salt, tomato paste, sunflower oil, preserves, soap and Christian literature.

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"Please help us!"

At the mission, (Germany) we received calls for help from our evangelists in the Carpathians / Ukraine, Central Russia, Siberia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan.

Several of our contact



Nobody cared more for the lame, the Blind and the deaf than the Lord Jesus - we must preach the gospel to these people.

people were able to apply for permits as volunteers and were actually approved. Christians are now distributing food packages to those in need. In most cases, people are ready to accept, Christian literature, or children's Bibles or even a New Testament. There have been many good discussions about the meaning of life, life after death and about God. In this way, even in times of quarantine and isolation, God opens the doors to preaching His Word,

even in places that have been hostile to the gospel in the past.

"How can I help?"

A food package can be put together for just 10-12 euros (\$15-\$20 Cdn\$) and then helps someone in the east to survive for about a week. **If you would like to support this project, you can do this by checking the "Corona Help" box on the Mailing Card and return it with your donation. (Faith Mission will forward these funds to Missionswerk in Germany and they will make sure that it goes to the most needy Corona affected families)**

But above all else, please pray for the people who hear the saving message so that they can come to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and be released from the "sin virus". Christians who have lost their livelihood and who are also exposed to growing hostility and persecution, also need your prayers.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." (Proverbs 19:17)



The father in this family lost his job as a foreign worker in Europe and now cannot return home. This left the mother with the challenges of raising the four young children alone.

This child's parents are alcoholics. Despite the pandemic, plagued by hunger, he snuck into the Christian integration center, "Hands of Love" in Kyrgyzstan and was overjoyed to get a loaf of bread.

fellowship with the children.

We had planned to meet during Easter time but that was not possible. We had some gift boxes remaining, so we were able to distribute a few dozen of the Canadian gifts as well as some from Germany. I am sending some pictures of the gifts being distributed. We visited several families that live in hard-to-imagine conditions. They could not believe that somebody



Right now the renovation project is on hold because there is a lack of funds. Fundraising within the church is very difficult because many people have lost their jobs under the current pandemic situation. We want to change ten more windows where a lot of heat is lost during the winter. We also hope to add insulation to the outside walls and rebuild the toilet cabins.

Surely, we understand that the Covid-19 pandemic situation is not that much different for you so we will try to understand if you tell us you have no possibilities to help us at this time. However, we would be grateful for even a little bit of help, if it's possible. I have added a few pictures of the church building.

God bless you in your mission ministry!

Peter, Ukraine.



would bring them some gifts with "no strings attached."

Possibly the most difficult situation we came across was where a grandfather, grandmother, with their two daughters and their husbands with three children were living in a tiny house. Another family

we visited slept on the floor. They had no clothing. One can see they are not dressed properly.

The boy with his little sister in the picture with gifts told us that it was raining and he got soaking wet and he had no extra pants to change into. We added this family to our distribution list and we will be able to help them as we still have some blankets and clothing on hand for situations like this. We will ask the mission to deliver some mattresses and bedding. They deserve to sleep on proper beds, not just dream about it.

If you would like to support this Church Repair Project, please designate your donation by checking the "Church Repairs" Box on the Mailing Card. Thank you for your support.....from the Godyliv Church in Chernivtsi , Ukraine.

(The following article was translated with permission, from a special Newsletter insert that was mailed out of Germany in the month of May.)

Dear Mission Friends,

With this extra flyer we would like to inform you about the current state of affairs in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." " ... and with his stripes we are healed. "

(Isaiah 53,6,5)

DANGER

Before Easter we were warned of a danger from a tiny virus. We were encouraged to keep our distance from each other to counter the spread of the infection, which may result in death. Easter was very different, without worship and without community.

RESCUE

Jesus Christ gave His life on the cross at Calvary. This will help overcome the effects of the human-made sin virus, which is really far worse than the effects of "COVID-19".

For this, Christ died in bitter isolation - even He was separated from His heavenly Father. However, the sin virus has lost its deadly power over all those who are in Christ!

HOPE

Jesus Christ did not stay in the grave - He has risen!

Our intimate connection with Him is the best recipe for protecting ourselves against the sin virus that has separated us from God and each other in the past.



Dear Faith Mission Friends! *We have a request from the brothers of the Godyliv church. This is the church we belonged to. The brothers have started to do some renovations inside the building. All the windows were badly decayed so half of them have been replaced. The heating system has also been changed.*

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This single mother we visited started crying when we brought her a package of pampers for her baby. The premature baby weighs only 2 kilograms. The father has left the family.



Years ago, K., (Man on the right in the picture) came to the center, "The Source" in Kyrgyzstan as a street child. Who would have thought that years later, as a Christian, he would save people from starvation? God planned it that way!



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.

God is in control God is good.

In spite of the Covid-19 pandemic that has affected the entire world and has taken the lives of thousands of people, Faith Mission has been able to ship one container of humanitarian aid into Moldova and another container to Kharkiv, Ukraine. The Moldova container has already arrived and has been unloaded. The Ukraine container is right now sailing across the Atlantic ocean. We are hoping to ship another 40 foot container in the next week or two.

We have been busy with sorting and baling at Faith Mission. For several weeks we were working with 10 volunteers as allowed by the health department and now we are very happy that it has been upped to 25 people at a time. Then we are pretty well back to the normal team for sorting and baling. We have been blessed with an abundance of clothing and footwear and are hoping that we can keep up with the donations coming in.

As is the case with most of the charities all over the world, Faith Mission's financial donations have been seriously impacted by the pandemic. As you will have seen in this Newsletter, our support is needed now more than ever in some of the countries where we have been supporting missionaries and various projects. Please consider Faith Mission in your monthly giving. There are several options to make you giving as hassle-free as possible.



* **Mail in or Drop off your envelopes into our “New” secure Donation Slot in the Faith Mission Drop-off Room at 425 Roblin Blvd East.**

* **Please fill out and return the ADP form on the other side of this page to make your giving easy and efficient every month.**

* **You can also use the “New” eTransfer option, sending your donation to us with your cell phone. Send to email: info@faithmission.ca**

* **Go to the Faith Mission Website and click on the PayPal logo and make your donation online. (This is not the preferred method because there is a fee charged for this convenience)**



Please Pray

- for all the volunteers who have faithfully heeded God's calling and pray that there will be more volunteers coming during the summer months..... We have a lot of work to catch up with.
- 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 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.
- 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!

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13:17