

Mission Newsletter



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**“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?
(Micah 6:8)**

What does God expect of us? Through the Word of God, He speaks to all men everywhere; He has "showed us what is good and what He requires of us." And what He has spoken in His Word to all must be applied to each of us in particular.

Observe, if you will, that God does not require us to pay for the pardon of our sin. Few could do that. But He does require that we do what is good. One way we do what is good is to not do what is bad. In other words, keep all the commandments of God. That not only means that we refrain from doing the "Thou shalt nots" but that we practice the "Thou shalt."

Paul said, "Do justly." Now this is not the same thing as justice. To do someone justly means to do what is morally right, to be fair. It's another way of saying 'and as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise' (Luke 6:31). It is not, "Do unto others before they have a chance to do unto you." Justice is the way of the Old Testament law: An "Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth," etc. But Jesus did away with that. Had He meted out justice for us, we would have died on the cross. But Jesus died for us! He abolished the old laws and established the law of love and grace and mercy.

We are to "love mercy," or be kind. Look for opportunities to "do" Christianity instead of just "talking" Christianity.

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Matt. 5:7).

We must "walk humbly with our God." To walk humbly, we must be humble. James said, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up" (James 4:10).

Peter said, "Be clothed with humility" (I Pet. 5:5). The world is tired of people who walk around with a "holier-than-thou" attitude; they want to see people who "walk humbly with [their] God." →→→

Praise the Lord!....Thanks to your Support and prayers, our ministry to MOLDOVA has continued in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic



These photos were taken when the last container was opened and unloaded in Chisinau, Moldova. Due to the restrictions and the limitations, we have not been able to ship any Humanitarian

Aid into Ukraine in the last few months. We were able to ship one container into Kharkiv just before the Covid affected us. Praise God, He has opened the door into Moldova at this time. Our plan is to load the third container for Moldova on July 30. **Please continue to pray that we will soon be allowed to ship into Ukraine as well.** We keep hearing, again and again, that, due to the pandemic, there is a tremendous need for clothing, footwear and blankets in Ukraine and the surrounding



countries right now.

“It looks like these Moldovan ladies are using the English message on this oversized Teddy Bear to send a message back to us here in Canada.” We send many stuffed toys. However, we normally do not send something this huge.... Wherever it came from, they were able to send us this “special message!”

We look forward to the time where we will spend eternity in Glory and there will not be any language barrier separating us from these dear people. →→→

The COVID-19 Pandemic “knows no boundaries”

Over the last number of years, we have written many letters and articles of the experiences of our dear friend, Peter who is an evangelist in the Carpathian Mountain villages of Ukraine. It came as a real shock when we heard that Peter was admitted to the hospital, struggling to breathe, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. I asked Peter for a few more details and this is what he sent me this morning.

Greetings Brothers & Sisters at Faith Mission.....!

I got sick on June 16. Until June 22, I was treated at home under the supervision of a family doctor. I received many injections and IV's. On June 22, I was hospitalized, and on June 24, I was transferred to the intensive care unit, where I remained until July 7. (13 days) When my condition was stabilized, I was transferred to the department of infections.

On July 14, by God's grace, I returned home. Now I continue my treatment, with pills and injections. I have a prescription for a month. Thank God, my health is slowly being restored. I believe that God will provide me with complete healing and I will again be able to serve our Lord in the church and people who are far from God and so desperately need Him. Thank you for your prayers!

Blessings to all the friends of the mission!

Thank God for you! Peter

(There were many others in the Carpathian region who were sick with the Covid-19 Virus.)



Here is another recent message Peter sent me when he sent me some Gift Box distributing pictures.

“Dear Brother, Jakeour friends handed out literature and gift boxes when I was in the hospital. If it is possible, we will continue to carry out our Children's Ministry in this way as we are not able to have Children's Camps. Although I am not well enough to participate personally, there will be others who are able to help with this.

Blessings to all the Faith Mission Friends in Canada.”

Current Needs....

**** Gift Boxes** - Yes, it's that time of year again. Back to School sales have started so please get your Gift Box supplies early. **Maybe you prefer to pay us to pack a gift for you. If so, just designate your donation as "Gift Box ☐" on the Mailing Card.** (Cost per gift box is roughly \$30-\$35.)

Last year we shipped a total of 2,392 Faith Mission Gift Boxes. Thank you for making this possible! We have set a goal of 2,500 for this year. Please pick up your empty boxes at Faith Mission and help us start packing. There should be a supply in the Drop-Off Room...if not, please call. Also, please give us a call if you need more information.



Hundreds of Hand-made toys just arrived from Martensville, Saskatchewan. This will be a very special addition to the Gift Boxes! What a Blessing!

**** Bikes** - We need more good bikes. The bikes which we have received this year have been in better condition than they have been in past years. Thank you very much! However, our bike numbers are down a bit from other years. Please bring us your old bike when you choose to upgrade or retire yours. If you don't have a bike to donate, you also have the opportunity to designate your financial donation toward the bike ministry. **Check the "Bicycle box ☐" on the Mailing Card when you send in your donation.**

**** We really need groups** to come in to sort and bale clothes in the evenings. In the beginning of the year we had to cancel many of the groups so now we have a huge stockpile of clothing that is waiting to be baled. I know summer is a busy time for all of us but why not make arrangements with a group of friends and come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship in the air-conditioned comfort at Faith Mission.

Praise and Prayer...

Faith Mission would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support. As we have all faced our own challenges during the last 6 months, many of these challenges have resulted in fear and panic situations. Many people have experienced shortages. For some it may be something mundane like toilet paper or disinfectant wipes. For others, it may have meant losing your job or the shortage may be food or clothing.

On the whole, compared with the rest of the world, we here in Western Canada, or more specifically, southern Manitoba, have been blessed with relatively few Covid cases and only a few deaths due to the virus. Here at Faith Mission, we had to shut down for a few weeks but since we opened up again, we have been sorting and baling two days a week in order to catch up with the abundance of clothing coming in. Although there have been a few added challenges, we have also been able to ship several containers of humanitarian aid to the less fortunate people in Moldova and Ukraine. **PTL!** →→→



Please pray for all these young children who were very much looking forward to spending a week or two at Children's Camp but due to Covid-19 restrictions, that has not been possible. We are very grateful that there were some Gift Boxes left over from last year which they can now use to bless these young people. Our hope and prayer is that the seed of the Gospel that is planted in their hearts with these gifts, may continue to grow as they mature in their walk with Jesus Christ. Although there won't be any Carpathian Children's Camps this summer, Faith Mission has still been able to support the ongoing Children's Ministry which will be more on a one to one or family by family method this summer.

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Getting Started - Estate Planning / Wills

(As July/August is always the Newsletter where I include the Annual Faith Mission-BDO Financial Report, I have included this brief reminder regarding Estate Planning and Wills. I guess I could assume that everyone has a Will but I know I would be wrong. Please prepare it now and get it done right.)

How to get the conversation started

Despite how important this conversation can be, it may still be difficult to initiate. There is certainly more than one right way to begin.

Here are a few suggestions to help guide you:

Pick a positive, comfortable environment during a period of relative calm. Don't wait until a time of crisis when it may be too late to make adequate plans and family members may not feel emotionally able to talk.

Be sincere about your intentions. Be clear that you are initiating these talks out of concern that proper plans are in place and are understood.

Stress the importance and benefits of this conversation to everyone affected. One way to do this is to show an example of an estate that was improperly handled because family members had failed to discuss their plans with each other.

Covering all the bases

Sometimes, to be effective, the conversation may need to extend beyond your immediate household.

As an adult child, make sure your parents have their own plans and will be properly cared for if one of them passes away or becomes incapacitated.

As a parent, make sure your children have an understanding of your plans and wishes; if the children are still minors, make sure the appointed guardians are willing and clear on your intentions.

As a grandparent or other relative, ensure your grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc., will be taken care of through your own estate planning, as well as coordinating with their parents on their plans, too. →→→



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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Faith Mission (FriedensBote) Inc. is a nonprofit, registered charitable organization based in Winkler, Manitoba. Faith Mission was incorporated on May the 16th, 1994 in the Province of Manitoba

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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Notice to Reader

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the Statement of financial position of Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. as at December 31, 2019 and the statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

RM of Stanley, Manitoba
 June 9, 2020

**Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc.
 Statement of Financial Position
 (Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)**

December 31	2019	2018
Assets		
Current		
Cash and bank	\$ 136,688	\$ 102,199
Accounts receivable	5,503	17,264
Inventory	16,417	10,716
	<u>158,608</u>	<u>130,179</u>
Tangible capital assets	543,520	531,688
Incorporation costs	515	515
	<u>\$ 702,643</u>	<u>\$ 662,382</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 29,352	\$ 7,244
Demand loan	82,850	136,078
	<u>112,202</u>	<u>143,322</u>
Net assets		
Invested in tangible capital assets	460,670	395,610
Unrestricted	129,771	123,450
	<u>590,441</u>	<u>519,060</u>
	<u>\$ 702,643</u>	<u>\$ 662,382</u>

**Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc.
 Statement of Changes in Net Assets
 (Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)**

For the year ended December 31	Invested in Tangible Capital Assets	Unrestricted	2019	2018
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 395,610	\$ 123,450	\$ 519,060	\$ 416,680
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	-	71,381	71,381	102,380
Investment in tangible capital assets	11,832	(11,832)	-	-
Transfer for principal payments on demand loan	53,228	(53,228)	-	-
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 460,670</u>	<u>\$ 129,771</u>	<u>\$ 590,441</u>	<u>\$ 519,060</u>

**Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc.
 Statement of Operations
 (Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)**

For the year ended December 31	2019	2018
Revenue		
Received donations	\$ 308,100	\$ 294,074
Collections	11,641	18,253
Interest and miscellaneous	1,580	752
	<u>321,321</u>	<u>313,079</u>
Operation costs		
Freight	74,317	70,799
Overseas missions	69,371	46,631
Packaging, supplies and materials	20,232	13,523
Foreign exchange (gains) losses	442	1,865
	<u>164,362</u>	<u>132,818</u>
Administrative expenses		
Advertising	4,819	1,679
Bank charges	463	297
Donor newsletters	11,343	8,911
Fundraising expenses	1,091	1,125
Goods and services tax	2,663	1,927
Insurance	2,796	2,716
Interest on demand loan	5,577	7,919
Office expenses	1,025	805
Postage and shipping	6,435	6,383
Professional fees	17,615	10,295
Property taxes	4,126	4,238
Rental	1,150	793
Repairs and maintenance	1,177	9,782
Supplies	5,391	2,900
Utilities	8,604	7,588
Vehicle and travel expenses	7,892	8,666
	<u>82,167</u>	<u>76,024</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures before other items	74,792	104,237
Other items		
Gifts in kind	(3,411)	(1,857)
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	<u>\$ 71,381</u>	<u>\$ 102,380</u>



Alexander, Bishop of the local church in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, delivering a small food package

Corona Help...

(Translated from the German Newsletter)

(This is a response to the "Corona Help" request from May/June Newsletter)

We would like to thank all our mission friends for your prayers and support in the last few months!

Thanks to your help, we were able to support Christian Communities in Belarus, Russia, Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia, Siberia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

In this way, many widows, socially weak families or large families and pensioners could be helped with food packages. Lots of Christian literature was distributed and many contacts were made. Now we pray; that these people come to believe in the Lord Jesus. Please continue to pray with us!

- \$2000 \$1000
- \$500 \$300
- \$200 \$100
- \$50 \$25

Other Amt \$ _____

"God loves a cheerful giver....."

Please fold along dotted line and return
This mailing card with your donation

Date: _____ Cheque # _____

- Please use my donation for: Wherever Most Needed
- Shipping Costs Children's Camps
 - Bicycles Widow's Camp Corona Help
 - Gift Boxes Church Repairs
 - Orphanage

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**Please make all Cheques payable to
Faith Mission**

**Tax deductible receipts will be issued at
the beginning of the following year**

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Faith Mission - Automatic Donation Plan

Worry free monthly payments

Your monthly payments to Faith Mission (FriedensBote), Inc. can now be made efficiently and economically by using this preauthorized chequing system we call the ADP.

Save Time - no monthly cheques to write. Save money - no postage or cheque expenses

You will receive an official tax-receipt for your total annual contribution at the beginning of the following year.

By using the ADP we will be able to apply your gifts more quickly and more efficiently.

For your convenience, this service will continue until you notify us otherwise.

Simply complete this form and return it to Faith Mission (FriedensBote), Inc. Your first automatic transfer will occur about four weeks after we receive your information.

I hereby authorize automatic withdrawals from my account on the 1st or the 16th day of each month.

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