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“Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.” (Psa. 119:1-3)

I think all of us want to be happy, but do we always take the right path to get there? Do we have the right concept of what happiness really is? David tells us that godly people are happy people because God's blessings are upon them. *"Happy is that people,.....whose God is the Lord"* (Psalm 144:15). Let's see what kind of people we're talking about.

"Blessed are the undefiled in the way." In other words, God's people are truly sincere. They are as good as they seem to be; they are not hypocritical. They are as good as their word. They will not tell you one thing and do another. *"Blessed is the man in whose spirit is no guile"* (Psa. 32:2).

"Who walk in the way of the Lord." God's people walk in the law of the Lord. The Word of God is the rule and guide of their everyday actions. They use the Word of God to govern themselves (Psalm 1:1, 2; Josh. 1:8). There is no such thing as a **"Sunday Christian."** If we do not live the Christian life every day to the best of our ability and knowledge, we are not Christians. If a person is not a Christian on the job on Monday, he is not a Christian in church on Sunday.

"Blessed are they that keep his testimonies." God's people keep His testimonies. They do not just profess Christ.... they are true to the trust committed to them. If people will not keep the commandments of God, they will not keep their covenant with Him (I John 3:24).

"...And that seek him with the whole heart." Godly people do not seek their own desires, but they seek God above all else (Matt. 6:33). Theirs is not a divided heart - a part of them loving God and a part of them loving sin. This is so important, because God is the rewarder of all who diligently seek Him with a whole heart (Heb. 11:6).

"They also do no iniquity." Godly people do not make a practice of sin. They do not talk in an unbecoming manner (vulgarity, dirty jokes, gossip, etc.) and they do not walk in an unbecoming manner. They are careful always to maintain a conscience void of offense (Psa. 51:10). ✚ ✚ ✚

So Blessed to Have Good Neighbors!



Problems and opportunities are often related. For Kroeker Farms and our Potato Store it was a problem to have the combination of customers and large trucks all sharing the same parking lot. It wasn't a good combination, so the solution was to move. We looked around for a location and realized that the location of Faith Mission was perfect!

It is well connected to our existing facilities and office with the added benefit of being adjacent to the pond. It created a great opportunity and the ideal location. We envision Potato Store customers being able to park and buy produce and maybe take a walk to enjoy God's creation in the nature park. Maybe even a coffee shop or tea house as part of the store?

Our goal is that Faith Mission should benefit as well, so we proposed a trade of a brand new bigger and better building on Cargill Road, in exchange for their existing building. In the end we hope that the problem of the current lack of space has helped create an opportunity for Faith Mission to grow into a new building.

Wayne - President / CEO - Kroeker Farms

.....Recent Letter out of Chernivtsi, Ukraine

Romans 1:8 "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world."

A year later.....

Greetings, dear brother Jake, and all the friends and volunteers from Faith Mission. A very big thank-you to all the contributors who are directly or indirectly helping to introduce people to the Lord Jesus Christ. So many people still need to hear about being saved before Jesus Christ returns.

Many things have changed during this pandemic year. Especially, with those people who are outside the church. It's not as simple to gather them in our church buildings and other indoor facilities. Unfortunately, the situation is even worse now than a year ago. However, we know that our Lord has everything under control. He does everything according to His own will. We believe that as it gets warmer, we will be able to see more people outdoors.

Before our **Ukrainian Easter celebrations, we plan to distribute the gifts from Faith Mission in different locations. Most will be in the open air although some may happen partly indoors. We have personally delivered flour, sugar, and soup-mix, to many families. We are planning to do more of it in this way. We would like to provide you with more photos, however, there isn't always an opportunity to make pictures because people need to sign the documents that they received the gift. Not everybody understands that. We are very grateful that God provided us with something to bring to the people before Easter..... Thank-You, to Faith Mission in Canada.

We delivered clothing to an elderly home in one of the villages of Kosiv county. It's definitely a great help for the people whose situation has become much worse in the last 12 months.

Dear friends in Canada.... in the



eight months after I got out of the hospital we have distributed two containers of clothing from Canada and three truck loads from Germany. It was definitely not an easy task, but thousands of people in the village around here see how God is taking care of them through the people they don't even know. They are making life so much easier for them. Of course it's such a great blessing that we have the opportunity to give out Christian literature wherever we distribute the humanitarian aid.

Food packages are usually distributed among non-believing people and larger families. For the Godyliv Church members we gave a bag of sugar, a bag of flour and two packages Gleaners soup-mix. We will do the same for the Carpathian church. I just came back from that area and there is still a lot of snow.

We have started getting ready for the camping season for the children. Sadly, we still don't know where we would be allowed to have camp this year. In our part of Ukraine, all the public schools are closed and students study online.

Dear friends, we thank God for your ministry of Faith Mission and for all the churches that support this ministry which is thousands of kilometers away. May God fulfill all your need and provide abundantly.

May God bless all your churches and families during this Easter time!

Your friends in Christ from the Carpathians in south-western Ukraine.

*(**Please Note: Easter Sunday 2021 in Ukraine is on May the 2nd, almost a month later than in Canada)*

Thank you so much for supporting the Faith Mission / Missionswerk FriedensBote Projects this Winter

We take so much for granted here in Canada. When we wake up and get out of bed, we are so used to “turning up the thermostat” and in a few minutes we feel the warmth around us. Sure, there will be some people in Ukraine who enjoy the



same luxury but there are many who, first of all, don't even have a thermostat to turn up. Even if they do have one, their power or gas may be turned off because they can't pay their utility bill.

We say that we are very grateful for your financial

support for the Firewood Project.... really we have no idea how much it has blessed the people in Ukraine this winter. I hope that you will feel the warmth in your heart which only the almighty God can send back here from the warm fires burning in Ukraine.

The smiling family in the photo above is a prime example of the joy that people are experiencing when a load of firewood is unloaded. Faith Mission has sent more funds for this project than what we have received so you can still designate donations toward the Firewood Project on the mailing card.



Moldova is the poorest country in Europe. We have been able to send 2 containers of Humanitarian Aid into this country with a population of about 3 million people. Faith Mission, together with Missionswerk FriedensBote from Germany are also working with the many orphans and foster children in the country.

God prepares people - We needed almost seven hours for the 300 kilometer trip to the village of Novorossosch. Completely exhausted, we arrived there late at night, loaded with the food hampers for the families and Christmas gifts for the children. The next day God filled us with new courage and love for these people. We were ready to share the wonderful Christmas message to this community. Although there were only a few Christians in the region, God had well prepared the spiritual ground for the gospel.

"I can't possibly eat all of this alone!" - Yuri is blind in one eye. With the other eye he only sees about 30%. Forgotten by everyone, he looked for his accommodation in the abandoned crumbling buildings. He had no money, clothes, nor an ID card. One day, Christians found him in a dilapidated house and took him to the Christian rehab center. It was warm and clean here. Yuri said: "I was only willing to go because I had nothing to lose. Now it feels like I am in a new world." When we brought him the grocery package, Yuri felt all the treasures for a long time, stunned. We asked him: "Is something wrong? Why do you feel all the things?" He replied, "I've never had so much to eat. I can't possibly eat all of this alone. I will keep a few things but I will give the rest to others!"

We were amazed to see that such Christmas gifts not only nourish people, but that God changes people's characters and shapes Christian virtues.



A sinner who found grace - We met another man who is also called Yuri. He reports that he has used drugs in the past, for as long he can remember. As a result, his body became covered with puss-filled wounds, and his left leg turned into a huge seeping wound. He couldn't imagine ever returning to normal life. Yuri was slowly freezing to death at a bus stop when Alexej, a Christian whom God had freed from alcohol addiction, found him. Alexej had previously been homeless himself, and felt sorry for Yuri and began to look after him. It took a lot of patience and seemed unsuccessful.

Then Alexej brought Yuri a Christmas box with groceries from the "Heart to Heart" campaign. Yuri was overwhelmed. The following Sunday he came to the evangelical church, fell on his knees and asked God for forgiveness of his sins. In



this way, patience, willingness to serve, and donations are transformed into saved souls, and become a treasure in heaven that can no longer be lost. Dear friends, your service is not in vain!

"Is there still hope for me?" - Vladimir is probably the only person in Ukraine who still carries a Soviet passport, although the Soviet Union has not existed for 30 years. After losing everything; his family, shelter, work, and all of his documents, he came to the Christian rehabilitation center. Today this place means everything to him. Vladimir learned to work again by looking after the pigs in the barn. He learned to read again - especially the Word of God. He was given decent clothing and now also a grocery package. Vladimir still cannot understand how he was able to change from a decent, hardworking boy into "the scraps of society." He asks., "Is there still hope for me....?" Every act of love shown to him moves him to think about living the remaining years of his life the right way. The food package from Faith Mission left a deep trace of Christian love and God's care in his heart. We pray that he will become a child of God. *



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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Suggestion.....Here are 7 Prayer Requests – Why not get your family to pray for one item of concern every day of the week for the next two months.....

Please Pray

1. ...for the many Ukrainian orphans.... that there will be more Christian families committing to adopt these children and give them a meaningful life.
2. ...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.
3. ...for the safety of all the missionaries who are working in Ukraine, Moldova and other former communist countries...especially for those in the War-Zone of eastern Ukraine. Apparently Russia has recently placed more than 150,000 troops along the Eastern Ukrainian border. More than 14,000 people have died in the war since it began in 2014. Please pray that God will not allow the war in Ukraine to escalate again.
4. ...for our friend Jaroslav and his co-workers at the Drug and Alcohol Rehab Center in Beschizhnoye, Ukraine. (*God knows where it is! He will hear your prayers even though you can't pronounce the name*). 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. Pray for all the other Christian Rehab Centers in Ukraine as well.
5. ...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.
6. ...for 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.
7. ...that our building project will all go well and that it will all work out in spite of the challenges and shortages caused by the Covid pandemic.

Thank you for your support! May God bless you!