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Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. (Psalm 119:4-6)

Contrary to popular opinion, as God's children we are obliged to live according to God's Word! Satan would make us believe, if he could, that it isn't absolutely necessary, even though the Word of God is good and right and true in every respect.

Before Satan could lead Adam and Eve into sin, he had to persuade them to doubt God's command to them: *"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil"* (Genesis 3:4 - 5).

We must be absolutely established in the eternal truth that God has commanded us to keep His precepts: *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"* (Psalm 119:105).

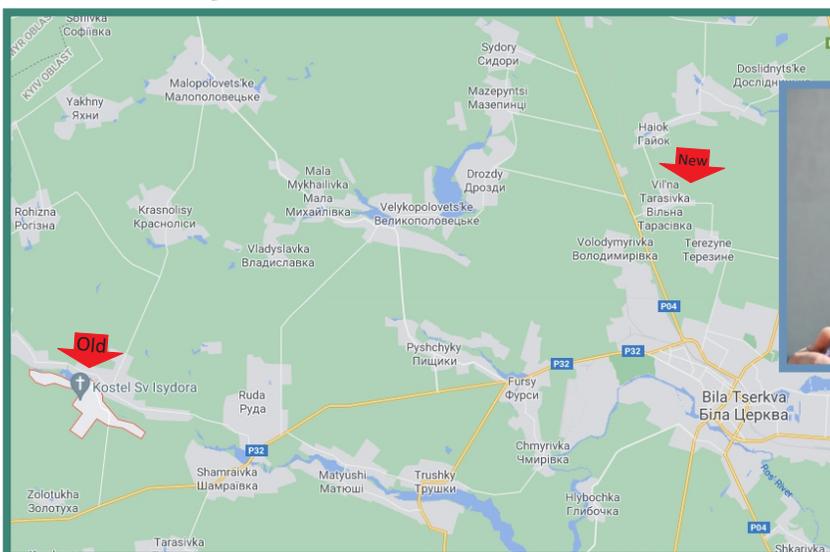
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Admittedly, we are weak and human, but so was David. And we can keep God's statutes by following David's example in praying for wisdom and grace. Since the Lord has commanded us to keep His precepts, let us also pray, *"O Lord, grant me thy grace and mercy and incline my heart to keep thy commandments."*

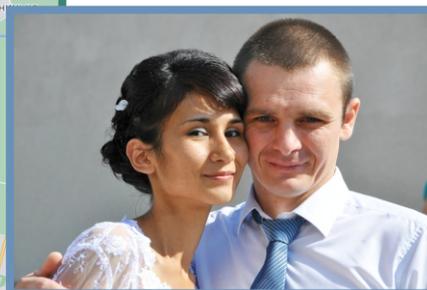
"Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments." As David pointed out, when we respect all of God's commandments and observe those that concern the inner man as well as the outward man, we will have confidence toward God and find access to the Throne of Grace. John said, *"Beloved, if our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God"* (1 John 3:21).

Let us pray with David, *"Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes"* (Psalm 119:12). ***

From Bezpechna to Vil'na Tarasivka.... From Drug Addict to Servant of God



I'm Alexey Manita I am 38 years old. I was born in the Odessa region of Ukraine, in the city of Belgorod-



Dniester. I was a drug addict for more than 10 years. I became homeless due to my serious addiction to drugs. One day, when I was in a situation where there was nowhere else to go,

someone told me about the Bezpechna Rehabilitation Center. I decided to give it a try. I had nothing to lose. The moment I arrived there, I started hearing about Jesus Christ. All my life I tried to change the

circumstances, but nothing made any difference. I changed from city to city, and one country to another. However, I could not escape from myself, no matter how hard I tried. No matter where I went, I always stumbled into the same lifestyle. Even when I moved into the rehab center, I couldn't change my circumstances, but God began to work on me and change me. I realized that He has the power and ability to change lives. I also realized that it was He who wanted to help me. I soon realized that even though the circumstances remained the same, I was changing. When I began to change, everything around me was also changing. A month after I was born again, my wife, Zhenya, accepted Jesus Christ into her life and three months later my mother also accepted Christ. Now, we glorify the Lord as a family. The children read scripture verses, my wife sings and I preach. At the moment, my family and I are planning to go on a mission trip to Russia.

Alexey M.....



The Manita Family: Alexey, wife Zhenya, Son Daniel, and Daughter Daria

My name is Sergei..... I am 35 years old. I did not have a good childhood. Parental love wasn't part of my up-bringing. My mother was far away, I only saw her three times. I was raised by my grandmother and older brother. I really hated them because, my friends had loving moms and courageous dads. My old grandmother and my brother were both drug addicts. My life as a child was mostly a life of hatred, fear, and resentment. I carried all this baggage with me into adulthood. Added to this wicked lifestyle were constant depression, alcoholism, soft drugs, and fornication. All this has taken a very serious toll on my body; not only physically but, emotionally as well. The devil was almost victorious. It was, when I was at the bottom of a dark pit, when I was broken, without friends, without family, with failing health, and after several unsuccessful suicide attempts, that

the Lord found me. I was walking next to an old Orthodox church when He found me. I was struggling with partial loss of sight, begging for alms, when Jesus found me. The Lord found me there and brought me to Bezpechna Rehabilitation Center for Alcoholics. It was only by God's Grace that I found myself in rehab. I didn't understand it then that I was far from the Lord, but He was close to me. When I arrived at the center, I heard God's Word for the first time. I learned about the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the first time, and turned to the Lord in prayer for the first time. At first I prayed only for myself. I did not sleep at night. I constantly thought about the Lord, and about His sacrifice on Calvary. I thought about the fact that the Creator gave His only Son for my sins, so that I, so sinful, so vile, could be redeemed.

Then one day in church, the Lord was knocking on my heart's door while something was happening inside of me. During the service, the pastor spoke about repentance. He shared that the Lord wants everyone to accept Him as their Savior. I was drawn to repentance, but something prevented me from going forward. I just could not get up and go. Later, when we returned to the center, I was once again tormented by the feeling of my sinful, useless, empty life, for which such a huge price was paid. The Lord was constantly in my thoughts. Finally, one day I gave in to what the Lord wanted. On December 29, 2019, I was born again! I accepted the Lord as Savior into my heart. It is impossible to describe that moment, it will only be understood by those who have experienced it. On August 2, 2020, I was baptized, and from that moment on, the Lord settled in my heart. He is with me every day, and every day is filled with His presence, He is all around me, He is in



The building above is where the Drug & Alcohol Rehab Center started a number of years ago in the village of Bezpechna. The organization had outgrown the very crowded facility and in 2020, with help from Missionswerk FriedensBote in Germany and Faith Mission in Canada, they were able to purchase a much nicer and larger house closer to Bila Tzerkov. Photo on the right is the 'new' Drug and Alcohol Rehab Center in the village of Vil'na Tarasivka (a few kilometers north of Bila Tzerkov) manager, Jaroslav, posing on the sidewalk. (We have featured Jaroslav's testimony in earlier Newsletters.



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everything. The Lord freed me from the terrible bondage of alcoholism, He filled the emptiness that was inside me. The Lord teaches me every day, and every day you can see his blessing, you just need to open your eyes. He showed me what love is. He taught me to love people, and He showed His perfection, Glory to Him! I know that the Lord loves me, He gave me a large and wonderful family. He also gave me an older brother, a mentor I never had when I so desperately needed him while growing up. The Lord also allowed me to become part of a ministry with children deprived of parental attention. He radically changed my attitude towards children. I am very grateful to the Lord for my students, they are wonderful. The Lord also made it possible for me to study at a pastoral missionary college. The Lord has put the desire in my heart to go to a Muslim country with a mission and serve as a witness to the glory of my Savior. The Lord freed me from the feeling of fear. Now that I know what love is, I want to share it with others.



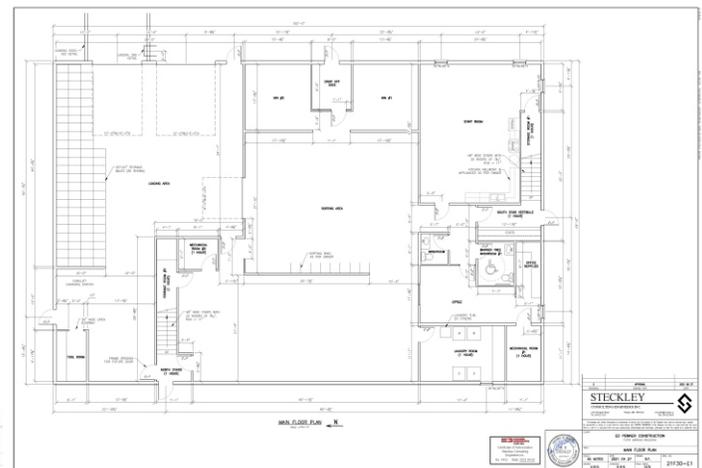
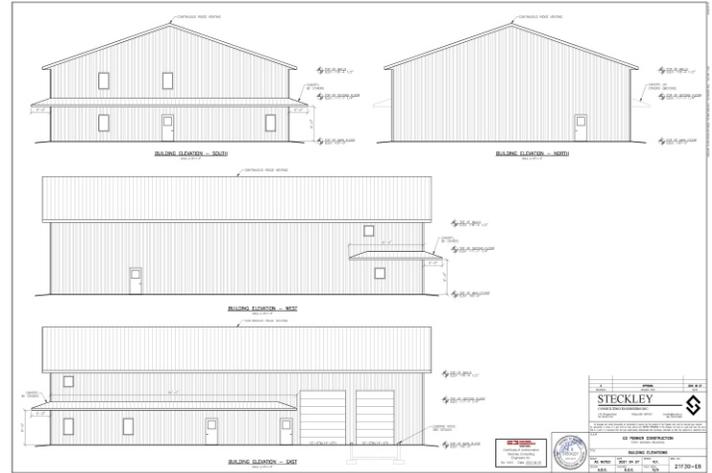
The Joy of the Lord can be seen on Sergei's face now that he is living a new life. Finally, filled with love and mercy, after being adopted into a family of believers in Jesus Christ.

Looking back, it seems to me that my past life was not mine..... that it was all a nightmare. But, I understand perfectly well that it was all a reality, and it was for those iniquities of mine that Jesus was punished. I should have been on that cross, but the Lord is good, merciful, loving and very patient! Glory to our Lord Jesus Christ!

Sergei

Editor's Note: In the past, we have made several visits to the Bezpechna Rehab facility. With your generous help, Faith Mission has also been able to provide financial support as well as humanitarian aid to the center and also to Jaroslav and his family. Every time we have visited the center, we have been tremendously blessed and inspired by the sincere efforts that the local churches are investing into the lives of these people. These people have made bad choices and have come to the end of their 'rope' and realize they need help. Most of the people who keep the center in operation have, in the past, also experienced lifestyles of addiction, drugs, alcohol, incarceration, or almost anything imaginable. They know what they're talking about and are using their experiences to help others find Jesus Christ.

If you would like to help us in supporting this very part of the Faith Mission Overseas Mission Projects, please check off the Drug & Alcohol Rehab box on the Mailing Card and send it with your donation cheque.



New Faith Mission Building Progress Report

In our March/April Newsletter #150, we had mentioned that we have been offered to move into a new building and that Kroeker Farms would move their Potato Store into the Faith Mission building on Roblin Blvd. Well, we have been busy with planning the new building which will be situated at the corner of Cargill Road and Circle K Drive, just a block south of where we are now. As you can see above, we have the engineers stamp on our plans and hopefully excavating and concrete work can get started very soon.

A number of people have asked whether we have already moved or when will this happen. No, we haven't moved yet and we are not sure how the summer construction projects will work out because of material shortages. We will keep you posted as the project progresses. Please pray that this can all be done in God's timing and to His Glory.

June is (usually) Camp Time in Ukraine

Faith Mission has supported Ukraine Children's Camp Ministry since 2004. We have been blessed with countless testimonies that the children have shared about their camp experiences. For some this happens every summer, for others it may be a one-time opportunity to be introduced to the Love and Compassion of Jesus Christ. In the summer of 2020, most of the camp activities were cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. This year it looks like the churches will be able to have small group day camps so we want to provide them with the funds to make this all come together. Please pray that the 'Doors will remain open' for this and that many children can hear about Jesus and that they will commit their lives to the Lord.

If you would like to support the 2021 Faith Mission Children's Camps, please check off the Camps on the Mailing Card and return it with your donation.
Thank you for supporting our Ukraine Missions.



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.



“New” Project Option - Moldova Mobile Clinic



When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Mark 2:17

Photos-Left to Right:

1. Nurses and doctors ready to go out on a Mobile Mission
2. Patients waiting for their turn in the waiting area
3. Liviu G. - examining the eyes of a young patient
4. Moldova - the poorest country in Europe. Many still use horses for transportation or farm work

For more than 25 years, the team at the Christian Emanuel Clinic in Moldova has been serving the needy and preaching the Gospel to them. Our sister mission in Germany, FriedensBote has been supporting a branch of this service, the Moldova Mobile Clinic, for several years. This year, Liviu G., the head of the clinic, wrote to us: “Despite rapid decline of trust in Jesus Christ. We don't know what the year 2021 will bring us, but we trust the Lord Jesus Christ and we know that He knows everything and has everything under His control. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the situation for the people in Europe's poorest country has deteriorated rapidly. Many people cannot afford medical treatment. They even often lack the means to visit our Christian clinic in the capital Chisinau. That is why we are planning deployments of a mobile clinic in five areas of Moldova. Mobile missions are an open door. These missions include therapists, cardiologists, neurologists, ear, nose and throat specialists, ophthalmologists, pediatricians, a nurse and, if necessary, another doctor. This mission is a joint effort of the Mobile Clinic Team and the local Christian churches and takes place in the church meeting rooms or in the village community centres. Christians can then talk to people about salvation in Jesus Christ, make contacts and invite them to other church services, children's camps, etc. They also prepare lists of families to visit at home. The mobile clinic is also planning to offer free medical examinations to larger families, people with disabilities, the blind and hard of hearing, families with adopted children and the elderly.”

The goal: To Save Souls!

The main purpose of our services is to convey the good news to people. Suffering people need the love of Christ in a special way and we believe that the Lord Jesus wants to give them eternal life. It gives us great encouragement that we are able to experience over and over that our patients have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Redeemer before they pass into eternity!

Faith Mission, and our sister organization, FriedensBote, plan to support the services of the Mobile clinic. The monthly costs are around \$3,600 - \$4,500 Cdn. **Anyone who would like To support this project can do so by checking the Mobile Clinic box on the Mailing Card and send it to us with your donation.**

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