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“With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.” (Psalm 119:13-16)

In these inspiring words of the psalmist, we find help and comfort for our troubled hearts. It was comforting to the psalmist that he could share with others the great truths God had revealed to him from His Word. As he presided in the court, as he wrote the Psalms, and as he lived among his friends, he shared and taught God's Word. *“For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh”* (Matt. 12:34).

“I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.” What a statement! David loved and longed to know God's laws. As a businessman loves to see his business increase, David loved the ways of God; they were his business. Only in true salvation do we find the unsearchable riches of Christ.

“I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.” The more we meditate upon God's Word and think upon its eternal truths, the more we will love it, the more influence it will have upon our lives, and the more we will prosper in every way—physically, mentally, spiritually, financially, etc.

“I will delight myself in thy statutes.” David found more pleasure in God's laws than in all the pleasures of the court or the honors of his camp. When God's Word is written in our hearts, our duty to Him becomes a pleasure — not a chore. When a person finds serving God a drudgery, or when he begins to talk about what he is missing out on in life, that person no longer has the Word written in his heart. It has been replaced with other things. For where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also.

“I will not forget thy word.” Surely those who meditate on God's Word and delight in it are not apt to forget it (Psa. 1:2). As we think on these things, we agree with the psalmist who said, *“O how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day”* (Psa. 119:97) ❀❀❀

520 Circle K Drive - Progress Report



We have the “Green Light”.....

We have a street address.....

We have GRAVEL.....

We have the elevations staked out....

**We have Official Drawings stamped
with the Engineer’s Stamp.....**

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Some of you have been asking about our move to the new building. As you can see in these pictures, taken September 29th, our project has finally started. There have been many delays and setbacks but it looks like most of

September 29, 2021



these have been worked out and things are starting to happen. This is a new development, so it needed to be re-zoned and subdivided. These things can take a long time to be finalized. We are very happy that the City of Winkler has been expediting our application and that we got the “Green Light” to proceed. Please pray for this project.



Christmas is less than 3 months away!

You can pick up empty Christmas Gift Boxes at Faith Mission (425 Roblin Blvd East) in Winkler. There are empty Gift Boxes in the Drop-Off room. You can pick up boxes anytime and pack your own. The Drop-Off door is always unlocked.

* Here is a list of items that we recommend you put into a gift box:

* Please include: **Mittens, Socks, Toque, Scarf, Underwear, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap, Facecloth, a Small Gift or Toy, School Supplies, Pencil, Eraser, Pen, Paper or Note-book, Colouring Book, Ruler, Pencil Sharpener, Crayons, and Scissors.**

Send - Bar soap no liquid soap / Glue stick - instead of glue bottles.

* No Shampoo Body Wash, or Perfume.

* **If you put in candies**, please put them into a small plastic bag.

* A more detailed list is available on our website.

* If you are not interested in packing the gift boxes yourself, we can do it for you. Faith Mission will buy the supplies and pack the box(es) for you. **Simply send us a donation, and (Mark “Gift Box” on Mailing Card)**

The cost to pack a Gift Box is approximately \$30 - \$35.

Thank you for your support!



Loading gifts into the container destined for Ukraine

God Bless Moldova!

*They say...“A picture is worth a thousand words!”
(8 pictures is 8,000 words)*

During these last two years of pandemic around the world, we have still been able to carry on with Faith Mission’s Humanitarian Aid ministry. We have shipped the last two containers with Humanitarian Aid into the small Republic of Moldova. The country is very small, only slightly bigger than half the size of the province of Nova Scotia. Although it is small, it is very productive with many vineyards and orchards. It does, however, remain the poorest country in Europe. The official population of Moldova is 3.5 million. However, estimates determine that the true figure is much less due to a significant level of out-migration with people seeking work in other European countries.

Here are a few pictures where you can see the smiles on the faces when the container is unloaded and the aid is distributed. **(Clockwise starting with the top left corner)**

1. (Top Left) The container has been unloaded and bales of clothing are packed into the van to be transported to another community in Moldova. This container also included some bicycles as you see in the photo. This bale was packed in Winkler, totally wrapped with cardboard.

2. (Top middle) Three young men very happy to get their own transportation. Fuel is very expensive and vehicles are not easy to maintain. Thus, bikes are the way to go!

3. (Top Right) This family is very happy to attend the service where the bales of clothing were opened and distributed. These bales were packed in LaCrete, Alberta. They are wrapped with plastic. That’s right, all the way from LaCrete, Alberta, trucked to Winkler, Manitoba, then by railway to Halifax and by ship to Odessa, Ukraine. Finally, by truck to Chisinau, Moldova. PTL!

4. (Right centre) A family proudly displaying their “new” dresses that came out of the clothing bales. (Wouldn’t it be great to be “a fly on the wall” when these bales arrive and witness the excitement?)

5. (Lower right & lower left and left side, second from bottom) Gift Boxes are a wonderful way into a child’s heart! When the children ask why they received the gift, it’s so easy to share how God also gave us all a special Gift at Christmas when He sent His Son to die for us.

6. (Seven Students ready for School) This year Faith Mission, together with Missionswerk FriedensBote in Germany, helped out close to 800 students in Moldova and Ukraine by purchasing backpacks and filling them with essential school supplies for the year. This photo is taken of a few of the students in Moldova.





Moldova Mission in Pictures



We really need more 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. We have also had a very good summer as far as clothing donations goes. As a result, we have a Huge stockpile of clothing that is Waiting to be sorted and baled.

I know this is a busy time for many but why not make arrangements with a group of friends and come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship at Faith Mission.

Call Helena to arrange 204-362-3406



Office Hours



Tuesday (Office only) 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Clothing sorting & baling:

Thursday 1:00 to 4:30 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.

Special Reminder for all our supporters with NEW ADDRESSES in Southern Manitoba Return Change of Address slip below Or, send your changes by email



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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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Ostroh Teenage Camp - 2021



Dear friends of the mission. We thank you all for your loving financial support for the countries of the east! Despite these difficult times, some children's camps were held - a blessing for many children this summer. Our contact person Alexander D. from Ukraine reports on God's wonderful work at the children's camps in Ostroh, Ukraine:

These camps were mainly intended for children from socially disadvantaged families as well as for orphans. With the great food we were able to satisfy the basic needs of the children. The love of the co-workers and the Word of God, changed the hearts of many. Parents

who picked up their children after camp also took part in our services. Many heard the gospel and even joined in to sing the Christian songs. At the end of the camp, the children received a small souvenir and some sweets from us. Words could hardly express their joy!

The teenage camp, 'Everest', was given another name, 'Miracles of God' this year because we were able to experience many miracles of God and His mercy this year. The most beautiful miracle was that God touched the hearts of eight teenagers who made a decision to live for Him. We have already made friends with these teens and started a youth group.

When planning this teen camp, we were short a lot of funds because the prices have risen tremendously as a result of the corona pandemic. So the financial situation posed a special challenge for us. We kept on praying for it, believing that God would take care of everything. We were ever so grateful that everything worked out and we were able to provide for a one-week Christian camp with 45 teenagers.

The personal conversations between the staff and these young people showed us time and again that God was working in their hearts. One of the girls revealed that she had not yet spoken to anyone about her inner fears and challenges that she experiences with her peers. At the end of her stay, she opened her heart to God.

Another girl has experienced serious domestic violence at home and was very afraid to speak to anyone about it. However, through the conversations with her group leader she found a friend who prayed with her and for her and who will support her in the future in difficult circumstances.

One boy who actually wanted to go home on the third day, was counseled by the group leader and decided to stay until the end of the week. His parents are addicted to alcohol, so he is often left at home alone. He too was able to personally experience God's love in a special way.

At camp we hear of many such stories. That is why this camp time is a miracle of God for us. You too, dear brothers and sisters, have a share in this miracle. It is our prayer that you will experience that same joy when you read this.

It is our hope and prayer that the seed from the Word of God, that has been scattered in these young hearts, will bear fruit in due season. We would like to invest more time in looking after the teenagers in the future and are therefore already planning a winter camp for them."

"But Jesus beheld their thoughts, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but if they will forsake all things for my sake, with God whatsoever things I speak are possible." Matthew 19:26

We wish you God's abundant blessings!

Alexandr D. from Ukraine

Please Pray for the Needs at Faith Mission.....

1. Pray that our building project will all go well and that it will all work out in spite of the challenges, delays and shortages caused by the Covid pandemic.

2. Pray 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. Pray also for those volunteers who help with the distribution and other ministry tasks overseas.

3. Pray for each Christmas Gift Box that will be packed and sent to Ukraine or Moldova this Christmas season. Please pray that God's Blessings of Love will be on each gift that is placed in each box. Pray that the children accepting and opening the gift will feel the Love of Jesus as they unpack it.

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Donations can also be dropped off in the "Mail-Box Slot" in the Faith Mission Drop-Off Room