

# Mission Newsletter



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**“Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.” (Psalm 119:35, 36)**

The psalmist had prayed for understanding to know how to keep God's law. Now he prays for God to bend his will and quicken his heart to keep His law. It is God who works in us, both to will and to do of His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). A willing heart and a quickened mind are from the grace of Almighty God; both are necessary for every good work.

The psalmist prayed for grace. When we pray sincerely that God will incline our hearts to keep His Word, we have His promise, *"And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."*

*"Incline my heart unto thy testimonies."* In other words, *"Make me willing to do thy will."* Not only does it take grace to walk in the way of the Lord, the way of truth, but oftentimes it takes grace to be willing to overcome the obstacles that would keep us from doing God's will. We need to pray for grace to overcome any unwillingness to seek after spiritual things.

*"And not to covetousness."* The psalmist prayed for grace to overcome the sin of covetousness. This particular sin, I believe, is at the root of many problems Christians have today. We want bigger houses, better furniture. We want bigger and better cars. We want the latest styles in clothes. I'm not saying any of these things are wrong; it's the spirit of the desire that makes things wrong. So the question must be asked: "Do I need a bigger house, or car, or more stylish clothes?" When we have legitimate needs, it is not wrong to desire better quality. There is a difference in needing something and being covetous of it. Since the love of money is the root of all evil (I Tim. 6:10), it must be rooted out of our hearts before the love of God can be established there. Friendship with the world is enmity with God (James 4:4).

Last of all, let us pray each day that God will give us the grace to walk in the way of His commandments. Paul said, *"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you- that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work"* (II Cor. 9:8) ❀❀❀

## Faith Mission Expands into Southern Alberta

January 2022 was supposed to be a very special month for us. Marie and I had wanted to take a trip to Ukraine for many years and it looked like things were falling into place that we would actually make it there. Tickets were purchased. We were going to be in Ukraine from January 4th to the 21st. However, God had other plans. In late November our trip was cancelled due to the rising tension and potential war between Russia and Ukraine. I had a very difficult time accepting it the way I should have. But...I know that God was and is still in control and He had a different mission trip in store for us.

In summer of 2021, we received a request from a few dedicated Faith Mission supporters from the Taber / Grassy Lake, Alberta area. They were inquiring about the possibility for them to sort and bale clothes there as well. We spoke to a local welding shop owner about building another baler and he was excited to help out in this way.

On January the 21st, (the day we were to return from Ukraine) we delivered the completed baler to Alberta and helped to get it set up and made sure everything was working.



On Friday evening we did a Faith Mission report and slide presentation in Taber and collected the first clothes to be



baled in Southern Alberta.

Saturday morning, after picking up two pallets of dried soup mix at Prairie Gleaners in Medicine Hat, we gathered a few volunteers together, explained the process to them, and helped them make their first 3 bales.

In order to get more churches in the area aware of this new mission opportunity and to get them involved, we are planning to

head back in the beginning of February for a few more weeks of presentations and reports in the surrounding towns/cities. We also hope to assist them in setting up a few more items in the shop similar to what we have in our Winkler warehouse.

*Nathan Elias - Director*



## **Crusades in the Carpathians**

January 2022

*(Isaiah 9:6) "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."*

*Greetings, dear friends and coworkers from Faith Mission. This is the time when we go to people and many people come to us. It's the best time of the whole year to build relationships with people. We hope that these relationships will continue. We use this opportunity to preach how Jesus was born, died and went to Heaven and is coming back very soon to take His faithful people home to Heaven.*

*We had many meetings during these Christmas holidays.*

*We had meetings in our church buildings, in schools, special schools, homes for the elderly, welfare organizations and in some villages even in private homes. Church members from five different churches participated in this ministry – Verkhovyna, Rivnya, Staische, Tuchapy, and Godyliv.*

*Preparations for these services started a long time before Christmas. With financial assistance from Faith Mission in Canada and FriedensBote in Germany, we were able to purchase many gifts and products for food hampers. We prepared 500 packages which we delivered to the needy people. We also distributed many tracts, New Testaments and calendars.*

*We do our best to work with all different the groups of people-children, disabled people, retired people, single parents, and large families. Of course, we have a very soft heart for all the children. This Christmas, we met more than 1000 children. Some parents also came with them. We received the gifts from Germany this year. More meetings with the children are planned.*

*We thank God that He protected us from all kinds of illnesses and we were able to witness that Christ was born to save us from our sins. Although many Godyliv church members have been sick in the last months, God blessed them with a full recovery. We live*



## Making Blankets A Ministry Without A Language Barrier



*in very uncertain times... we don't even know what will happen to us tomorrow. All we know is that God wants us to use the opportunities He provides for His glory today.*

*We are happy for our mission friends in Canada and Germany because God uses you to provide these opportunities to have these wonderful meetings with unsaved people.*

*We thank God for all your local churches that support the ministry of your mission, for those who collect clothing, pack gift boxes so that other people not only hear about, but also see that God loves them and takes care of them. God has already proven His love by sending His Only Son to redeem us.*

*We are really looking forward to receive your container once again which should arrive here on March 2nd. It means we'll have more meetings with children and adults, probably during Easter time.*

*If it is God's will, we plan to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ministry in the Carpathians on May 22, 2022.*

*On June 19 it will be 30 years ago when we built the church building in Godyliv. During the celebration, we are planning the ordination of brothers for ministry in the Carpathians. After that, we will be starting summer camps again. Everything is in God's hands. We believe, hope and make preparations, but God will decide how it will all work out. We would be happy to see you at these services.*

*We wish you God's blessings, send sincere greetings to your churches, families and all coworkers.*

*We remember you in our prayers.*

*Peter, Carpathians, Godyliv Ukraine.*

We are ever so grateful for all the ladies who faithfully come to the Faith Mission Warehouse on "Sewing Mondays" to make blankets. We are also very grateful to the people who work on the blankets and other sewing projects in their homes or in their churches. Although the ultimate purpose of the blankets is to keep someone in the poverty stricken country warm, they serve a very special purpose in the packing of a container with Humanitarian Aid. In our warehouse, the lighter blankets are used to keep the bundles of clothes in tact when they are carried from the Sorting Bins to the Baler. Each clothing bale gets 2 bundles so that means 2 blankets. This means that if a 40 foot High Cube Container load has 350 clothing bales, there will be about 700 blankets in one container. We shipped 9 containers in 2021 so that adds up to about 6300 blankets

## 520 Circle K Drive - Progress Report



Please continue to pray for this project! We hear of shortages and building components being short-shipped or possibly back-ordered for months or maybe even a year. Although we have had a few small "bumps in the road," things have gone very well. We want to express our note of gratitude to the team at Ed Penner Construction, the City of Winkler, and all the sub-trades who have been involved so far. We also want to thank our dear Lord and Savior for making it all come together. If all goes as per the schedule, the electricians and plumbers should be starting their rough-in work at the beginning of February, later this week.

We are looking forward to the new facility which will give the ladies quite a bit more space to work on their blankets and other projects. It will also give us more of the much needed space for storing finished bales, especially those coming from LaCrete and Taber Alberta, and for preparing and storing Christmas Gift Boxes on the second floor. ❀❀❀

plus about 440 bags with heavier comforters, duvets, and pillows. That is a lot of bedding! If you or your ladies group would like to work on the blanket project, either at home or in your church, please give Helena a call. 1(204) 362-3406

We at Faith Mission would like to thank all of you for making 2021 a banner year for us in spite of all the restrictions and many people being ill and isolating at home. We were able to ship 9 containers in 2021 which is more than we have done since 2012 when we shipped 11. We have been blessed with lots of clothing, many good bicycles and thousands of blankets, and gift boxes.



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**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.**

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- 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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(Translated from Ukrainian Viber message received last week from Pastor P.N.)

TESTIMONY as shared by dear sister Halyna.

My name is Halyna. I was born in 1986 and raised in a large family. My parents had six children, three daughters and three sons. I was the third child in the family. My older brother died in 2021. Although my parents attended an Orthodox church, we were a family of non-believers. Even though our parents taught us to work hard, our life was difficult. Financial aid was not available as it is now. When I was in the 7th grade, I remember my mother bringing a book of Psalms from a friend, and I started reading it. While I was reading it, I felt comfort, as if God was helping me.

At the age of 14, I started to work in a restaurant with my mother. This was very difficult for me. I went to work with my mother at 6 am, then off to school. After school, it meant back to my workplace where I worked until late in the evening, washing dishes and floors, cleaning, entertaining, making bread and baking for the next day. I worked like that for 2 years. At the age of 16, I met the man who would later be my husband, and we began to live together. When I met this man, he had just been released after spending 11 years in prison. He was using drugs, alcohol and tobacco. My parents were against our life together because my husband was 18 years older than me and because of his addictions.

At that time, I felt as if someone was holding us together. I just couldn't leave him. I believe now that it was God's plan. I soon found out that I was pregnant with our oldest daughter. Life went on. However, it seemed like every day turned into hell. There were frequent visits to friends of drug addicts. Since my husband was a registered offender, still heavy into drugs and alcohol, there were many police visits. Sometimes he would not be sober for up to 6 weeks at a time.

Four years later our second daughter was born. It seemed like nothing could get us out of this lifestyle. We were living in hell for 6 full years. As I had been taught as a child, I still prayed and talked to God. I prayed, "If you are a real God then save my husband." The pastor of our church, Peter Nastasiychuk, came to our house from time to time. One day the pastor offered to take my husband to the Drug and Alcohol rehab center in Kharkiv for rehabilitation. He agreed and that's where God began to work on him. Praise be to Our Lord! Rehabilitation lasted one year, during which time my husband came to the Lord with repentance. During this time, I also started to attend services with the children and came to the Lord. Rehabilitation was successful. Thank God for everything.

*"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."* Phil. 4:13. My husband returned home and we were both baptized at the same time. We served together in the church. My husband continued to study the Bible and before long, he graduated from two Bible institutes. In 15 years of our life together, God has given us 5 beautiful daughters. Although there have been difficulties and trials, I have always felt God's hand. Thank God for everything. (Suggested Reading - Psalm 22)



In 2015, my husband became seriously ill and was diagnosed with viral cirrhosis of the liver. He battled with the disease for two years, but in 2017 the Lord took him home. We are looking forward to meeting him in heaven, where we will all be together and rejoice with the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, according to Philippians 3:20. Now I serve God, together with my daughters. I am very grateful to God for everything. I love Him infinitely.

*"He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.*

*Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast. How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings."* PSALM 36: 4-7.

Halyna with 3 of her 5 daughters