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“And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.” Genesis 22:2

Things were really good for Abram. He had his son, Isaac. He was wealthy, still in love with his beautiful wife and God even changed his name to Abraham. Life was really good and I am sure Abraham, though he was living the dream and that legacy was going to happen. Then God talked to Abraham and said, “kill your son.” All the dreams of the future rested on his son, Isaac. Isaac was the fulfillment of God’s promise to make God a great nation. God was calling Abraham to let go. Let go of the way he thought it might go. Let go of seeing things done naturally instead of supernaturally. I am sure as he walked toward the mountain, he and Isaac had some real important heart to hearts. Abraham shared God’s stories of God talking, and sending angels. All of us should live in a way to share our stories with our children. For some of us, we have to let go of how the dream will happen. Some of us have to let go of idols in our lives of self, lust, greed, fear, anger and hate that may need to be sacrificed so that legacy can happen. Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son because he believed God, that no matter what, He would keep his word. Abraham may not have known what to believe as the knife was aimed toward his son and possible death of his legacy, but he knew who to believe. Ask God if there is anything, such as relationships or attitudes you need to sacrifice.



Serving people during the war

Greetings friends and all mission staff with the love of Jesus Christ. Peace be to all of you and God's blessings in your service to the people for the glory of our God. Unfortunately both the war in Ukraine and the needs of the people do not end, rather increase as time goes by. We continue to serve the people with God given opportunities that are made possible through the service of friends at Faith Mission and the churches of your countries. There are about 100

others take their place. The first set of refugees returned to the Kiev region and in their place came a young group of 8 with children from the Donetsk region. To everyone who comes we offer to help in whatever way they need, we try to do everything we can to at least somehow alleviate their pain. They have left everything and fled and do not know when they can return. Almost everyone asks how long they can stay, we answer that they can stay as long as they need. We try not to turn anyone away, with the exception of dogs and cats. Those who left home in the winter are in dire need of spring/summer clothes. Thank God, we still have some clothes to offer, both from Faith Mission as well as Missionswerk Friedensbote. We



are also supplied with food which is very important. This is also by the mercy of our God and we thank you for your donations to His work that makes this possible. We have already delivered several truckloads of firewood to the churches and we are wanting to purchase a few more, but unfortunately it is getting very difficult to buy firewood. We also help the many migrants who do not live with us but have come to the villages around us. We are very thankful that



Prairie Gleaners soup mix that was flown to Warsaw Poland and then trucked to Tuchapay Ukraine

We are very thankful that we still have clothes to offer everyone. With food products we seemingly can't get enough for everyone but we will help based on our capabilities. We visited the school and distributed gifts that we did not have time to hand out at Christmas. They turned out to be very useful now. Many of the children are migrants from Kharkov, Kyiv and other cities



and they were very excited to be receiving such gifts for the first time. We are very grateful to also have some excellent literature on hand. Many copies of "Jesus

is our Destiny", Bibles and Bible story books, coloring books, etc., have already been distributed from Verkhovyna to Chernivtsi at churches, schools, and wherever there is an opportunity, which is wonderful. On Friday we, with some of our migrant friends, visited a nursing home where we would normally go on at Easter. We collected food packages in Chernivtsi and went to the Carpathians. Dear friends, we are grateful for the dry soup mix we received and distributed to other cities. Every day we try to serve God and people as much as we can. There's not a single day we sit at home. On a daily basis we bring something to the Carpathians from Chernivtsi, or vice versa. Now we are busy preparing for Easter, when we will again visit the families where the migrants live. We will bless them further as we share literature and, of course, food packages. Blessings to you in the service of the Mission.



-Peter Nastasijchuk (pastor in Chernivtsi/Tuchapay)

In recent days, the situation in Uzin has become critical. People are leaving the city in droves due to constant shelling. The air raid sirens are constantly blaring a possible attack by Russian aircraft. People are forced to hide in basements, including the

basement of the church. These are mostly local residents who have nowhere to run and people moving further to the western region of Ukraine. Through



the efforts of the church, the building was equipped with everything necessary. Mattresses sent by the FriedensBote mission were especially useful. Usually 20 people or more gather for the night.

Store shelves were empty. People sweep away everything that can be eaten. The Church decided to buy out all the edible goods in the store owned by our sister Nadezhda Tarnopolsky and distributed to those in need. Everything that looks like a bad dream, unfortunately, is a reality for us.

Recently, the church held a special service for people in need, the elderly and the lonely.

The church purchased about 2,000 baguettes. Bread and other foods were distributed by members of the local church. It is impossible to express the gratitude of these Ukrainian people who received timely assistance in these difficult days. Many cities of Ukraine are on the verge of a humanitarian



disabled in need of care. The city social service ceased to exist. Many employees have moved out of the city. Many handicapped people do not have the physical ability to leave their homes to buy food and medicine. Christians visited some of these people, brought food, helped with the housework and bought the necessary medicines.

The Church of the City of Uzin cordially thanks everyone for their prayerful and financial support.

Pray for Ukraine.

- Victor Marchuk (pastor at Bila Tserkva/Uzin)



Letter from Leonid in Kharkiv:

Another week of war is behind us. More than a dozen residential and non-residential buildings were destroyed. Thousands of people died and even more lost their homes and urgently evacuated to somewhere..... Traces of trauma and war remain in their hearts and minds. There will be many horrible memories....memories that will last until their last breath is taken. The relatively comfortable life that people knew was frozen in time by bombs and bullets, and those that managed to survive, will begin life anew. The line of change is very painful, tears and moans continue for the second month. The search for consolation and a secluded corner is the desire of many. It seems that not only Ukraine, but the whole world is watching intently in anticipation of a miracle. Instead of a miracle, there's another bomb exploding, children are crying and the elderly are moaning in pain. A world we have never lived in before, a world you are trying to understand, a world that has deprived you of all peace. It's in this world that you must live and find yourself and your place. An uninvited neighbor - in terrible fear - has settled down and is constantly reminding you of his trauma. No persuasion for him to leave has any effect on him. This is a war. You see the footprints at every turn. Sometimes it seems like a dream, but



then you wake up instantly when another blast wave stops your car and shakes it with all its might. Indeed, you remember the words of the Apostle James: "For what is your life? It is even like a vapour that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth

away" James 4:14. Everything happens so suddenly. Our car came under fire during the delivery of food parcels today. At this instant, you do not have time to pray, or remember the family, or even say a few words to your wife, who is sitting next to you. In a split second your drivers window and windshield are shattered, the roof caves in and there is a lot more damage, but you are happy that your life is saved, and the poor old woman received her food parcel. You survived and at this moment that becomes the most important thing. A much better scenario than when the refrigerator is stocked, and the cupboard is full, but there is no one who would use it at all. Much going to waste.

What should the church do in this fierce and evil time? How and where to direct the people of God who have nowhere to go or for some reason can not do it? Snuggle in a corner and sit, shrinking with fear? To grumble and complain about everything? Or is there another way to bring glory to the Lord? To help people, and satisfy the Christian soul? The small assembly, which meets daily in the local church, has chosen the path of serving one's neighbor and the Lord.

Up to one hundred food kits are prepared in the church every day, which are delivered by brothers to different addresses in our big city of Kharkiv. Each parcel of products weighs 5-7 kg. This means that 500-700 kg passes through the hands of our friends every day.



In thirty days, a small group of employees prepared and distributed 1,360 kits. Almost 10 tonnes were distributed to Kharkiv residents, many of these are sick, elderly, bedridden and lonely people in the city. And sometimes the kits need to be carried to the 9th floor without a working elevator.

Every day we receive more than a hundred calls crying and begging. My phone has to be charged several times a day. Just the other day an old woman called, crying into the phone "Help! Help! Listen to me! I'm lonely. At 6 am this morning, I went to stand in the line-up to get humanitarian aid. I stood in line until 10 o'clock. I thought I would lose consciousness. In the end I was given 1 package of mivina (raman noodles). I wandered home, crying as I stumbled along. A policeman met me near my house and asked, 'Grandma, why are you crying?' I told him all my troubles. He said, 'Don't worry, Grandma, I'll give you the phone number of some good people, they'll definitely help you.' So I called that phone number that he gave me. I have no idea who you are, but after his words, I hoped that you would be able to help me." This is how our ministry is done.

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Expansion Update

Faith Mission is very pleased to announce that our new location is coming along very nicely with the drywall and mudding stage complete and painting expected to begin this week it looks like we should be able to settle into the building early this summer as planned.

Faith Mission has also added a 3rd drop off location. The sea container at 821 - 1st Street North in Grassy Lake, AB is very much like the one we set up in Weyburn a few years ago with the exception that the Alberta clothes will be baled and then brought to Winkler, ready to ship. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity at the Alberta warehouse please contact Dave Teichroeb @403-308-6523.

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.



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.

Drop-Off locations

Bags or boxes of clothing and bicycles may be dropped off at the "DROP-OFF" door on the west side of the Faith Mission building in Winkler.

Faith Mission also has drop-off containers at 821 - 1st St North in GRASSY LAKE, AB.

325 Queen Street in WEYBURN, SK.

These drop-off locations are opened 24 hours a day and emptied on a regular basis. However, if you have more than a few bags or boxes, please call ahead to arrange your delivery.

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*Weyburn,SK	Henry Goertzen	306-450-8871

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- 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.

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Almost every day, we hear of friends, who lost their homes, try to escape the line of fire so they seek refuge in the subway station. With Christian love and zeal, everyone present is served some hot food, and in return receive a compliment: "Your food is delicious!"



We rejoice that God protects the lives of each of us. However, people struggle with fatigue and by evening everyone is exhausted from all the physical exertion. A peaceful night's rest isn't possible due to constant explosions, shaking of the walls of the house and intense anticipation of where the next explosion will be. The morning catches everyone sleepy, not at all rested. You soon realize that people, needing food and medicine, are waiting for you. You just can't afford not to go visit them. Another day begins.... just like the previous one did.



During this period of extreme tragedy, human atrocity, and vicious obsession, I'm often asked this question: "Can you tell me, when will it end?"

The world needs God's people. Those people are looking for answers. How I want to have a close relationship with God during this period! I want to hear His voice - to know what He expects of



To carry on this ministry, a number of brothers regularly help unload the vans and trucks that come to us with food and then load the aid packages. We are grateful to the brothers who deliver the goods to us so that we have something to share.

There are many churches around us that are running out of food. Another ministry is to helping us out by lending us a small trailer. Although our lives are in constant danger, when you see the happy faces of these friends, we realize that this is the best we can do at this time and it's all worth it.

The other day we helped to evacuate a department of the administration building. What was once a beautiful structure of the city administration, is now a pile of rubbish, destroyed by a single bomb.

A great testimony to the people was the participation of our brothers in cleaning up the debris, loading it, and removing it. It is amazing how God uses His church and His children, while spreading Christian love and testimony.

After a busy day, the heart rejoices in the service that God allows us to do.



me in these circumstances. I want to know how to remain a vessel worthy of the Lord, and how and where to find words of comfort and encouragement not only for unbelievers but also for those who stayed with me and watched my every step and movement of thought, and did not waver in the

chosen path. I want to know if I did not waver in hope, will I have enough strength to overcome the field you decided for me to go? will you endure yourself and will you support others? This is what I sincerely and heartily experience before the Lord and pray to Him to be pleasing to Him.

Dear friends, brothers, and sisters, to everyone who read this letter, I ask for your prayerful support and intercessory requests to our merciful Lord, that He may give strength to overcome all... I also thank you very much for all your prayers and support. Although the war leave scars in our hearts, we know that with God's help we can leave a good mark on our service to the Lord and to the people He has entrusted to us. May God help us in this.

Sincerely, with love Leonid Tkachev (Pastor-Kharkiv)



Thanks be to God! With Covid-19 restrictions easing and churches being open to congregations we were able to host a report on March 20 at the Winkler EMMC. We have been waiting for this opportunity for quite a while so it felt so good to once again be able to let the local people know about the work of Faith Mission in this way. Due to the circumstances in Ukraine the evening was largely focused on the war relief and refugee assistance that we are involved with in Ukraine and Moldova. This report was

livestreamed and is still available on Winkler EMMC's YouTube channel. If you would like to see more about Faith Mission reported on in your church, please contact us to schedule a presentation



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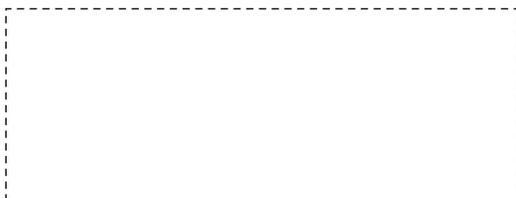
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