

# Mission Newsletter



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***“Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord. (Lev. 19:17, 18)***

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**I**nstead of holding a grudge in our hearts against a neighbor who has wronged us, we should go to that neighbor and, in love, reason with him, doing all that we can to settle our differences. Jesus said, *“Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him”* (Luke 17:3).

Reproof with kindness should be given and received in love one to the other. David said, *“Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness”* (Psa. 141:5).

Solomon said, *“Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful”* (Prov. 27:6).

If we fail to reason with our brother or show him the error of his way, we suffer sin upon him and are in danger of bearing sin for him. Paul reminded us to *“have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them”* (Eph. 5:11).

We must never forget that the souls of our Christian brothers, neighbors, and friends are laying in the balance many times. Who, like Cain, would dare say, *“Am I my brother's keeper?”* (Gen.4:9).

As Christians, we ought to put off anger, wrath, and malice, and put on brotherly love (Eph. 4:31; Heb. 13:1): *“Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart . . . nor bear any grudge.”* As with Cain, malice is the beginning of murder and destruction—physical or spiritual.

When confronted with the question of whether we are still to follow the law of Moses, Jesus said, *“Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself”* (Matt. 19:19).

Paul reminds us that *“love worketh no ill to his neighbour”* (Rom. 13:10).

Therefore, love is actually the fulfilling of the whole law of God.

*“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity”* (I Cor. 13:13)

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## **Praise God! His Ministry is Continuing In Spite of the War Raging in Ukraine**



### **Celebrating 25 years of service in the Carpathians**

“Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God Almighty,” beautiful words of the song that we sing, looking back at the way God is preparing us, leading us to heaven. While we are here on earth, God has His own plans for each of His children.

Twenty-five years may seem like a long time to some but a short time to others. In relation to eternity it is nothing, in relation to earthly life it is a quarter of a century. We are reminded of what God has done as we look at thousands



and thousands of photos, hundreds of ministry projects in dozens of villages and several large cities. The Sunday meeting, which was held at Staishe, lasted almost four hours.

At the service, I shared this with so many guests. This is really the story about our past. Hopefully, we will remember and talk about it in eternity, where we will not need to rush anywhere, no interruptions. However, while we are here on earth, as long as there is time, let us hasten to do good, because our time is fast coming to an end. Life is very short.

On May 11, 1997, we made our first trip to the Carpathians. We saw a lot of interesting things - mountains, nature, the joy of children, meeting people, right from that first Sunday. People asked many questions... who are you? where are you

from? why did you come here? what kind of books do you have? is this a new religion? By late afternoon we had to return home (130 km). We did promise to come back the next Sunday. More people came and more questions were asked.

After the third trip, I told my wife, Elena, that we must come for a longer period of time. By New Years Day, 1998, four small groups of people had started to meet regularly in Verkhovyna and in several villages. By the end of 1998, twelve people were baptized in Chernivtsi. It was obvious by then, that we would not be able to meet all the needs on our own. We began looking for friends in different countries through which God would meet some of the needs of these groups. It also became obvious that we would need a House of Prayer.

We met some Mennonite brothers from Romania. They helped us to acquire two plots. One in Staishche and another in Verkhovyna. By then we already knew that we needed to build, so we continued to pray and search.

Many books were borrowed from the library. We obtained addresses and phone numbers through the library.

This was about the time when I decided to call Brother Walter Penner in Germany. He asked me to send him more details about the ministry here in the Carpathians. That was our introduction to Missionswerk FriedensBote, which has been ongoing for about 24 years. The first meeting was with Viktor Rogalsky in Khmelnitsky. Next, we were visited by Jacob Janzen here in the Carpathians. In spring, Viktor Rogalsky and a large group from Meinerzhagen came to see us. By then there was evangelism happening in different villages, so hundreds of people gathered. This will never be forgotten. Brother Victor, who was director of Missionswerk FriedensBote at the time, and I discussed the construction of Houses of Prayer in Staishche, Verkhovyna, Rivnya. Later, we built a church in Tuchapy, and also purchased an old house that served as a meeting place in another village.

Our Canadian friends have been actively involved in our ministry by providing humanitarian and material aid. Brother Jake Elias, as well as others from the Faith Mission Board, have made many visits to the Carpathians over the years. We have also had many other visitors from different Mennonite Churches in Canada. Nathan Elias spent 6 months living with our family and participated in the ministry and construction of several of the churches, helping with children's camps and purchasing necessary items for the camp ministry.

Over the years, we have received dozens of containers from Canada, distributed hundreds of tons of clothing and humanitarian aid. However, the most important part of all this is that God has given us the opportunity to have hundreds and hundreds of evangelization services and lead countless people to Jesus Christ. We have also carried out about 80 children's camps with children from Orthodox families.

We also remember meeting brother Louis Pelzer and his friends from France. They have provided financial aid for our ministry projects, including the House of Prayer in Rivnya. They



The Staishe Church Camp Chapel tent was destroyed 2 years in a row so in 2021 the church decided to spend the money and build a chapel that could withstand a bit more wind and weather. Faith Mission was also able to provide some of the funds needed to complete the project. It was completed this spring. It has already been put to use for the 25th anniversary celebration. It will be put to good use for the summer children's camps. **To support Camps 2022, please check the "Camp" checkbox  on the Newsletter Mailing Card.**

were present at the Rivnya church dedication service.

Dear friends of the Mission in Germany, Canada, France, we are grateful to God for you, for your dedicated service for our people and our churches. There is not enough time in one day to talk about everything that has happened over the years. There were many small things we took for granted, but there were also a lot of different events that God allowed us to be part of. There were times of difficulties and tears through which God strengthened our faith and hope in Him. He taught us to trust Him in everything.

Our life in the Carpathians, has definitely drawn us closer to God. We do not lose heart. We set goals. Now again, God has called several young brothers to serve in the local churches. There are 2 new pastors and 5 new deacons.

Finally, May 22 arrived. By 10 a.m., more than 250 guests had arrived. They came from many different churches. God blessed us with beautiful weather. The first hour of the service we had the ordination service of, brother Taras as pastor, and brother Volodya as deacon from the Church at Staishche. Brother Dima was ordained deacon for the Verkhovina Church. Six guests from Kharkov, Podgaychiki, Chernivtsi, and Storozhinets participated in the ordination. The second hour of the service was devoted to the celebration of 25 years of service in the Carpathians. At this time there were about 100 refugees who were living in our churches.

I want to express a special note of gratitude to all the friends and supporters from Faith Mission. We are continually grateful for your financial support during the days of the war. The refugees are also very grateful for all the support from individuals, churches and other ministries. We share the support and material aid with as many people as possible. We also share it with immigrants from surrounding villages. We do not refuse them. We also visit many elderly in their homes. Just today we prepared another 70, ten kilogram packages for families where

the husbands or fathers are serving in the war. I prefer not to talk about this, but, at this time, this is reality.

Thank God we have no fighting in our region, but missile strikes are possible, so sirens are constantly blaring. We see many dead soldiers being transported. It is impossible not to think about what will happen tomorrow or even in the next hour. However, there is one thing that we do know - Jesus Christ reigns and He has everything under control. We are His children, He is our Savior, and that says it all.

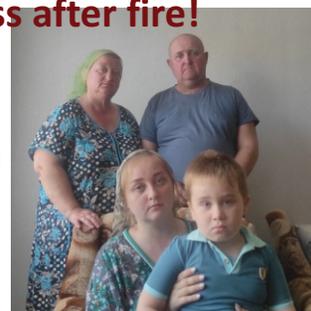
We are now preparing for the camps. We are hoping and praying to God that the situation will not worsen. We plan to hold 5 camps, for about 400 children, which will begin on June 27. Friends, service in the Carpathians and Chernivtsi is common. God has allowed us to meet and He is caring for us through you and the ministry of many Churches in Western Europe and Canada. We love you, we pray for you, and of course we look forward to meeting again if it's God will.

Heartfelt, Christian greetings from the Churches of the Carpathians, Chernivtsi, to the friends of Faith Mission and all the supporting churches.

Peter from the Carpathians, Chernivtsi, Ukraine

### Christians in need - Belarus Family homeless after fire!

Our evangelist Nikolai R. from Belarus reports on a five-member Christian family in urgent need of help: "Ina started attending our services and the Lord Jesus knocked on her heart. She then shared the good .....



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# 520 Circle K Drive Progress Report

After months of delays and interruptions, our new facility is finally nearing completion. Right now the flooring installer is waiting for the humidity to come down inside the building so that they can do a proper flooring installation. Mudding, taping and painting is also completed after waiting for the walls to dry. The delayed drying was partially due to limited heat and air movement because of a delay with bringing in the hydro and gas. That was delayed because of the ground being too soft to bring in the equipment needed to bury the cables and gas line.

The parking lot has been leveled, concrete sidewalks are finished, most of the electrical is finished and plumbing and ductwork is down to the finishing touches. People keep asking when our move-in date will be. We have not been given an actual occupancy date but it looks like it should be done "soon". We look forward to working in the new place!



<<< Sidewalk is done, parking lot is leveled.

New lunch Room, ready for cabinets. >>>>



## 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.

-Winkler,MB	Jake Elias	204-362-7575
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### 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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### 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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The little house was on fire.

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news to Alexander, with whom she was engaged. So both were already converted before their marriage. Often they also invited other people to the Christian community. That is how Ina's mother also came to believe in the Lord Jesus.

Alexander and Ina did not have an easy life from the start. Both their fathers had died young and there was no help or advice. Very often we helped the family practically with clothes and pieces of furniture. At some point it turned out the opportunity that the family n could acquire an old cottage in need of renovations. They lived there for a few years with their three children.

Just a few days ago the old electrical wiring caused a short which caused the old house to catch fire. Thank God it happened during broad daylight so that the family could escape the fire through the windows.

Since the house was so old, the insured value is very small. Now this family of five is in desperate need of help because they no longer have a roof over their head. *Nikolai R. - Belarus*



Only ruins remaining. So devastating for the family

"Dear missionary friends, if God is prompting you to support this family in their time of need, please help them to at least be able to rent an apartment. To designate your donation for this cause, please check the box, r "Christians in Need" on the Mailing Card. If you are not able to financially support them at this time, please remember to pray for this family.

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## Please Pray .....

... for those in the War-Zone of Ukraine. Thousands of people have died in the war since it began on February 24. Please pray that the war in Ukraine will end and that life can return to normal again. Rebuilding the country will take years and cost billions of Euros.

....for the millions of Ukrainian refugees.... that there will be more Christian families committing to support these families and give them a meaningful life.

....for the safety of all the missionaries who are working in Ukraine, Moldova and other former communist countries

....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.

....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 the Port of Odessa, Ukraine will open up so that we can once again ship our much needed Humanitarian Aid into Ukraine and Moldova where people so desperately need it.

....that our building project will be completed soon and our moving will go well.

**Thank you for your support! May God bless you!**