

Mission Newsletter



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“Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” James 1:16- 17

This particular Scripture tells us where all good gifts come from. They do not come from Buddha, Mohammed, Krishna, or any other dead god or man. But all good things come from the living God Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

When bad things happen to you, don't blame God for them; He is not the author of them. Blame Satan. Every evil thing comes from him. John 10:10 says, *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”* Destruction in any form, be it physical, spiritual, mental, or domestic, comes from the very pits of hell.

Jesus, on the other hand, said, *“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly”* (John 10:10).

Do not think God sends sickness or poverty upon us to teach us a lesson. Our teacher is the Holy Spirit (John 14:26). God would not put sickness on us when He has already told us in His Word that Jesus bore our sicknesses on the tree and became a curse for us so that we might live (Isa. 53; I Pet. 2:24). He would not try to wreck marriages when He Himself ordained the institute of marriage.

The Word says, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent" (Num. 23:19). He would not tell us one thing, and then act in a different manner.

The Father (along with the Son and the Holy Spirit) is the very epitome of kindness, goodness, mercy, truth, honesty, justice, purity, and loveliness (Phil. 4:8). If He wasn't, He wouldn't have sent His only begotten Son to die a disgraceful, horrendous death for a sin-soaked world (John 3:16). He wouldn't have sent the precious Holy Spirit to be our Guide and Comforter, and He wouldn't have promised to return for us again.

God is the giver of all good things. Don't be afraid that He'll suddenly change His mind and start giving bad, destructive things, because the Bible says that with God, there is no variableness or neither shadow of turning. 



“Where is God in all this?....”

The Faith Mission Western Canada Tour with Alex Janzen turned out very well. God blessed us once again with great weather, very good turnouts and lots of support. There were many people at the presentations who were not aware of the mission work that Faith Mission and FriedensBote are doing, especially in the country of Ukraine. Alex arrived in Manitoba on November 16 and left from Calgary on the 6th of December, almost 3 weeks of traveling and presentations. He shared about the work of Missionswerk FriedensBote and Faith Mission at least 30 times.

Alex started the tour in Winkler at the Faith Mission warehouse on Thursday. Next we had our Fund-raising Supper at the Winkler EMM Church on Friday and our Faith Mission building dedication and Open

House on Saturday. Alex shared many stories and miracles that God has done during the war in Ukraine. There are many villages where homes are 90% destroyed..... some villages have been completely destroyed except for the churches. It's very obvious that God's Hand of protection is more powerful than any missile. Alex's trip to Western Canada was so much more than just hearing about the latest



LaCrete Alberta - Fundraising Auction Sale

war news from Ukraine. He was able to provide the volunteers and everyone involved in missions, so much encouragement! I believe that God is blessing, not only the recipients of food and water, clothing, shoes, bedding, or any other humanitarian aid but also people here in North America. All those who have been able to support the mission projects in Ukraine.

GOD'S GOODNESS & MERCY.....

A few examples of God's goodness and mercy: FriedenBote from Germany has shipped almost twice as many truckloads of Humanitarian Aid into Ukraine in 2022 than in the past years. Alex shared that in the past their Mission in Germany had shipped about 25 truckloads in a year. This year, up to the end of November when Alex visited us, FriedensBote had already shipped 46 loads. Faith Mission has shipped ten 40 foot High Cube Containers in 2022 including almost 8000 kg of Gleaner's Dry Soup mix and 4000 kg of flour. That's enough soup mix to make 196,000 bowls of soup and enough flour for about 8,000 loaves of bread.

For Faith Mission there is a significant additional cost to ship now because we need to ship the container to Bremerhaven Germany where it gets trans-loaded onto a semi trailer and then is delivered into the country of Ukraine. Our average cost for shipping a container in 2021 was **\$8,382**. Our average cost so far in 2022 is **\$16,322**. Please continue to support our clothing, footwear and bedding ministry. It's only made possible by your financial support.

To give toward this cause, please check the "Shipping Cost" Box on the Mailing Card.

PLEASE DROP-OFF ONLY USEABLE CLOTHING.....

We are very grateful for all the good clean clothing that we have received and want to once again express our appreciation for your donations. We are so blessed to be able to share our bounty with the people in the needy countries of the world.

We, at Faith Mission have always stressed the fact that we wanted clean and good clothing to ship overseas. Our motto has always been: "If it's not something you would want to wear, then please don't bring it to Faith Mission.....". In the past, Faith Mission has accepted items that needed some minor repairs



Supper at the Winkler EMM Church



Winkler Mayor Henry Siemens and Faith Mission Director, Jake Elias at the new building dedication service.



Northern Lights Fellowship - Foam Lake, SK

There were usually ladies at the receiving end who could fix a zipper or sew on a patch. However, due to the millions of displaced people in Ukraine, very many or possibly most of the people who get our clothing will not have anything to repair it with if it's ripped or there's buttons missing. **For the time being, we are not making the "MENDING" bales so please check your items before you drop them off at Faith Mission. If you can take the time to repair it, GREAT! If not, please don't drop it off in our Drop-Off room. We don't need the extra expense of putting it in the garbage dumpster and hauling it to the dump. This message is also for the baling depots in LaCrete and Grassy Lake Alberta. Thank you....**

Christmas in Ukraine

Since my first trip to Ukraine in 2004 it has been a dream of mine to go and visit Ukraine at Christmas time. With the introduction of the gift box distribution in 2009 this desire has only intensified. January of 2022 was supposed to see that dream come to fruition but unfortunately that was canceled due to the threat of the war breaking out. Fast forward to December 2022 and we have once again purchased tickets and are planning to fly to Romania on January 3 and proceed into Ukraine for the Christmas week until January 11 and then drive into Moldova for

another week there before flying back to Germany for a quick visit there with our friends from Missionswerk FriedensBote. Although the original plan was for my wife and me to go, this time around it appears I will be joined by Andy Elias and Henry Rempel, we will also be joined by Alex Janzen from Germany. If all goes as planned, container #9 is scheduled to arrive in Tuchapy on December 30 so we should be able to distribute the 1200 gift boxes that are in that container during our time in the Carpathians.

Please pray....

~ That the container can get to Ukraine before we do.

~ Travel safety, flights as well as driving across countries/borders.

~ That we can be a blessing to all who we meet in the various locations.

~ Peace of mind for our loved ones that are willing to stay home and send us out on this trip.

Following this trip in January we are hoping to do another series of reports/presentations. If you are interested in seeing this happen in your local church or community center please contact either Nathan or the Faith Mission office about setting something up.

Submitted by Nathan Elias



Bales of clothes and blankets picked up in Tuchapy, went to the war zone in the Donetsk region.



Carpathians in Pictures...



This is a special service with the Orthodox community at Verkhovyna church on December 15th.Christmas message and distribution of scripture calendars.



The first two Christmas services in the Carpathians were held December 14. The village of Dovgopoly and Yablunytsya.



Grassy Lake Expanding

In January, 2022 Faith Mission expanded into Southern Alberta. At the time that we set up the baler we started in a small 2 car garage that had very limited space. Through some very extraordinary circumstances we have been blessed with a much nicer/larger facility that is right in Grassy Lake, a larger building means we are better able handle larger groups of volunteers as well as that we have much more space to store more clothing both unsorted and baled. In order to donate clothing or if you wish to volunteer at the Grassy Lake facility please contact Dave @403-308-6523

URGENT - PLEASE TAKE NOTE!
Special Reminder for all our supporters with NEW ADDRESSES in Southern Manitoba....
Please return Change of Address slip below or, send us your changes by email. It is almost time to mail out receipts so don't delay!

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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- Please change my address as indicated below.

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Telephone.....

- Please send my Newsletter in PDF to my email:

Email



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 east 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
+Grassy Lake,AB Dave Teichroeb 403-308-6523
*Weyburn,SK Henry Goertzen 306-450-8871

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CLOTHING DONATIONS OUTSIDE!

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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Faith Mission (FriedensBote) Inc. is a nonprofit, registered charitable organization based in Winkler, Manitoba. Faith Mission was incorporated on May the 16th, 1994 in the Province of Manitoba

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.

\$2000 \$1000

\$500 \$300

\$200 \$100

\$50 \$25

Other Amt \$ _____

God loves a cheerful giver....."

Date: _____ Cheque # _____

Please use my donation for: Wherever Most Needed

Shipping Costs Ukraine - People in Need

Bicycles Drug & Alcohol Rehab Food

Gift Boxes Heating

Other _____

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Deposit

Mailing List

XFer to FB

Please return this mailing card with your donation

Please make all Cheques payable to Faith Mission

Tax deductible receipts will be issued at the beginning of the following year



Please Continue to Pray for the people in Ukraine. Winter is coming....many have no electricity and no source of heat!



Faith Mission - Automatic Donation Plan

Worry free monthly payments - Your monthly payments to Faith Mission (FriedensBote), Inc. can now be made efficiently and economically by using this preauthorized chequing system we call the ADP. - Save Time - no monthly cheques to write. Save money - no postage or cheque expenses - You will receive an official tax-receipt for your total annual contribution at the beginning of the following year. By using the ADP we will be able to apply your gifts more quickly and more efficiently. For your convenience, this service will continue until you notify us otherwise.

Simply complete this form and return it to Faith Mission (FriedensBote), Inc. Your first automatic transfer will occur about four weeks after we receive your information.

I hereby authorize automatic withdrawals from my account on the 1st or the 16th day of each month.

Total monthly donation amount \$ _____, commencing on _____.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Code _____



Signature : _____ Date: _____

****Please enclose a blank cheque marked 'VOID'**

When donating with e-Transfer, please make sure to provide us with your mailing address so that we are able to issue a Tax-Deductible receipt at the end of the year. Email: info@faithmission.ca

Please Thank God and Keep Praying

1. ... Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus into this world to redeem us! Thank Him for the freedom we have to celebrate this special Christmas Holiday.
2. ... Thank our Heavenly Father for the Blessings He has bestowed on us so that we can share them with people all over the world who are much less fortunate. Thank Him for providing us with a new Faith Mission Building.
3. ... Thank God for the "New" Faith Mission Alberta branch in the Taber – Grassy Lake region of Alberta. Please pray for the board members and their families and church groups as they carry out this ministry.
4. ... Thank God for all the Faith Mission Gift Boxes that have been packed and shipped to the children in Ukraine. Please pray that these special gifts will be distributed to the most needy with the warmest Christmas blessing and that the Love of Jesus will be felt by the children who open them.
5. ... Pray for the three Faith Mission directors, Andy, Nathan and Henry as well as Alex from FriedensBote in Germany, who are planning a mission trip to Moldova possibly the Carpathian region of Ukraine in January 2023
6. ... Pray for the many Ukrainian orphans.... that there will be more Christian families committing to adopt these children and give them a meaningful life.
7. ... Pray for the safety of all the people in Ukraine, as Russia is attempting to destroy the country and trying to take over all of Ukraine. Thousands of innocent people have already died as a result of the war. Please pray that God will put an end to the war.
8. ... Pray for all the volunteers who have faithfully heeded God's calling....coming in to help with various tasks at our Winkler and Grassy Lake warehouse or working with projects at home.
9. ... Pray for Faith Mission, as we continue to follow Christ's command by providing humanitarian aid for the people in desperate need.... Pray that those who distribute our Humanitarian Aid and the Gift Boxes will use every possible opportunity to share God's Word with the people who receive it

Thank you for your support!

May God bless you and your family this Christmas Season!