

Mission Newsletter



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“Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.” James 5:7-8

“500” Days of War

Imagine, a little girl was born weighing just over 500 grams and she survived. The father said that when he held her, she fit into his palm. “I had to order a pacifier and other accessories especially for her. Everything that is sold for newborns was just way too big for her.”

Now, imagine if you have a banknote of 500 Euros in your hands, and you can dispose of it at your discretion. Today, such a banknote is spent on one trip to Kherson in three vans to transport food, clothing, one and a half tons of water and more.

For many Ukrainians, it is equally important to have at least a 500 hryvnia banknote (approx. \$20 CAD). Few people in Ukraine enjoy that luxury today. One morning, a grandmother called me, crying: “I need your help! Can you bring something to eat? I have no money because yesterday, I bought one candy for my grandchildren and treated them.” Many parents don't even have money for that. Alone, and without a job, because the company that she used to work for was moved to Lviv seven months ago. Another friend, also has not worked in half a year. Their plant was moved to Khmelnytsky. The guys were hired to dismantle the rubble after the bombing, but there, too, they were waiting to get paid. She cried! “You are our only hope. Please don't leave us!”

What if the roof of your ninth floor apartment is pierced by a 500 kilogram bomb? Although the structure is reinforced concrete, it is still not intended for such military “strikes”. Here, 500 is a very scary number! Thank God the missile didn't explode. To deal with this projectile and to clean it up, the city had to install a crane, call



in pyrotechnicians and other specialists, and use special equipment to transport it. The 500-kilogram bomb could have killed hundreds.....

Well, today marks 500 days of constant war. The Ukraine war, which has permanently wiped out many

villages, has taken the lives of many young fathers, husbands and sons. It's a war that forced many to leave their homes. This war has left dozens, maybe hundreds of churches in Ukraine without choirs, orchestras, good preachers and even church members. A war that scattered families and relatives across many cities of Western Ukraine and even into many other countries. For 500 days the country and its citizens have been living under explosions and destruction. For 500 days the soul-stirring sirens have been heard many times a day. For 500 days, babies have trembled in their cribs at the sound of the next explosion and buildings crumbling. Many infants had to experience injuries and suffer the consequences of the war. Five hundred days of extreme stress for nursing mothers. In the city, sirens are screaming, car alarms are honking, people are shouting for everyone to take shelter, or just reminding those around them that the danger is somewhere very close by. I know, that many people around the world, are tired of reading or watching news related to events in Ukraine, many are tired of calling and asking: “How are you?” Many are tired of sacrificing, realizing that it will not end any time soon, or there may never be an end at all.



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Many will even block incoming news reports on this topic and will try to fence themselves off and live in their own little "paradise", and enjoy their personal happiness. Then there are those who will continue to live in the coming days under hundreds of flying missiles and bombs and try to take care of their loved ones, as well as other people in distress. They will not leave, they are here, they are tired, they are at their limit. They would like to forget about the war and the sirens at least for one night. What keeps them here? Why, with all the danger, do they sneak into the most difficult villages and try to help? Why are they taking those risks? There may be many answers. But...In these days, the essence of Christianity was revealed in



a much different way. It is a Light! It is unlikely that anyone turns on the light during the day, it is only needed at night. Where there is darkness, where there is night, where darkness has enveloped people - there needs to be Christianity! "I was naked, and you clothed me"

So where there is a need for clothes, there is Christianity! When a beggar knocks at my door and waits for help, then Christianity manifests in all its beauty. The 500 days of war have been very difficult. However, this has been a time to prepare your soul, when you can go to the de-occupied territories, when you walk on the land that has not yet dried up from the "flood" and feed "THE SOUL of the SUFFERER". Oh, Jesus, I need you. I take lessons from grief. I know it is impossible to



We give bread for the physical needs and also the much more vital "bread" for the spirit which the recipients can take home.

walk without you on the rough roads of life. My dear brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, cordial friends and casual readers, forgive me, for perhaps being too bold. This is probably the imprint of the war, which at first sounded like it would last no more than a week. However, today we look back at the 500 horrible and exhausting days. Now, even the most famous politicians cannot predict how long the war will drag on, and how it will eventually turn out in the end. Therefore, remember us in your prayers. Believe me, it is very difficult for friends and family who are here. Please write encouraging texts, call and if you can find other ways to help, please do so. Continue to PRAY! - May God bless you. We are immensely grateful to the Lord that "...to this place the Lord has helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12. We feel that our life was not fruitless in these circumstances. Many unbelievers attended our meetings. We speak to many people at various street meetings. We distribute aid to those in need. We transport goods to de-occupied territories. Today is the time when a new story is being formed. For those who come to the Lord - it is a new stage of life. Many of these people have never enjoyed fellowship and love with a church family.



When the pastor's van rolls into the village, the residents have no problem standing in the streets and listening to the message of the Gospel being preached. They know that the skies aren't safe and there is danger in just being outside but the benefits of hearing God's word preached outweighs the dangers...



For those who see everything here with their own eyes, this is also a new experience, a new era, which the politicians cannot wipe out with their long speeches. Most importantly, at this time they not only see the horrors of the 500-day war, but also the caring hand of Our Lord. They see first hand, the many workers who sincerely labor both on the front line, in the gray zones and in the de-occupied territories. The war has destroyed a number of houses of worship, but the pastors see to it that the meetings take place in other places and that those who

want to worship the Lord have a place for such meetings. We are hoping to restore the destroyed church buildings and we plan to clean up the destruction as soon as circumstances allow. We are already planning how we will build walls and repair the damaged buildings. May the Lord help us in this!

-Kharkiv/ Leonid Tkachev - July 08, 2023 (Day 500)

Ministry with children on the eve of the school year.

Greetings, dear friends of Faith Mission, with the love of Jesus Christ. The summer is passing very quickly and it will soon be back to school. For several years now, we have taken this time as another opportunity to remind our children of our wonderful Savior Jesus Christ. During his life on earth, Jesus was especially concerned with children, we also try to devote a lot of time to this, Christmas, Easter, summer camps and the eve of the school year. All these are special occasions to conduct meetings with children. Although we don't want to ignore other groups of people; the disabled, the elderly, the refugees and also everyone else. We try to have meetings with all these, but when we look at children, they are something special. They are the future of the country and the church. These are thousands of future families. It is very important that they learn about the Christian life, and about our Savior Jesus Christ, that there is no future without God.

We spent a lot of time preparing for these services. We don't want to only give them new school bags and supplies, but we want them to remember these meetings for the rest of their lives - what they heard and saw. What are the results you ask? We will see this in eternity, but we did what we could. Preparations started when you, friends of Faith Mission, reported in your newsletters, bulletins, and at meetings in your churches that there is such a ministry and collected funds. Without them it would be impossible to give so much to so many children. Friends from our churches here in Ukraine prepared the program, we bought backpacks, and so on. The first meeting was on Saturday July 30th, in the Godyliv village church. The program started at 10:00 AM and ended at 2:00 PM and it was essentially a one-day camp. It included a Bible lesson, some singing, a memory verse, skit, sports, games, and a lunch. There were also parents who came with their children, and stayed there the entire time. We had many large migrant families this year. Two of the families traveled nearly 100 km to attend the meetings. They really liked it. They had already signed up in the spring, leaving us their phone number so we could let them know when the time came. The second meeting was on August the 1st at a school in the center of Verkhovyna. For many years we could not get into this school, even though hundreds of children from this school came to the church for various meetings. This was the first time that the school accepted our application. Here we made a special preparation. Fifteen brothers and sisters from the Chernivtsi churches left



Chernivtsi at 5:30 AM to prepare for the meeting with the children. A wonderful felt board Bible lesson about the life of Jesus Christ was presented. At the end of the bible lesson, the children received coupons for all the different activities, which happened on the schoolyard, including inflatable slides, an inflatable trampoline, cotton candy, and so on. It was a holiday in Verkhovyna. Across the street is a large Orthodox church. Next to the church is the district military administration office. In this busy village center a Christian Library was set up on the sidewalk, where many people took

New Testaments and copies of the book "Jesus Our Destiny". During the services, air raid sirens sounded, which will usually make children run for shelter. However, this time they weren't sure what to do. Thank God the teachers remained calm, next to the children, and no one ran into the shelter. At the end of the meeting we served everyone with a meal.

The school has a large cafeteria with tables set for 200 people. The administration of the school was very surprised by everything that happened. We thank God that the school doors were opened for us. The director already asked that next year, Lord willing, we should hold camps at the school. He was happy when I told him that we had a camp similar to this meeting, but that would be 5 days. There are about 800 students in the school, so it will take several weeks to host camps for all these children. Right now, we don't know where to find so many teachers, but let us all pray that we won't miss this opportunity. We made many new friends at all the meetings. We have 2 more camps coming up from August 14 to 25, and we are expecting a lot of children. We are having some difficulties getting so many camp leaders. There will also be a lot of parents like last year. Some have already brought clothes and other things that are needed for the camp. At the end of the camps we will be distributing humanitarian aid for the people. Friends, we are so grateful for the food that Faith Mission bought and sent to Ukraine. This will make it much easier for us to feed our children at these camps. On Sunday, August 13 we have a baptism service in the Godylov village church. Sunday afternoon I plan to load the van with food and bring it to the Carpathians.

Friends, please pray for these camps. All the children come from Orthodox homes, as in the last 5 camps, many of the children's fathers are currently on the front lines fighting in this ugly war.

Blessings to all of you, friends in the ministry.

-Carpathians - Chernivtsi/Peter Nastasychuk

Special Note: Blankets are very important for Faith Mission and we have sent thousands of blankets over the years. When the bales get opened for distribution, very often the first thing that gets taken is the blankets. Each bale has two blankets in it. So if we do the math, putting 400 bales in one container, and with two blankets per bale, that's 800 blankets in each container. Now multiply that by the number of containers we have sent this year, which is seven, that is 5,600 blankets this year alone. We have been blessed with all those blankets that have



Moldova - In the Name of the Lord I greet you and your family! Thank God for everything! We help refugees from Ukraine. We organize Christian children's camps as an evangelism tool in different regions of Moldova. On August 6th we will hold Baptism for people who received the Lord. Thanks again for your humanitarian help. We distribute it to everyone who needs it, especially refugees. May the Lord bless you in many ways, for your kindness. Please pray for Moldova too. The situation is very tense. Pray that God will protect us from war. We trust in the Lord, and believe that he will save us. We pray for you and thank God for you!!!

been sewn and donated to Faith Mission. Over the years, people have donated a lot of smaller pieces of fabric which someone has been kind enough to piece together into the "tops" for blankets. We are so thankful for the individual who pieces them together - she does a wonderful job! The problem though with these "tops" is that they have been piling up at Faith Mission. We have very many plastic bins and boxes full, ready to be finished. There are not enough volunteers sewing them into blankets. **Do you think you could help us out with this problem somehow? Please give us a call if you are interested.**



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.

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.

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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 Nathan Elias 204-647-7466
 +Grassy Lake, AB Dave Teichroeb 403-308-6523
 *Weyburn, SK Henry Goertzen 306-450-8871

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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.

-**Faith Mission can also be found on social media platforms for more regular updates**

-Instagram @faithmission_winkler

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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the directors of Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc.

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, Faith Mission (Friedensbote) Inc. derives revenue from cash donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to us obtaining evidence we considered necessary for the purpose of the review. Accordingly, the evidence obtained of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization. Therefore, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been found necessary with respect to donation revenue, excess of revenue over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2022, current assets as at December 31, 2022, and net assets as at January 1 and December 31, 2022.

FAITH MISSION (FRIEDENSBOTE) INC.
Unaudited Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 218,746	\$ 327,847
Accounts receivable	3,960	8,739
Government remittances refundable	14,118	2,911
Inventory	21,574	8,599
Prepaid expenses	6,540	-
	264,938	348,096
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 5)	1,554,370	896,064
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	-	515
	\$ 1,819,308	\$ 1,244,675
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 202,326	\$ 19,316
Loan payable (Note 6)	638,574	412,336
	840,900	431,652
NET ASSETS		
General fund	62,612	329,295
Invested in capital assets	915,796	483,728
	978,408	813,023
	\$ 1,819,308	\$ 1,244,675

FAITH MISSION (FRIEDENSBOTE) INC.
Unaudited Statement of Operations
For the year ended December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
REVENUE		
Receipted donations	\$ 858,112	\$ 400,817
Collections - unreceipted donations	106,647	4,307
Interest and miscellaneous	801	1,225
Rental income	90	55
	965,650	406,404
OPERATION COSTS		
Freight and duty	212,094	83,969
Supplies	20,357	26,174
Overseas Missions	454,820	81,309
	687,271	191,452
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	9,736	1,650
Donor newsletters	14,555	10,733
Gifts in kind	4,246	4,492
Insurance	2,190	3,213
Interest and bank charges	1,424	1,309
Office, stationery and postage	6,549	3,761
Postage and shipping	9,032	7,013
Professional fees	16,282	10,416
Property taxes	4,934	4,625
Rent and leases	4,310	245
Repairs and maintenance	7,863	2,687
Supplies	3,568	1,479
Travel	18,254	2,457
Utilities	10,051	16,888
	112,994	70,968
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 165,385	\$ 143,984

FAITH MISSION (FRIEDENSBOTE) INC.
Unaudited Statement of Cash Flow
For the year ended December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 165,385	\$ 143,984
Net change in non-cash working capital balances	383,305	408,562
	548,690	552,546
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of capital assets	(658,306)	(341,235)
	(657,791)	(341,235)
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	(109,101)	211,311
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS - Beginning	327,847	116,536
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS - Ending	\$ 218,746	\$ 327,847

FAITH MISSION (FRIEDENSBOTE) INC.
Unaudited Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended December 31, 2022

	General Fund	Invested in Capital Assets	2022	2021
NET ASSETS - Beginning	\$ 329,295	\$ 483,728	\$ 813,023	\$ 669,039
Excess of revenue over expenses	165,385	-	165,385	143,984
Investment in capital assets	(432,068)	432,068	-	-
NET ASSETS - Ending	\$ 62,612	\$ 915,796	\$ 978,408	\$ 813,023

FAITH MISSION (FRIEDENSBOTE) INC.
Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2022

Capital assets

Capital assets are carried at their historical cost. The organization does not record amortization on capital assets.

Revenue recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted donations are recognized as revenue in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Externally restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are recognized.

Interest income and rental revenue are recognized as earned.

Inventory

Inventory of goods and supplies is recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value, determined on the weighted average cost basis.

Contributed services and materials

A substantial number of volunteers contribute a significant amount of their time each year. Due to the difficulty of determining the fair market value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

Contributed materials which are used in the normal course of the organization's operations and would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at their fair value at the date of contribution if fair value can be reasonably estimated.

CAPITAL ASSETS

	2022	2021
Buildings	\$ 1,401,987	\$ 766,465
Land	80,288	80,288
Equipment	56,650	36,221
Computer hardware	15,445	13,090
	\$ 1,554,370	\$ 896,064

\$2000 \$1000

\$500 \$300

\$200 \$100

\$50 \$25

Other Amt \$ _____

God loves a cheerful giver....."

Date: _____

Cheque # _____

Please use my donation for:

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Ukraine - People in Need

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Wherever Most Needed

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Other _____

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Please return this mailing card with your donation Cheque made payable to Faith Mission

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

Email: donations@faithmission.ca



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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.

****For ADP - Please enclose a blank cheque marked 'VOID'**

I hereby authorize automatic withdrawals from my account on the (1st) or (16th) day of each month. *(please circle your choice)*

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