

The saddest, but most common scenario, was the father and/or mother was just completely missing from the family unit. The area that we did most of the distribution of gifts in is a small area of the Carpathian mountains that has a population of 30,195. What sets this region apart is the astounding number of children. Out of these 30,000+ residents there are more than 13,000 children 14 years old or younger. The city of Winkler MB, in contrast, has a population of 15,000 with only around 3,000 children. There are several reasons for this. One of them is that so many of the parents or grandparents have left the country to support their families from another country; in Western Europe or even North America, although this can help the family to survive physically it does not build the families up or help teach the children the way a family should work together. Another reason for the imbalance in the population are the loose morals in society with many mixed families. These are both reasons it's so important for organizations like Faith Mission to continue sending the support that we do as it helps keep these families together, and it draws them to a church to find out why there are Christians from across the world supporting them with gifts of clothing and other necessary items. Over the years we have often been asked questions like, "why do you do what you do?" "doesn't Ukraine already have enough clothes?", "what's the point of sending clothes? Clothes won't bring anyone to Heaven", and "why that part of the world?". If you have ever wondered these same things, here is the answer, "because that is what our love looks like". In the devotional on the previous page there are several examples of what love can look like. What does your love look like? We at Faith Mission feel like God has called us to work in that part of the world and although the clothes that we send don't bring salvation to anyone directly, there have been so many that came to church and have committed their lives to Christ because of the physical gifts they received. When Faith Mission began nearly 30 years ago our primary focus was to supply clothes to the needy of the former Soviet Union, as time went by and we continued to send clothes into Ukraine and other countries in that area we have also been made aware of so many more projects that need our support.

Some of the projects we are involved in are other items besides clothes; bicycles, medical supplies, gift boxes, food products, etc. As we are made aware of these needs, we feel responsible to assist as we are able and we then become the bridge between the needs and you our supporters. Above and beyond the finances required to ship containers, our initial objective, FM also is sending financial assistance overseas to help pay for many other projects. These finances are used directly to further the kingdom of God at the other end. Many of these projects have been reported on in this and previous newsletters; they include but are not limited to: food purchases, the firewood project, pastoral support, children's camps, drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers, church building projects, and the list could go on in much more detail but for lack of space in this newsletter I will stop there. Some of these are one time payments like building a church or purchasing a property for a pastor as talked about in the following report from Leonid. But many of these projects are ongoing expenses that FM has committed to on an annual basis. We are only able to do this thanks to the ongoing support of our many generous donors. Yes God has supplied all our needs as FM has continued to hear of

needs like these God has always seen to us having the funds needed to assist where we have felt we needed to. I write these things to accomplish several things, to thank you for your support to FM the last 30 years as well as to ask for your continued support as God lays on your heart the needs of these people that ask us for assistance, there are a number of requests like that in this newsletter.

-Nathan Elias/Winkler

With a group of 15 people we went to Novopoltavka, Kherson region, where the front line has already moved back. Here we began to restore the house of prayer. Under the scorching sun at 40 degrees, the brothers worked, fixing the roof and windows, closing up the "wounds" from several attacks on the church house. The village is small. There were only 90 residents, but half of them came to the opening of the "renovated" prayer house. Seeing such a thirst for hearing the Word of God, we did not regret that all week we had to sleep in cars, work from dawn to dusk, enduring all the hardships of the day and spend more than 150 thousand hryvnia (Approx. 5800 CAD). (FM has been asked if we can assist with paying for the rebuilding of this church. **If you would like to donate specifically to this project please check the "Rebuilding" box on the donor card.**) We also ask you for help in acquiring housing for a pastor of one of the Kharkiv churches, Perets Sergei Viktorovich, whose home was destroyed by incoming missiles. Restoring a home now costs \$800/sq. meter so we believe that it is much easier to buy a new home around \$20,000 and there is such a house for sale. Even if we can collect half of the amount, the rest can be paid off by the sale of the destroyed house and property. We thank God for your support. We have already begun collecting in the churches of our region.

"Do everything in your power, don't sit and wait for a better time, work hard and finish well. Serve the Lord and be in His submission." I live by these words, encouraging myself and others.

From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank you, my friends, who are not tired of this war, who are not tired of reading these messages, who are not tired of praying for us, who are not tired of sending humanitarian aid, who are not tired of donating and helping to spread the Gospel among people who do not know the Lord. Heartfelt gratitude to you, our dear "heroes", who go through this field absolutely voluntarily, although you could live your own lives and not delve into these problems. We appreciate and feel



your help and care and we constantly thank the Lord for your work. "Passing through the valley of weeping, they open springs in it, and the rain covers it with blessing" Ps.83:7. So we, receiving your help, are comforted by the rain of God's mercy and blessings. Praise the Lord that in this way you "save" us and help us serve the people and the Lord.

-Leonid Tkatchov/Kharkiv

Good news in Dovgopole and Yablunytsya! Peace be with you, dear friends of the mission, the summer has come to an end, and also brings an end to hosting children's camps. Almost the whole summer was full of ministries with children of migrants and local residents. The last 2 camps are special because, unlike the previous 5 camps, adults came every day and not only those whose children were in the camp but seemingly everyone was interested in what was going on in their village. For the adults, coffee and tea were served with sweets for everyone, there was a table with Christian literature, and brothers who interacted with these people. Many young mothers that came with their children said, "we rest - for us, it is a holiday". The elders of the villages of Dovgopole and Yablunytsya came every day, and then several times a day, they looked, we talked with them, they were very friendly to us. We have been holding camps in Dovgopole for 15 years, in Yablunytsya this is only the second year. The mayor says that no one has organized anything like this in their village, and for so many children to get together, and 5 days in a row ... On Wednesday morning, God gave heavy rain, they thought there would be very few children, but 200 children came. Other days - (280-300 children) and on the last day 340 children and more than 150 parents. There was a separate meeting for them, because the hall is not big enough to hold everyone. The mayor says

"What makes you different?", "What is the secret?", "Here the children obey the teachers, and at school the teachers say that the children are not obedient". Of course there were several guys in the camp who were the exception to this rule but in general, thank God, the children were well behaved, and God saved them from every kind of evil, and gave children

Children lined up to register for the very well attended camps in the midst of the ongoing war, children and adults alike are eager to find a sense of security, and refuge, and they are finding this in Christ.



Orthodox church, priests, who were very unhappy with what was happening these days in the villages. But the mayor of the villages told them - "Who forbids you to carry out such a thing?" - "Please, gather children, adults, treat them, teach them about your God." The brothers invited the priest. They said that they would give him a microphone in the hall, let him ask the children and parents if it is necessary to hold such camps? Or forbid us, if the children do not want to come - then there will be no camp, we invited them

A small class of students being instructed in a Bible class at a camp.



for coffee and tea, but sadly, they did not come. We are used to this for in every village where camps are held, they respond like this. In a few villages they have enough support from the villagers that we stopped hosting services

there. We are very grateful to God for Faith Mission in Canada and for the churches and supporters that donated to these projects. Without finances, and these are not small sums, there would be none of these holidays, no evangelism to people, lunches or breakfasts. We will only see the result in Heaven. Brothers and sisters, you will be glad to know that your donations of money and clothing bring so much joy to people. Especially at this time of war in Ukraine, the fact is, the gospel is continually being spread.

For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost. - Luke 19:10.

-Peter Nastasichuk- Chernivtsi.



The final day of a 5 day camp in Yablunytsya saw more than 150 parents come to hear the preaching of God's Word.

Faith Mission has been very blessed to have volunteers over the years that have donated hundreds of hours every year to repairing bicycles. Most bikes we receive need some sort of work done to them, from minor tune-ups to tires and/or wheels replaced. FM buys several hundred dollars in bike parts every year to make sure that the bikes we do send to the individuals that need them will be able to get many years of use out of them. These bikes become the primary mode of transportation for many people and they save many kilometers of walking daily. In many cases it makes it possible for them to be able to secure a job because they are then able to get to work daily. Other situations it helps someone to come to church regularly where they wouldn't otherwise be able to. **The pictures attached show some teenagers that came to a recent childrens camp, where they committed their lives to Christ.** They then received these bikes which will allow these new Christians to continue coming to church where



they can cultivate their newfound Faith in God. Please help us bless more Christians both young and old in this very important aspect of Faith Mission. Please pray that these bikes can not only help the new Christians that receive them but also that they can be used to further evangelize the communities that they will be used in. That they will become tools used to expand God's kingdom.

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.

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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.

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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.

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During our last trip to Moldova we were privileged to be part of the Warm Homes project that enabled us to see the distribution of firewood to families that don't have the means to supply heat for their homes on their own. I had been exposed to poor conditions in homes in Ukraine before but what we saw in these homes was poverty on another level completely. We saw



winter as opposed to \$60 USD in the summer. It is Faith Mission's desire to supply at least 200 homes with firewood this year and we would like to raise the funds for that before we have to pay the winter price. **If you would like to help with this project please check the "Firewood" box on the donation card.**

Earlier this summer Faith Mission received a request from one of our pastors in Ukraine if we would be able to assist them by supplying 25 folding tables with 8 chairs for each table. These items will help them as they host their children's camps, youth rallies, and many other functions that will be made possible by having more tables and chairs. I began looking at prices for this amount of tables and chairs and it became apparent that in order to get them for a good price we would likely need to get them from the US or from Quebec but either way the freight seemed quite costly so we just left it for the time being,

unsure of how to get them to Winkler. Going to seemingly switch gears to soup mix in our story now, in the last few years we have picked up soup mix from Prairie Gleaners in Medicine Hat, Alberta a number of times and with the war still raging we were wanting to add some soup mix to the more recent shipments. Unfortunately due to high demand we haven't been able to get any soup mix from Medicine Hat since the beginning of the year. On August 24th, several of the FM board and myself got together with the coordinators of Southman Gleaners. They are setting up a shop in Reinfeld and we are excitedly anticipating getting the soup mix locally in the future. Gleaners have not given us a production start date yet. They suggested that we get in touch with Gleaners in Cambridge Ontario. I emailed them that afternoon and by



so many homes that had children living with their grandparents. In homes that we would hardly consider worthy of a garden shed, they lived with 7+ people in this small and dreary space. While the majority of North Americans are chasing the "American Dream" that includes more cars than drivers in our garages, bedrooms than residents in our houses, we need more food than we could possibly eat at our fingertips at all times, and a healthy savings account in the bank and these people didn't know what they would eat that day never-mind the next day. In those dire situations they also had no way of heating their houses. This is the type of situation that this firewood project targets. We had taken some cash along on our trip



the end of the following day we had confirmed that we could get the tables and chairs we needed from Quebec and then fill the remainder of that trailer with soup mix. That's how we ended up with 18 skids of dried vegetable soup mix and 8 skids of tables and chairs ready to ship from Winkler. With that amount of soup mix on hand as well as with the amount of gift boxes that we are planning to make by Christmas it looks like we should be able to ship 12 containers in 2023. This is something that we have not done since 2006. The request that we have to you, our

supporters, in order to be able to get this accomplished is threefold; firstly we covet your prayers as we seek to send this aid to the locations where it is most needed. Secondly we ask for volunteers to get the work done both in our warehouses baling clothes. We need volunteers to make the gift-boxes either at home or in our warehouses. Then, lastly

and we did use some of that to increase the amount of homes we could bring firewood to but we did realize then that if we had purchased the firewood in the summer we could have purchased a lot more for the same dollar amount as the wood is \$100 USD /cubic meter in the



with sending more containers comes the increased cost aspect so we are asking you to please continue supporting Faith Mission financially. We trust that God will continue to supply these needs as He so graciously has in the past. If you have never been to our warehouse in Winkler or Grassy Lake I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come visit us, in Winkler we are always there on Thursdays afternoon and evening, and we welcome groups to book an evening or a Saturday. In Grassy Lake it is best to call ahead and make arrangements to come with a group or to find out when the next scheduled packing day is.

-Nathan/Winkler

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