

# Mission Newsletter



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And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3

The Easter truce failed for the people.

The presidents could not bring peace,

***Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD, surely you have utterly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, 'It shall be well with you,' whereas the sword has reached their very life." Jeremiah 4:10***

They could not calm and give hope to people. They could not stop the creeping war. They could not calm those who were inconsolably crying for their loved ones who died under fire. We heard a lot of talk about a truce, but in the end "peace" came only to those who were carried to the cemetery. This is human reconciliation filled with empty hollow words. Only a deceptive hope, only the wind that fanned the fire even stronger. And what about the suffering of people? Who needs them? Who will worry about them? If personal interests are more important than the lives of other people? Are these ill-intentioned plans or human impotence, helplessness, heartlessness? All attempts and requests of the suffering party are ignored

***"Long has my soul lived with those who hate the world. I am at***

***peace: but as soon as I speak, they are for war" Psalm 119:6-7*** before we talk about peace in the country, let us find peace in our hearts. Do you swear? Use foul language? Fight? Smoke? Drink? Sin?

- "Yes," comes from the crowd.

So, in the Lord's prayer "Our Father" there are these words: "and forgive us." Forgiveness of sins brings peace and tranquillity to a person, brings new life. Easter has recently come and gone and this means that God has given us Easter reconciliation. He gives us His Kingdom of Heaven. It is His reconciliation that gives strength even in times of war to have peace and tranquillity. To have hope. God's Easter reconciliation teaches people to live without war. If people had God's peace, they would never have started any war. If they lived according to the Gospel, there would not have been this destruction.

*-This is an excerpt of a letter from pastor Leonid Tkachiv in Kharkiv, UA speaking to a crowd in a bombed out village near the frontlines in Ukraine*

A police officer, nurse, teacher, tractor driver, cook, postman, engineer, and a welder, they are all here. To receive a drop of God's attention, mercy and care. The singing of the youth from the Peresyp church in Odessa, testimonies and kind dialogue seem to bring unexpected positivity and even delight to the hearts of people who have gone through all the cruelty of war. A paradox. God's Word amid the ruins of houses and hearts and souls. Lord, help us serve these people. And maybe our preaching should be not only in



words but also in deeds? God, here they stand before You, stop the internal war by

stepping into their hearts and give them peace. Probably, if this store functioned as it should and was not destroyed, hardly anyone would stand here and listen to wonderful Christian songs. But now, when everything is broken and there is nothing in the store, now there is time to listen about God. God, use us for these people and through Your children, provide for their needs, because they really have nowhere to buy anything, so we continue to go and supply their needs as we are able.



**Volunteers Welcome!**  
If your Youth Group, Bible Study group, or family would like to volunteer for an afternoon or evening (Monday-Saturday), please contact the office to make arrangements.

Due to the threat of a pending mail strike we have sent this newsletter out earlier than originally planned so please be mindful of that when considering your donation options. We recommend sending E-transfers.





The line-up to register for children's camps can be quite long showing the importance and value that these camps have to these children. These children are able to attend these camps through the support and donations from organizations like Faith Mission that enables them to attend without having to worry about covering the costs.

### The Experience of a Lifetime

It is human nature to live for experiences, whether you are an avid adventurer looking for the next thrill or even if you are an extreme introvert that would prefer to live in complete seclusion. There are some experiences that make us all think "that sure sounds like fun". For most children I believe children's camp is an experience like that. Regardless of what country you live in most children would look forward to spending a week at a camp with friends and schoolmates, and if you came to camp without any friends, surely that would not last long. The children in Ukraine, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Moldova are no different in this regard. Every year when the requests start coming in for children's camp I fear that we will have to say no to one or the other. In 2024 Faith Mission supported many camps in Ukraine and Moldova and along with FriedensBote that includes many other countries in the former Soviet Union. These camps are full of children that need salvation, these children need to hear the Gospel and have it explained to them in such a way that it makes sense. That is the purpose of the

camps, yes they get to do a lot of fun stuff there as well but those fun activities are also presented in such ways that they drive home the Bible stories and make them more memorable. The games they get to play encourage them to work as teams just like they need to work with others in life, in their families, and in the church. The time they get to spend in nature opens their eyes to the glory and majesty in all creation. Even the meals they receive are used as a reminder that God has provided for them. Everything at the camps is used to teach these children about the love of God and how it can change their life.



*These three as well as the top three pictures on the opposite page were taken last year at a few different camps in the Carpathian mountains in Ukraine. The meals, games, books, clothing, and Bibles that the children receive and get to participate in at the camps are some of the things that Faith Mission pays for with the allocated donations that come in marked "Children's Camps". Camp facility maintenance and improvements to buildings and equipment would also come out of these funds.*







Honestly one of the saddest things I have ever witnessed was at the tail end of a camp that I was part of in 2004. After the closing remarks were made and the 105 children that had attended the camp for this week, had to say farewell to friends they had made. In one week they had lived out this wonderful experience that had changed their lives but now they had to go back to “normal”. *Normal* for many of these children was a less than ideal family situation at home. *Normal* for some children meant going from 3 meals a day at camp back to hunger pains at home because they couldn’t afford proper, regular meals. *Normal* meant leaving the comfortable beds that they had at camp and going back to hard, cold beds at home. And possibly the saddest of all was that for many of these children *normal* meant that while everything they were doing at camp pointed to God, when they got home some of them would face ridicule, or in some homes even physical harm, for simply talking about God. Many of you may be asking yourself, “how do the parents allow their children to go to a Christian camp and then oppose the children when they come home and talk about God?”, many of these parents let their children attend simply because it provided food and shelter for their child and that meant for those five days the parents didn’t need to. I mentioned that this was one of the saddest things I have ever witnessed and that was because when you see these children weeping (*bottom two photos*) because they don’t want to leave and there seems to be nothing you can do about those tears, it tugs at your heart in a way that few things in life can. This is a memory that I will carry with me for the rest of my life and although that memory is nearly 21 years old I can still feel that “tugging” on my heart. Although we cannot fix all these home situations for these children we can give more children the experience of going to camp. My purpose of sharing this story with you is because I know of people that were at these earlier camps that dedicated their lives to God there and went home to less than ideal situations, but, because of the lessons learned at camp were able to persevere through the obstacles in life and continue to live for the Lord, serving Him in various ways. With your help, Faith Mission longs to help more children experience Christian children’s camps this year. We send out 1,887 newsletters every month, if each of these newsletter is read by 2 people that is nearly 4,000 readers. For only \$34.64 CAD/week you can send a child to camp, and if each of our readers would be willing/able to sponsor one child that would be a significant increase over what we were able to send last year.



Can You Spare 2 Hours This Summer? - *This is taken directly from Newsletter #36 May-June 2001*

Volunteers - what would we do without them?! Thank you to all those who have helped out so generously this past winter. If you have visited the **Faith Mission** warehouse some Thursday evening you would see one big "family" working together. At the folding table you hear several teens sharing recent happenings among their friends. Several people are busy placing clothes in the bins and visiting while they work. A few workers scurry back and forth, carrying clothes from the tables to the waiting carts. One gentleman jokes about the large pile of ladies' clothes (why are there always so many more ladies' garments than men's?). Two or three volunteers are busy running the baler. A number of young moms sit at the work tables, holding their babies and discussing mothering. Some are cutting up rags. Over there an adolescent is playing with a toddler and several more are giving young children rides in strollers or playing dress-up. What an enjoyable and blessed way to spend an evening. Once the tally numbers are around 300, it's time for a "loading evening". Many strong arms pitch in; a great way to build muscles without paying gym fees! Their efforts are rewarded with drinks, perhaps a snack, and the satisfaction that comes with knowing where these clothes are going and how much they will be appreciated. Our Thursday afternoon volunteers, who work from 1:00 - 4:00 pm take time out for fasma. They enjoy a simple snack of sandwiches and baked goods and fellowship around the table. Evening volunteers occasionally put together a potluck snack to enjoy after their 7-9:00 shift. It's a good time to celebrate birthdays and visit. Then spring comes. Farmers head out to the fields. Gardeners get itchy green thumbs. Young folks leave the confines of houses for baseball fields, in-line skates, bicycles, and camp-outs. And volunteers at Faith Mission dwindle down to a faithful few. Perhaps you have intended to come help sometime but it just hasn't happened yet. It seems it's much easier to do something if it's scheduled. We need some extra volunteers or groups to schedule in besides our regular volunteers. *In the last 24 years since this was originally printed in the newsletter we have seen our volunteer base change quite a bit. Then we were putting out the call to get more groups lined up outside of our Thursday evening regular volunteers and now we are having conversations about closing the Thursday evenings because it seems very difficult to get more than a few people there a lot of evenings. Yes, we still have a very faithful "senior" volunteer base that come year in and year out, some that already would have been volunteering regularly in 2001 (or longer). But it seems the younger generation is very hard to convince that time spent volunteering is time well spent. I am calling on all of you maybe there is possibly a Thursday per month or even every 2-3 months that you can come and help fold clothes or run the baler? There is no sign-up required and no commitment needs to be made but the amount of work before us looks very daunting if we can't increase our volunteer numbers especially through the summer months.*

Along with more casual volunteers, Faith Mission is also looking for some more volunteers that could help us with the following different projects: 1) The couple that has cut and sewn most of our book bags for the last years in Winkler are retiring, and we thank them for their years of service, but this causes us to look for someone to take over this responsibility 2) Excessive amounts of denim that need to be cut into more precise sized pieces and serged to make blankets (this can be broken into 4 separate jobs; cutting the patches, serging them, and sewing them together to make blanket tops and adding backing to them to complete the blankets). 3) Boxes full of short skirts and shorts that need to be altered into longer skirts. 4) We have boxes full of panties that are cut and ready to sew into the final product. We also have a lot of fabric that is ready to cut and sew into dresses. 5) Laundry ladies, it seems like the more clothing we receive and sort through, the more laundry we have. We do have a group of ladies that faithfully do laundry at FM and also some that choose to take it home with them, we are extremely grateful for each of these. The sewing projects mentioned can be picked up and taken home to complete and returned. If you prefer, these projects may also be worked on at Faith Mission. Please contact us to make arrangements. Although most of these immediate needs (and piled up projects) are in Winkler, we are also looking for volunteers in Grassy Lake and if you are willing to help please reach out regardless of your location and perhaps we can arrange something for you to do.

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Tuesday (Office only) 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Clothing sorting & baling:

Winkler - Thursday 1:00 to 4:30 pm & 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Grassy Lake - by appointment

### Drop-Off locations

Clothing and bicycles may be dropped off in the "DROP-OFF" rooms of the Faith Mission buildings in:  
Winkler @ 520 Circle K Dr.

Grassy Lake @ 605 - 1st St North.

we also have drop-off containers

165067 Hwy 3 Taber, AB (Beside Rocky Mountain Equip)

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.

### 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 bi-monthly 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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- ☐ Please add my name to your mailing list.  
☐ Please change my address as indicated below.

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Please check the correct box indicating you are

☐ signing up for the newsletter

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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'**

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**Email: [donations@faithmission.ca](mailto:donations@faithmission.ca) - (Provide mailing address for Receipts)**



Gift boxes are often referred to as "Christmas" gift boxes and most of the boxes we send are distributed around Christmastime. Unfortunately the way the logistics worked out past Christmas we were unable to get a large portion of our boxes to Ukraine in time for Christmas. The beauty of this is that those boxes then are able to be distributed throughout the winter and into the Easter season. The attached 2 pictures are exactly such an Easter celebration in a boarding school in Verkhovina, where 3-400 children come to spend their weeks away from their homes. Many of these children come from single parent homes and the one parent that is to take care of them is busy working and cannot look after the children properly anyhow. Or they come from homes where they are subjected to different forms of abuse.

Either of these situations mean that for these children to be able to be in this boarding school is definitely better for them than being at home and many of them rejoice when they are able to leave home on a Monday and come here. Peter N took us to this school last March on our trip to Ukraine and we distributed gifts to one group of the children which was about a 1/3 of the students there and this Easter he was able to return and bring gift boxes to another group. You can tell by the smiles on these faces that the gifts they received is more than a box of goodies. It is a message of hope in a risen Saviour that is such a bright light in these mostly dim and grim lives. As our email address is on all our gift boxes we do receive emails from a few of the recipients and have shared some of them with you on the backside of this page.





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☐ \$200   ☐ \$100

☐ \$50   ☐ \$25

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Please use my donation for:

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☐ Literature / Bibles

☐ Food

☐ Bicycles

☐ Wherever Most Needed

☐ Children's Camps

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☐ Alberta Building Project

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

(2025-#03) God loves a cheerful giver....."

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Hello, Thank you for the Box, I really liked everything, everything is nice and neat, everything is very, very beautiful. Thank you very much!!!

Hello) my name is Ivanna, today I received a box from you. And I want to thank you for it)

Thank you for the gifts :) You are simply wonderful

Thank you very much!! Glory to Jesus Christ!

Thank you for the gift, in the village of Galinka I received box number 3618

