

# Mission Newsletter

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**"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34**

## WHERE JESUS CAN STILL BE FOUND

by Tim Pippus

If Jesus walked the earth today, where would you find Him?

I once saw Jon Tyson plot out the events of Jesus's life and ministry on a spectrum, moving from places and people that were "safe and comfortable" on one side of the scale, to places and people that were downright "scary, dangerous, and dark" on the other.

On which side of the scale do you think Jesus spent more of His time? Imagine the stampede of pigs running over the bank when Legion was cast out in today's Scripture reading. Remember the confrontations Jesus had with all the major political and religious groups of His time. He ate with sinners, touched lepers, and sent out His disciples to preach a radical message, two by two. It's not very comfortable or safe to leave the 99 to chase after the 1 or to care for the Samaritan on the side of the road. How much of Jesus' ministry was comfortable and safe? Tyson's point was that Jesus spent most of His time at one end of that spectrum, but much of our discipleship and church programming is spent on the opposite, safer side. The way forward and the way to experience God's presence more often are the same: Listen and obey. If men follow Jesus to the places where He spent most of His time and put His teaching into practice,

we'll generally experience His presence more. Jesus is often found outside the camp and amongst the "wrong" people in the most uncomfortable or dangerous places.

This is pretty revolutionary teaching if you see it clearly, yet the revolution typically begins with little steps. Tyson isn't inviting us to go looking for places of danger and darkness as much as promising that if we listen to, follow, and walk with Jesus, we'll naturally end up in those places. If men aren't ending up in those places, we probably aren't listening and obeying. Don't be anxious or rush to flip everything upside down. The disciples didn't go looking for discomfort or danger; they just followed Jesus and put His teaching into practice. If you do the same, you'll experience the same. You'll be glad you did, because you'll find Him there with you.

Prayer: Lord, give me the courage to mean it when I ask You to lead me and the power to listen and obey. Your glory is revealed by changing ordinary lives like mine. Let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in my life and church. Amen.

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## Our First Trip Ever To Georgia

Georgia, the country not the state, is a place where Faith Mission had never sent representation to. In fact, of all the places that we have sent aid since 1994, Ukraine and Moldova were the only 2 countries that we had ever visited. At our January meeting we had a discussion of whether or not we should go to Ukraine or any other country this year and at the time of that meeting it was decided that we would not go to Ukraine this year but if there were brothers from FriedensBote going to either Georgia or Kyrgyzstan it could be a possibility that I would join them for a trip to one of those. And so it came that when Alex Janzen told me that they were going to Georgia in July that plans were made that I would accompany him along with Michael. As this was something completely new, I was not sure what to prepare myself for and as I am on my way home I am still trying to decipher if I am still not prepared for this trip, but it is now "in the books" we could say. Maybe the best, easiest way to explain it would be this. The language of Georgia is unlike any other language in the world, as is the culture of the country. There is no comparison between the Georgian language and English, German, or Russian. From the alphabet to the words, it is VERY different. The culture is also that different. For example, in Canada and all the other countries I've ever visited it is standard practice to eat breakfast, lunch and supper (although there is some disputes over where dinner fits into the day). In Georgia it seems it is more common to eat breakfast in the morning, workday starts around 10, lunch is anywhere from 3-6 and then supper is around 10 at night. And when they put food in front of you they do not want to see leftovers after you're done eating. I say all this to contrast the differences between them and us...but...there are also similarities in the culture (unlike the language). There are some who are on fire for Christ and they have started churches and home church groups across the country in recent years. They





The church in the village of Kvareli also has a kitchen set-up to make lunch daily for the local seniors. They see 18-20 people being fed here daily, both physically and spiritually.



understand that the citizens of Georgia need a Savior, the same as the citizens of Canada, Germany, USA and the rest of the world. Although the churches may look a bit different from what we are used to in Canada or even from what we've seen and gotten to know in Ukraine and Moldova, we understand that they are sincere as they strive to serve God in their communities in different capacities. Sadly, a very obvious reality as we traveled throughout Georgia was the level of poverty there. Although this did vary depending what area we were in, it seems there are definitely poor people across the country. Some areas are simply worse off than others.

Back in April we had shipped a container to Georgia filled with humanitarian aid for the churches to distribute among the needy around them. This container was scheduled to take 8-9 weeks from when it left Winkler until it was to arrive in Tbilisi. This container was delayed 3-4 weeks and only arrived while we were there. Because of this delay, we were able to be present when the container was being unloaded and we could see what kind of improvements were needed to make this process better.

Through this trip one of the most resounding realities that we kept hearing and talking about was the increased need for pastor support. Yes, they do need the clothing, gift boxes, bicycles, medical supplies, etc. However, if they don't have pastors then all these other items become useless as well because then there won't be anyone to distribute those goods either. Along with that, the pastors that we are currently supporting are finding it difficult to make ends meet on the support

that they are getting now. Inflation has driven prices sky high and yet their salaries have not increased at that rate. This puts our mission in a bit of a predicament as we try to increase the amount that we send to the pastors. We also need to find ways to increase our support and yet we understand that inflation is affecting our supporters as well. That brings me full circle to the reason of this trip. It is my desire to increase the number of reports/presentations in churches both locally and also across Canada/USA over the course of the next few months. These reports can be of my most recent trip, of other trips that we have made to Ukraine or project specific reports. If you know of a church that would be interested to host a presentation, or if you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me in the office @204-325-4086 or [nathan@faithmission.ca](mailto:nathan@faithmission.ca). One of the 3 Children's camp bases in Georgia that we had the



*Some of the churches that I visited on my recent trip to Georgia. Due to language barriers and interpretation challenges we had to translate from English or German into Russian and then from Russian to Georgian. There are a total of 18 churches and another 18 groups that gather in small groups in homes. The total number of members in these 36 congregations are approximately 800 people. It was such a blessing to see a stronger presence of men in these churches as opposed to what we have seen in Ukraine the last few years, but even then many of the men in these churches in Georgia are in leadership roles of some kind, either pastors/deacons or leading children's camps etc.*





privilege of visiting while they had a camp in progress. This camp is now being used throughout the year, thanks to many improvements in the last few years sponsored by FriedensBote and Faith Mission.



All of these pictures portray the poor living conditions many Georgians are facing. Top 2 pictures: In 2008 when the war between Russia and Georgia started, many of these encampments were built for the refugees from South Ossetia and Abkhazia to move into when the Russians took control of their territories. All those refugees are still living in these "temporary villages". Left: As we were walking down the street talking about the condition about many of the homes that surprisingly looked occupied we came upon this apartment building and we all agreed surely nobody lived there and it was just waiting to be demolished, but as we kept walking we got to the point where we could see a light on inside and laundry hanging on the porch, sure enough someone lives in this building. Bottom: We saw many buildings that looked renovated from the front and maybe even from the one or both sides, but then when you go inside or around the back of the building you can see the true age and condition which is much less attractive





## Auction Time, God Answers Prayers

We are very excited to announce that we are having a fundraising event in the form of a live, in-person auction on Aug 4, 2025 at 10:00 am! Through the course of the last year but especially since our Canada report tour with our friends from Germany in November, I had been brainstorming different ways of increasing our fundraising efforts. While an auction was something that had crossed my mind more than once I wasn't sure where to start with planning and arranging it. But, then in April, Schinkel Properties hotel in Winkler experienced a structural fire, resulting in a total loss of the property. They reached out to us to see if we could make use of any of the salvageable items from this facility. My immediate thought was God was answering our prayers to increase our funding. As I was looking at the items that were being offered, I knew that we could send some of them to Ukraine. I also felt there was value in many of the rest of the offered things and I suggested to them that, if it was alright with them, we would send what we could to Ukraine and the rest would be sold as a fundraiser to further the work of Faith Mission. They immediately agreed to this, so... we are having a fundraising auction to hopefully raise enough funds to pay for our entire giftbox project for the upcoming Christmas season. For the last number of years the giftbox program we run has run at a significant deficit and we are hoping that this will not only pay for all the giftbox supplies for this year but also make up for some of that deficit from past years. As we were cleaning out different parts of the property we had many different volunteers coming to help who were interested in purchasing some of the items that were being removed and so we have already seen approximately \$20,000 in donations come in for different items. Just to give you all a glimpse of the amount of items we have for sale in this auction, we have rented 2x 40' overseas containers and purchased a 3rd one and they are all filled to the point where you cannot walk inside. Some of these items are in like-new condition. We have also brought in a pressure washer to clean a lot of the items that had gotten dirty from the fire and we feel we have a lot of good, high quality items that will be up for grabs at this auction. So, if you are local to Winkler or are up for a drive there we invite you to attend our live auction event on August 4th, 2025, at 10 am. However, if you can't make it in person we invite you to pray for this fundraiser that there would be a good amount of funds raised, and that even more importantly that God's kingdom can grow through this event. *Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.* We understand that although this was an unfortunate circumstance for many involved with this property we cannot adequately express our appreciation for the opportunity to try to make "lemonade" out of this otherwise lemon-like(sour) experience.

***Both of our warehouses are still very full of donated clothing and we regularly have to decline donations when local thrift stores want to bring clothes. We were so full the we actually locked the drop-off room at the Winkler warehouse for a few weeks. I'm saying that to encourage you! If you have a group of friends that would like to spend an evening or day doing something that will bless others we invite you to come set up a time to come and fold and bale clothing. If this is something you're not familiar with, why not stop by sometime and we will be happy to show you what all happens at Faith Mission.***

**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.**

## Faith Mission (FriedensBote) Inc.

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**Winkler, Manitoba R6W 0K4**

**Office phone (204) 325-4086**

**Nathan (204)647-7466 [nathan@faithmission.ca](mailto:nathan@faithmission.ca)**

**Email: [info@faithmission.ca](mailto:info@faithmission.ca)**

**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 rooms at the following locations  
**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.**

-Winkler, MB Nathan Elias 204-647-7466  
+Grassy Lake, AB Dave Teichroeb 403-308-6523  
\*Weyburn, SK Isaak Unger 306-891-6202

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CLOTHING DONATIONS OUTSIDE!**

## Board of Directors

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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.

**-For regular updates including videos we can't share in the newsletter please follow Faith Mission on WhatsApp @ Friends of FM/FB >>>>**  
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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.





**FAITH MISSION (FRIEDENSBOTE) INC.**  
**Unaudited Statement of Operations**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Receipted donations	\$ 640,922	\$ 787,017
Collections - unreceipted donations	158,584	92,212
Interest and miscellaneous	2,952	2,878
Rental income	100	200
	<b>802,558</b>	<b>882,307</b>
<b>OPERATION COSTS</b>		
Freight and duty	285,975	206,830
Supplies	52,865	31,620
Direct wages	54,022	18,576
Overseas missions	251,839	198,274
Fundraising expenses	7,519	8,534
	<b>652,220</b>	<b>463,834</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>		
Advertising and promotion	13,732	4,931
Donor newsletters	15,474	17,552
Gifts in kind	14,030	9,023
Insurance	11,794	7,896
Interest and bank charges	1,395	642
Interest on long term debt	20,538	-
Memberships, licenses and fees	409	-
Office, stationery and miscellaneous	5,609	11,793
Postage and shipping	8,141	8,151
Professional fees	18,698	14,766
Property taxes	13,712	5,522
Rent and leases	3,914	1,950
Repairs and maintenance	20,108	18,685
Supplies	12,064	9,404
Travel	28,022	7,945
Utilities	11,722	9,842
	<b>199,362</b>	<b>128,102</b>
<b>(LOSS) INCOME BEFORE OTHER ITEMS</b>	<b>(49,024)</b>	<b>290,371</b>
Gain on disposal of capital assets	-	417,493
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (49,024)</b>	<b>\$ 707,864</b>

**FAITH MISSION (FRIEDENSBOTE) INC.**  
**Unaudited Statement of Changes in Net Assets**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

	General Fund	Invested in Capital Assets	2024	2023
<b>NET ASSETS - Beginning</b>	\$ 333,131	\$ 1,353,141	\$ 1,686,272	\$ 978,408
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(49,024)	-	(49,024)	707,864
Investment in capital assets	(114,762)	114,762	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 169,345</b>	<b>\$ 1,467,903</b>	<b>\$ 1,637,248</b>	<b>\$ 1,686,272</b>

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

	2024	2023
Buildings	\$ 1,577,344	\$ 1,072,687
Land	205,000	205,000
Equipment	75,792	60,009
Computer hardware	21,721	15,445
	<b>\$ 1,879,857</b>	<b>\$ 1,353,141</b>

**LONG-TERM DEBT**

	2024	2023
Access Credit Union Commercial Mortgage - repayable \$3,176 monthly including interest at 6.79%. Secured by real property and a general security agreement. Matures March 2025.	\$ 411,954	\$ -
Less: Current portion of long-term debt	10,464	-
	<b>\$ 401,490</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**FAITH MISSION (FRIEDENSBOTE) INC.**  
**Unaudited Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at December 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 276,891	\$ 304,041
Accounts receivable	1,913	3,960
Government remittances refundable	10,614	24,113
Inventory	46,485	20,281
Prepaid expenses	1,512	7,175
	<b>337,415</b>	<b>359,570</b>
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 4)</b>	<b>1,879,857</b>	<b>1,353,141</b>
	<b>\$ 2,217,272</b>	<b>\$ 1,712,711</b>

**LIABILITIES**

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 166,902	\$ 25,242
Government remittances payable	1,168	1,197
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 5)	10,464	-
	<b>178,534</b>	<b>26,439</b>
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>		
Long-term debt (Note 5)	401,490	-
	<b>580,024</b>	<b>26,439</b>

**NET ASSETS**

General fund	169,345	333,131
Invested in capital assets	1,467,903	1,353,141
	<b>1,637,248</b>	<b>1,686,272</b>
	<b>\$ 2,217,272</b>	<b>\$ 1,712,711</b>

**FAITH MISSION (FRIEDENSBOTE) INC.**  
**Unaudited Statement of Cash Flow**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ (49,024)	\$ 707,864
Non-cash items affecting operations:		
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	(417,493)
Net change in non-cash working capital balances	136,636	(185,224)
	<b>87,612</b>	<b>105,147</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds of loans payable	420,000	-
Reduction of loans payable	(8,046)	(638,574)
	<b>411,954</b>	<b>(638,574)</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Acquisition of capital assets	(526,716)	(310,278)
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	-	929,000
	<b>(526,716)</b>	<b>618,722</b>
<b>(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH</b>	<b>(27,150)</b>	<b>85,295</b>
<b>CASH - Beginning</b>	<b>304,041</b>	<b>218,746</b>
<b>CASH - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 276,891</b>	<b>\$ 304,041</b>

**Please Note:**

I would also like to add a note here that with the increased need for pastor support and funding to different projects like that as well as camps, food packages, etc. we understand the need to expand our reach to other churches and groups so that our existing supporters don't need to carry that load. Therefore we encourage you, especially if you attend a church where we have never done a presentation in your church we ask if we can have a conversation about making that possible.

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Please use my donation for: ☐ Wherever Most Needed

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