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"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children..." Proverbs 13:22a

Most people think of "inheritance" in terms of money. A house, land, or windfall passed down from a relative. But we also pass down things like habits, values, and faith. The next generation is also seeing how we handle conflict, how we respond to suffering, and how we talk about God when life is mean and unfair. Long after people forget what we owned, they often remember how we lived. In *The Karate Kid*, Daniel-san grows frustrated with Mr. Miyagi's training methods. Wax the car. Sand the floor. Paint the fence. The tasks are repetitive and pointless. But later, Mr. Miyagi reveals that these simple disciplines were teaching Daniel proper form, which is foundational for advanced karate. Strength, instincts, discipline, and character were being built without him knowing it. Life works that way, too. Many of the moments that shape the next generation feel small and ordinary while we're living them. It could be bedtime prayers or conversations in the truck. It's

seeing a strong man apologizing when he's wrong. It could be bringing your family to church when you're tired, or choosing integrity when compromise would be easier. These moments may feel like painting a fence rather than karate chopping an opponent in the tournament finals, but they're still powerfully shaping yourself and others.

Psalm 145:4 says, "One generation commends your works to another." God designed faith to be handed down. Every generation has the responsibility and privilege of pointing the next one toward Him. That means legacy is not reserved for pastors or CEOs; it's for every man to use the opportunities around him to model faithfulness and obedience. So keep showing up and planting seeds. You're building more than you realize.

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Pity for His people

The people always have a lot of misfortune and grief, suffering, sadness, and an urgent need for help. But this world is cruel and terrible. Who will show mercy and compassion? Where does pity for the suffering lie? What needs to be done so that people have the love and care of those around them, so that the heart shines with virtue, so that the power of the Gospel is not only in words, but also in deeds?

And especially now, when the war has inflicted moral, spiritual, and material damage on every citizen of Ukraine...



Going into the fifth year now, dear friends, we have been struggling in this field, both within our means and beyond, under danger, sometimes with tears and pain, helping people in their misfortune. Looking into the distance, we wait for it all to end soon, and for us to return to our normal lives. But the news feeds bring no joy, instead increasingly bringing anxiety, groans, and a deep melancholy from the growing hopelessness.

"I pity the people..." Who will say these words today? Whose heart isn't tired of being kind and compassionate? The Church—this privilege and responsibility combined—is given to God's people.

Here they are, exhausted churchgoers. Their very appearance speaks of their distress and

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need... A line has formed to receive a couple of loaves of bread. And we are glad to have this opportunity to help them, thanks to the donations of friends.

"Jesus answered and said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me... because you ate the bread and were filled.' Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you, for on him God, the Father, has set his seal." John 6:26-27



Often, people's interest in earthly well-being is greater than their interest in eternal matters. But finding this balance is very difficult. How can one deny someone their daily bread?

When can one say,

"Go in peace, be warmed and filled," and not give them their daily bread? Therefore, we are glad that people can hear the Word of the Lord in the church, attend services, and then receive help. And those who are wise will know that it is the Lord! But we can only give when we ourselves have something to give. Therefore, we thank everyone who supports the ministry of evangelism in these difficult times of war. This is the Word you sowed, this is your bread, these are your potatoes, and so much more. And in this sharing, the name of Our Lord and Savior is glorified, He spoke the words: "I have compassion on the people."

Compassion for people is a characteristic of Christ, a characteristic of a Christian, and the very nature of God's Church. How do we demonstrate compassion? How do we care for those in need? What do we do for those in need? To what extent are we capable of showing compassion, love, and mercy, which are precisely the characteristics of Christ?

The war is in its fifth year... Caring for and helping people continues daily. Physical strength is lacking. A number of church brothers have been mobilized. The Church is short of helping hands, strength, and people. Today, brothers well over sixty are working in the warehouse. In

former times, they would already be retired, but today they are faithful workers and continuing on in our Lord's ministry. How much longer must we live under such moral, physical, psychological, and spiritual strain?!

Will the brothers and sisters remaining here have the strength to show love and compassion to people? To unload, load, pack, deliver, and carry packages up to the 12th and other floors, especially when there's no power and the elevator isn't working? How can we not lose this special feeling for those in need? How can we not lose sight of the individual—first and foremost, and then of their need? How precious it is when the church feels the help and support of brothers and sisters from various missions, churches, countries, and friends who once lived in Ukraine and know its difficulties and complexities. Don't lose this quality of Christ when He says: "I pity the people."

Workers over sixty, we thank the Lord for these dear brothers. they worked within and beyond their strength. God bless.

Brothers come to the warehouse to serve as best they can, understanding that children, adults, and the elderly—all need help.

EASTER

Easter is a bright Christian holiday filled with choirs, orchestras, and new outfits, but not for everyone. In the half-destroyed Saltovka district of Kharkiv, where explosions have shattered many windows that are still boarded up with plywood, people are waiting for help. Along with bringing them the Gospel and food, we talk to them and guide them on their way to "Zion."

It's impossible to look at these photos without pity. Children of war are hungry, rejoicing at having a whole loaf of bread at their disposal. A woman carrying bread to those bedridden, to those who can't come and get it themselves. So much grief. How often do we hear:

"It's so awkward to ask or even to accept anything from you, but these are the times we live in. No work, no money, we survive as best we can. Thank you for remembering us and bringing us something to eat. How DELICIOUS!!!"

The church's ministry on earth continues and will continue until the Rapture, but the church's primary task is not to weaken. *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap a harvest if we do not give up"* (Gal. 6:9).





Whether it is a meeting on the street or in church. It is wonderful to see people gather to hear about God.



THE TRINITY

In addition to food packages, we distribute Christian literature to people. *"The Son of God came and gave us light and understanding, that we might know the true God" 1 John 5:20*

The Pentecost evangelism event took place thanks to the help of many caring individuals. Food was purchased, friends donated bags for the kits, brothers and sisters in the Church assembled the kits, and this became a wonderful opportunity to preach the Gospel. It's beautiful when people take up the Gospel, when they read it, when they ask questions, when God's Word touches them, when after such meetings they come to the service in the house of prayer and make a covenant with the Lord! Addressing the audience, I say: Friends, we are beginning a class for those who want to make a covenant with the Lord (be baptized). Come Sunday at 9:00 AM. Anyone interested? Several people raised their hands. Lord! Keep this disposition of heart until the next meeting. This, dear friends, is what your participation does. Glory to the Lord! The bread fills the stomach and the "bread" of heaven reaches the hearts.

O God, I deeply believe that even today You "Pity the people" suffering from sin, human folly, five years of war, and their own rejection of Divine truth. And You can pity them through Your Church. Through brothers and sisters who are willing to be at Your service, who are willing to spend, to give to the poor, so that they may be enriched with Your blessing. Let people know that You love them and call them to Yourself. May they seek You, the God who loves them, may they know the path to salvation. And grant us all that we need to make up for their

troubles and suffering. What grief, not only for adults but also for children. You, O God, are the God of orphans and widows. Do not abandon these little ones. Protect them. Find those who can show them pity and compassion. Let them know You. And while people hide in the subway from ballistic missiles, suicide bombers, and drones, while these death-bearing missiles fall over our homes, grant us, O God, Your Guidance.

Grant us protection and let us trust in You. Bless the families and children living in this nightmare of war, bless the Church. Fill our hands with all good things for serving our neighbors. Lead us, Lord, through this difficult and unpleasant time, but, in which we must remain, at heart, Your children.

"That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world." Philippians 2:15

Leonid Tkachev Kharkiv, UA 06/10/2026

Day 1568 and counting



Over the last 10 years we have been very privileged to have Alex Janzen, Executive Director of Missionswerk in Germany, come to visit us in Canada a number of times. We have gotten to know him very well and we are very happy to announce that he is planning another trip to Canada. The current plan is that he will be traveling together with a representation of Faith Mission starting in Alberta, in late October and for 3 weeks he will be traveling East through Saskatchewan, Manitoba and finishing his trip in Southern Ontario mid-November. This trip will consist of many reports and presentations of his most recent travels to Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Georgia, Ukraine, and Moldova and how the Lord is working in those lands. Alex is a gifted speaker and although we currently don't have a schedule available for where/when exactly he is speaking I encourage you to keep an eye on our website or join our WhatsApp group (link on the back page) to be informed when these dates/locations are confirmed so that you can come listen to him yourself. There should also be a full schedule in the next issue of our Newsletter that will be mailed out at the end of September.

-Nathan E/Winkler





In my travels throughout Ukraine I have many times taken note of how and how much bicycles are used there. Not only is it a way for people to get from "A" to "B" but also a haul their clothes, groceries, or in one case even a small pig they had purchased, sadly I didn't get a picture there. As you can tell from the pictures shown here the bicycles are definitely improving life for these people. Any and all bicycles that are donated to Faith Mission that we send as humanitarian aid are always checked out to ensure tires are in good shape, the brakes and shifters work, and the bike is in good enough overall condition that we can send it. Sadly a lot of the bikes we receive are not ready to send



the way we get them so we have to spend time and funds on them to get them ready to send. In Manitoba we have been extremely blessed for the last 30+ years to always have someone that we have been able to rely on to look after this. For the first 15+ years this was done by a couple in Winkler that had a space set up in their shed where they fixed approximately 2,811 bikes. After they retired from this service there was another gentleman, John Thiessen, from the Neepawa area that volunteered to come and pick up the bikes and return them to us. Mr Thiessen has done this for over 15 years already as well and he has also fixed right around 2,000 bikes. Since we opened our second warehouse in Grassy Lake we have quietly been looking for someone to do a similar work in that area and now this year John has informed us he has reached the age where we should begin looking for someone to take over in Manitoba as well. So if this is something that would interest you and you have some available time or you feel you could make some time available for this in either Manitoba or Alberta. Please feel free to reach out to us and we would love to have further conversations about how that can work. We do get funds donated periodically to purchase bike parts as well as we have bike shops that give us good deals on parts so we are not asking that whoever volunteers is going to be paying out of pocket for those things. But what we need is someone that will put in the work.

- Nathan E / Winkler

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.

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Tuesday (Office only) 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 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.

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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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A Bridge to the Soul

Many times in my travels have I noticed the importance of a well placed bridge. In Manitoba the last few weeks, due to a tremendous amount of rainfall over much of the province, flooding has taken down many bridges. Many of these washed out bridges have made people understand the importance of

those bridges because they are now forced to travel much further up or down stream in order to get to where they need to go. I have often wondered what it must have been like when the pioneers of North America traveled west and they came upon some of these large rivers and they had to somehow find a way across before any of our modern day bridges were built? How hopeless would that not have felt when you are already pressed for time to get to where you want to go and winter is coming. You come upon a wide river and are forced to make a long detour up-or-down-stream or attempt to ford across, or try and float your wagon across. Many lives were lost in these water crossings and I am certain those settlers would have been so grateful for the bridges we have over many of those same bodies of water today.

The work that Faith Mission does, sending clothing as humanitarian aid, has oftentimes been called a bridge for the Gospel to reach non-believers. Other times our work has been compared to just a "small drop" in the river of life. I want to expound on both of these comparisons.

First of all as a bridge, I like looking at this comparison from the perspective that just as the absence of a bridge doesn't make it impossible to get across a river. It definitely is safer, quicker, and easier



getting across if there is a bridge. The same way without our clothing, it is still possible for the pastors to still reach the non-believers in their on the mission-field but it requires more work(gifts bring people together that the pastors have the opportunity to share a message with them), takes longer(without the gifts, the pastors would need to lay more groundwork to build more relationships before people would be willing to come together), and comes with greater risks(more traveling, less softened

hearts, more confrontations), yes the clothing does all that. When they announce that they have humanitarian aid to distribute the people that will receive it come already softened to a degree that helps the word of God find fertile soil and it is able to be seeded in that. Just like the parable Jesus taught us in Matthew 13:3-9, if the land is fertile and ready that is when God can provide the increase, but we only need to worry about doing our part in the farm analogy, whether seeding, watering, or anything in between, God will see to the harvest as long as we are faithfully doing our portion.

Next, the comparison of us just being one little drop. This came from a story of Valentina, a young lady that had committed her life to Christ at a children's camp some 20 years ago and as she was telling us her story



Valentina at her baptism in 2008. To this day her parents and siblings do not support her decision to follow Christ.

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she made the comment that she knew that someone had made a donation in order for her to be able to go to that camp that year and the cost in 2006 was only about \$10-\$12/child. She shared that for the donor as well as for the mission, \$10 looks like a small drop of what Faith Mission or Missionswerk FriedensBote turn over in a year and yet for her that \$10 changed her life. Due to inflation, which in Ukraine has been exponentially worse the last few years because of the war, the cost of sending children to camp has risen over the last 20 years. For 2026 our cost per child for a 3-5 day camp is \$27.95, still a very low price to pay for a chance to change a child's life forever. Valentina currently serves as the deacons wife in one of the churches we support and the exact location where the children's camp base is in the Carpathian mountains. Friends we invite you to consider helping us send more children to camp this year. Faith Mission has already sent over \$36,000 CAD to send children to camp and we have received requests for pastors that want to make camps and these pastors need another \$133,000 to complete all these camps. Between Faith Mission and Missionswerk FriedensBote we have made the decision to support these camps and the

funds have been sent in order that the pastors can make the needed purchases, however, this puts us in a bad spot to fund other projects that we anticipate in the future like Christmas gift boxes, firewood, and others in the next few months. We trust that God will provide to continue funding other projects as well but we feel led to share this with you all so if the Lord is nudging you to help us fund these projects that you are aware of the immediate needs, both with camps as well as the future projects.

The story of Valentina is a tremendous testimony of the importance of the children's camps, there are countless other instances of children that have changed their lives through the camps. Just like the camps the other projects are also changing lives and we see the importance of also continuing with those as well. Please see the attached donor card and prayerfully consider how you can help us change more lives.



Children's Camps 2026 are in full swing across Ukraine & Moldova, the Sep-Oct issue of our newsletter will have more reports of those camps.

