

Faith in Action Missions

February 2022

**For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink:
I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
Matthew 25 v 35 & 36**

Twenty-one years ago, the Lord gave me these scriptures as our guideline as to what our ministry would be all about, I'm glad to say that we have followed His guidance, and this is the ministry that we are involved in. What a wonderful blessing it is for FIAM to go to those believers who are hungry and feed them, to the thirsty we share the Living Water with them. We have been strangers to many people, but never turned away, we are able to clothe those who had nothing. One of our great blessings for the mission is to visit the sick in the old villages, to go to and be a blessing to them, and of course even more now through the House of hope, and not forgetting the prisoners, those whom society have rejected. We have made many new brothers and sisters through the ministry in prison. Thank God that He gave us such a ministry, a ministry where we see much fruit for our labours. We haven't ministered to believers only; the Lord has opened many doors to unbelievers over the past 21 years. With these words our Lord Jesus Christ shows us that true faith doesn't stay locked within the walls of a church, it reaches out to the hurting, the oppressed, the vulnerable, the forgotten, the righteous, the wicked. This is the ministry that our Lord did while He was on earth, and if we believe our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ truly is our great example, then we will follow His example.

On the 4th of January Donald and Martin returned to a cold snowy Ukraine. We thank the Lord for keeping us safe throughout this trip as there was ice everywhere, causing many in our team to fall, one of whom dislocated his shoulder.

Nevertheless, the ministry never stopped, and we were able to treat this trip just like any other,

Here we see the local lake that has been frozen. The ice is about 12 inches thick, so it is very safe for the fishermen to go about their daily tasks.



This was the condition of the airport as we prepared for take-off on our return home.



For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat

Here we are in the Light of the gospel church on Lord's Day morning. The two photos on the right show the help that this church gives to needy families in that vast area. Covid has hit many families hard. but the government do not help families through Covid, so Faith in Action along with the churches reach out to help needy families.



I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink

This is the ministry to those with addictions, mainly drugs and alcohol. Denis in the blue shirt in the centre photograph is the Pastor in the rehab.

In the first photo is the leg of the man in the centre photo with Denis, he had been taking drugs, and this was the outcome of his addiction, Denis is seen here leading the young man to repentance, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

This was a young man who came to the one who is the Water of Life and drank freely, his thirst shall be quenched for evermore.



The photo on the right is where many of the rehabilitants stay and sleep, the house is very small, and they struggle financially to find a larger building.

I was a stranger, and ye took me in

The House of Hope has been such a wonderful blessing in the lives of many of the sick and elderly. Once strangers to our Lord Jesus Christ, all who live there soon come to faith in our Saviour. Those who once had no hope, now have their hope firmly in the Saviour.



Naked, and ye clothed me



I was sick, and ye visited me.

In the photos below we are reaching out to those who are disabled. The Light of the Gospel church held a Christmas service for the disabled in that area. After the service a dinner was held for everyone and although Martin and I could not attend as we were in prison preaching the gospel, we were able to fund the outreach which lasted for about 4 hours. The people were truly blessed and had a wonderful day.



In the centre photo and photo on the right we have a terminally ill man called Victor. This unsaved family heard that we were in the village and asked us to come to their house to speak to their father. When we arrived, we were met by Victor's daughter who informed us that her father had cancer and only had a few weeks to live, and that Victor wanted to speak to us. Donald was able to speak with him and learned that this man wanted to get right with God. It was a very difficult and emotional time for all involved as Victor turned to the Lord for forgiveness and salvation.

I was in prison, and ye came unto me

Another time of blessing awaited the team as we went to the women's prison to take the two-hour service. After going through all the security searches, and our short meeting with the friendly director of the prison, we went into meet the Christian lifers first, those who had been sent to prison for having committed terrible crimes, but had since repented, and come to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.



After the meeting with the lifers, we went into the main prison hall to hold a two hour meeting and although the place was freezing cold our hearts were on fire to reach and set the captives free.

Martin and Donald preach the gospel



In the photo on the bottom left we see women coming forward to repent, and follow after the Lord Jesus Christ



FIAM would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your prayers, and for your financial support.

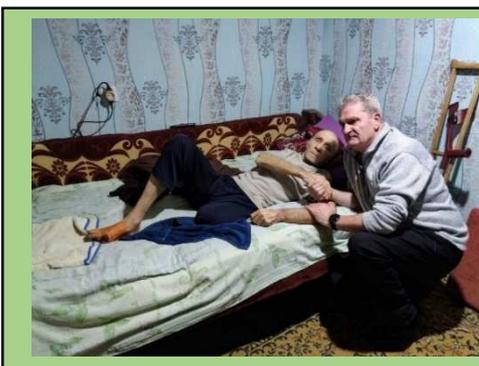
Donald and Martin take the meeting with families who had been supported from the covid pandemic. This was a great opportunity to share the Word of God with the mothers.



The Faith in Action team minister to those with addictions at the rehab centre. Through the ministry of the Word of God two men put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.



The team enjoy a winter Barbeque



Sasha worked on the roof of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor clearing the radioactive debris and now he is very ill. He has already had one leg amputated, and as you can see his other leg is now beginning to rot. Pray for Sasha.

Please remember our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. The threat of war has led to increased costs and financial hardship, problems with banking, uncertainty and fear. Pray that they will know the peace of God in their hearts and continue to trust in Him.