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THE MASTER'S FOUNDATION

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Dear Friend and Partner,

Greetings in Jesus!

A new year has just begun and with it I thought what can I say to our friends and partners. Many thoughts came to my mind and with so many indelible memories; so much could be said. As a matter of fact, I think I could write a book, but in the end I felt to simply share my heart with you.

As I reminisced over the past year and in fact over the past 34 years of serving in Ukraine, I was thrilled, overwhelmed, grateful and thankful for what God has done and for the faithful partners He has given us. Your faithfulness has played a major part in what has been accomplished in Ukraine. ***In 2017 I was amazed that we managed to ship 7 containers of soup mix, that's almost 12 million portions of soup!*** Our mom's village also received a container of soup, thanks to the Watrich family. Besides this, 2 containers of much needed clothing were sent; so many were blessed! Combined with the soup mix and clothes, people received literature about the "Good News" of how much God loves them.

Without you, none of this would have happened! Some of you have stood with us for 30 years and God is constantly giving us new partners.

In writing this my thoughts went back to when Henry and I took our first trip to Ukraine. It was there in a village church I heard so clearly the words God imbedded in my heart, "This is your calling". I felt so inadequate for this calling and I am always in amazement that God could take "2 shepherd boys" off the farm in Glendon, Alberta for such a task, but have come to realize, ***it's not our abilities God wants, but our availability.***

I have so many memories and there have been so many bumps along the road, so many challenges. But each "bump" caused a reliance, dependency and crying out to God. How often I felt like David, who said, "if I had wings I would fly away". But praise God, He who calls is faithful and He has provided every step of the way.

Two words stand out for me as I write this letter – ***grateful & thankful!***

Please turn over

I am so grateful and thankful to have been used in accomplishing what God wanted done in Ukraine. Grateful and thankful in spite of my health issues, God still gave strength to continue and go to Ukraine. Thankful for all of our partners, for the people of our hometown, Glendon, Alberta who supported us so generously at the banquet. Thankful for the Bonnyville Church and their gracious support and other Churches who prayed and supported. I am thankful for my wife Halina, who constantly prays for our partners; I at times would forget, but not her. I am so grateful she has stood by me and supported me in this ministry all these years. Many times I would wake up with her hand on my forehead, silently praying for me. I am thankful for our children's support and prayer. Thankful for our son Mark, who so willingly does tech work and maintains the website for Masters. He has bailed us out so many times; even on his vacation, Karen/I would call him, "Mark, help, I've lost all my documents and his reply would be, reboot your computer" and to our chagrin all the documents were there.

Many times flying over the Atlantic, I would be impressed to do a project and would wonder about it, because of the magnitude of it, funding, not knowing how, but God always made a way and provided.

I recollected at the end of one trip I had to overnight in Kiev. It was a hard trip and I was really tired and down. As I sat in the chair, I noticed the carpet was so dirty and filthy you didn't want to walk on it even with your shoes; it was that bad. I recall saying, "God, what am I doing in this God forsaken place?" I never thought I would hear from God, but He did answer, in a way I did not expect. During the week we visited Bukovo girls' special needs orphanage. While in the van getting ready to leave, several of the girls ran up the hill with hands outstretched, calling out, ***"Please don't leave us, please come back, please come back, just one more time."*** Then the Lord impressed upon me, ***just one more time***. And so it has been just one more time, one more trip, one more container of aid, one more project and will continue to be until the Lord says, this is the last time!

I write this to say as an encouragement to you, our partners and friends. You have been so faithful in your prayer and support. I know that we send many requests and appeals to you asking for help ... there is a much needed project, a container of soup mix and clothing to send; kids need to go to summer camp, widows, elderly and orphans need aid, or youth need Bibles and you may respond with *"what, again, I just gave?"* As the Lord spoke to me when I was also weary and tired, ***I would say to you – "just one more time", will you help us for another year, just one more time?***

Ukraine is so hurting... so much weeping as the war rages on with no end in sight... and so many innocent ones are paying the price for it.

I look forward to hearing from you.

God bless you with every blessing in this year.

In His love & service,



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BRINGING HOPE, LIFE & SALVATION

THE FAITHFULNESS OF OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

"I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now ..."
Philippians 1:3-5

For the last two years, I have been responsible for the bookkeeping here at Master's Foundation. I have also helped write appeal letters and newsletter articles. I have opened the mail that contained cheques of both small and large amounts. I have processed credit card donations. I have made many trips to the bank depositing all the donations. And each month I do my best to express our gratitude through a thank you letter that is sent with your income tax receipts.

Do you know what amazes me as I have done all of this? *The faithfulness of our partners and supporters.* Every time we receive a donation, I am so in awe by God's provision through YOU! Your financial giving, your prayer support, your encouragement and your love for the people of Ukraine is overwhelming to us!

Your partnership is the life line of Master's Foundation. Mother Teresa said it best, "You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together, WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS!" You, our partners, provide us the funds and resources to help the people of Ukraine. We cannot do that. Our personal resources are so limited. But

through your financial support and gifts, we can help those suffering in Ukraine. Your donations are making a difference in the lives of so many Ukrainians. The war in Ukraine continues. People still struggle for food, clothing, shelter and peace. Through our workers in Ukraine, we can bring hope to the broken and needy. This would not happen without you. Together we are doing great things for the Kingdom of God. People are receiving hope, love and much needed help.



It is an honour to partner with you. We do not take your support for granted. Your partnership with Master's brings us GREAT JOY! However, the greater joy is with the people we serve in Ukraine.

Together we are doing great things for the people of Ukraine. May 2017 be a year that even greater things are done in Ukraine because of us and you working together ... partnering together ... believing together ... serving together!

Rev. Karen Milley



MAP OF SITUATION IN EASTERN UKRAINE



For the last three years Ukraine has been at war with Russia which has drastically and severely affected the entire country and devastating the lives of millions on both sides. Excluding the political reasons it is a completely senseless and unnecessary war!

Excerpt from a witness at Avdiivka, the present "hot spot" in the on going war

"...By mid-afternoon the snow was still red. Faene, a 61-year-old mother of five, had died in the morning from the shelling. The bloodied blanket that had covered her lifeless body, was discarded in the bushes. Earlier Faene's 24-year-old daughter had crouched by her corpse, frozen by raw shock. Nearby, the snow was blackened from the blast. Faene had nearly reached the house where her young daughter lives with her husband. From her lips comes the cry, "we cant understand, why, why are the people dying, why" Bewilderment and confusion is almost universal among those stuck in eastern Ukraine's never-ending nightmare of war. The battle near Avdiivka is the worst escalation in violence in two years and has intensified. Charred craters are scattered through the neighbourhood on the edge of the city, where Faene was killed. Several homes have been hit, many totally destroyed, leaving many homeless and without food. The war in the easterly region has been largely forgotten by the world, eclipsed by events elsewhere, but it is real and continues with enormous military casualties on both sides; with many, many civilian casualties like Faene...!"

Masters has risen to the occasion and since 2014 has been doing its utmost to help by sending several containers of soup mix

MUCH NEEDED RELIEF . . .

into this region to sustain and help those who remain, as well as to the refugees who have fled from the ATO zone. Space does not permit to list all the places this aid has been sent. Please view the following links on youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwXbDgpOo2c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwXbDgpOo2c>

https://youtu.be/MLTakYYV_sg

These videos are about soup distribution of the last container which was delivered in the beginning of this year.. The joy expressed in the people receiving this soup is inexpressible! ***Their joy is because YOU heard their cry and gave to make it happen.***

We are so grateful and thankful to the Gleaners and with the help of our partners, in 2016 Masters was able to ship 7 containers, well over 12 million portions of dehydrated soup mix to Ukraine, as well as containers desperately needed clothing. ***There are over 2 million refugees who have fled for their lives from the ATO Zone, but many who are unable to flee, have remained. It is to these people that Masters is reaching out to as well as seniors, invalids, soup kitchens, children and orphans.*** Accompanying this aid over 200,000 pieces of "Good News" literature was given explaining the love of God.



We have many children family, so we thank you for your help.

Thanks, you for care of us in this difficult time.

Bagmut's family

My family is large, many children, but hard to get the work here. So we are so grateful for the help that you have provided. Thank you for your kind hearts.

**Gal'chenko's family
40 years old**

We thank you that your hearts are filled with love for us and thank you for these packages that will fill our needs in food. And God shall supply you all your needs.

**Tkach Raisa
80 years old**

We appeal to you again, please pray for Ukraine and would you prayerfully consider helping us send several containers this year. Our goal is to send 8 containers. Each container costs \$12,000 CAN. One container feeds 1.7 million hungry people.



NEWS REPORT

LIVCHITSI ORPHANAGE

The school at Livchitsi Orphanage home to approx. 70 school kids needed repairs to the building and classrooms. Thanks to Church On The Queensway, all the repairs were done, and classrooms were updated. Funding is still needed to replace all the blackboards and other updates. The floor in the gym had deteriorated and had to be replaced entirely with a concrete base. Thanks to Dave and Wanda's generosity we were able to do this and lay a first class rubberized tennis court flooring, which looks super. Dave & Wanda, you need to come and have a basketball game with the kids on your floor!



PASTOR'S RETREAT 2016

The MF 2nd annual Pastor's Retreat was held October 27-30 at the beautiful facilities of the Renaissance Church in the city of Ternopil, Ukraine. Pastor Bogdan and his staff were wonderful hosts, making us all feel right at home from the moment we arrived until the final session. I sensed the presence of the Lord and a unity in the Spirit as we first gathered for a meal before beginning our retreat sessions. These brothers and sisters were such a great joy to be with! It was a privilege to speak into the lives of these servants of the Lord. The loving respect and eager receptivity of these men and women is always very special to experience. On Sunday morning I had the privilege of speaking to the Renaissance church family and what a response from the people as they came for prayer. We ministered to the people until 3:00 in the afternoon, at 4:00 PM the church hosted a leadership seminar with church ministry leadership from the surrounding region being invited.



I'm grateful to Master's Foundation for allowing me the honor of being part of the retreat. It seems to me that on each occasion these Ukraine pastors and friends give back more through their gracious spirit and warm hospitality than you can ever give as a visiting speaker.

Pastor Gene Clarke
Pastoral Care Leader, Bethel Gospel Temple, Hamilton

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET, GLENDON, ALBERTA

On Saturday, November 19, 2016, Master's Foundation hosted their annual fundraising banquet at the Seniors Centre in Glendon, Alberta. It was a great evening! Over 110 people attended to support our work in Ukraine. Everyone enjoyed the special music and food. The food was delicious; the ladies at the Center really know how to prepare a meal! The perogies and cabbage rolls were out of this world. The highlight of the evening was the first-hand report of what is happening in Ukraine that was given by Dr. Sergey Perkhalsky, our Director in Ukraine.

A special thanks to the MC of the evening, Dave Werstiuk and to Mike Kryzanowski for our being our auctioneer, it was awesome!

All the funds raised that evening will be used to send much needed humanitarian aid, soup mix to those in Ukraine who have been so hurt by the war.

"PEROGY PARTY", MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

Dr. Sergey Perkhalsky's trip ended with him speaking at our "Perogy Party" at Bravo Bistro in Mississauga on Friday, November 25, 2016. We enjoyed the evening with lots of food and hearing what is happening in Ukraine through Master's workers and partners.

We are so grateful to all those who could attend our fundraising events. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Christmas is supposed to be a time of celebration, joy and great times with family and friends. However, that is not reality for the many orphans and children in Ukraine. Through your support, Master's Foundation ensure that many needy kids know that they are not forgotten at this special time of year.

Master's Foundation provided the girls at both Puhochivka and Nova Borova Special Needs orphanages Christmas gifts. As well special Christmas parties were hosted for them. They had a wonderful time! Each event celebrated the good news of the birth of Jesus! The best gift of all!

As well, our Angel Tree Network program provided Christmas gifts to children whose mothers are in prison. Our workers pick out wonderful gifts for the kids and personally deliver them on behalf of their moms. The joy in their faces was priceless!

Thank you for making Christmas special for all these beautiful children!

