



Manna Messenger

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Appointed to Ukraine with Youth Ministry International

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Our Church Schedule

Feb. 10

Grand Ave. Wesleyan Church, Pierre, SD

Feb. 17

Nisland Community Church, Nisland, SD

Feb. 24

Grace Bible Church, Highmore, SD

Mar. 3

Atonement Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND

Mar. 10

Prairie Bible Church of God, Enning, SD

Mar. 17

First Wesleyan Church, Sturgis, SD

April 7

First Baptist Church, McIntosh, SD (tentative)

April 14

Coal Springs Community Church, Meadow, SD

We're almost there!

from Mike

If you had told us that in just two months our monthly support was going to jump from 60% to 88%, we would have laughed. But through a team of faithful friends and family, God has done just that! The prospect of moving to Ukraine by May is becoming more of a reality. Eighty families and 4 churches have committed to regularly support us monthly, quarterly or annually. We feel honored to be sent by you to share God's love with the people of Eastern Europe. And even though we will face a lot of trials in the process, it is great to know that so many friends are coming alongside of us in the training of Ukrainian youth pastors. We do not feel alone in the task.

Because we set our budget as low as possible with Youth Ministry International, we need 100% of our support pledged to actually fly



As you can see from the photo, our monthly support has reached a level to get 4 1/2 of the Mannas to Ukraine. The rest

out in May – that's only \$—— per month left to be pledged. We also need \$—— to complete our outgoing expenses. Please pray with us that the rest of our support will be committed soon so we can purchase the plane tickets.



The black cows and calves pictured are being raised for our support on the Frith farm.

An interview with Jerry Frith

Jerry is part of the support team involved in sending us to Ukraine. He is one of 21 ranchers raising 31 cows through STEER, Inc. on our behalf. Jerry, his wife Susan, and his daughter Leighanna live on a farm northeast of Belle Fourche in a small community called Arpan. He is currently taking care of 10 cows, selling their calves each year for our support.

Question: Why are you raising cows and their calves for the Manna's through STEER, Inc.?

Jerry: We are raising cows and calves for the Manna's ministry because God told me to. Really. When the announcement was made, I knew it was something I had to do. Even to the number of cows - it was all from the Lord. I believe in prayer!

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Home on the Road from Judy



Deputation Memories – Lots of miles in the van,...



...Good talks and lots of laughs,...

We are very grateful to my parents who housed us for a month and a half in Sturgis. We enjoyed our time with them, but were getting worn out with all the 30 mile trips back and forth to Belle Fourche to see friends and keep our kids involved in their youth groups. We decided to make an announcement in our church that we would like to move back to Belle Fourche, but would need a furnished place to rent. We were flooded with offers. What an expression of love from our church family! I struggle to even find words for how we felt—cared for, supported, loved. We had a sense of security and an understanding that we can come to our church family when we need help. Thank you, Christian Life Center!

We are now living with Armin and Nina Finkbeiner—dear friends from church who have made us feel completely at home. We joke about hardly seeing each other, as they both work long hours and lead busy lives outside of work. When they are home on weekends, we are usually gone travelling to churches. Time together is treasured when we have it! We have *so enjoyed* the quietness and comfort of their beautiful home, located only a few blocks from our old neighborhood. Our kids have good friends across the street. They

can walk to church. We are home schooling, so that fills the time when we are home. It has been wonderful to have such a peaceful haven when life feels like it is sweeping us along in its swift current. Many evenings are filled with visiting people or leading Bible studies. Mike is involved in some neat discipling opportunities. The Lord does not have us “on hold” till we get to Ukraine. We are thankful for that! Life is ministry. A good friend of mine reminded me that standing in line can be ministry—either in how we handle standing in line or in using those moments to share some love. We have opportunities to point to God every day.

This time of deputation *has* been filled with lots of running and that is tiring, but it has been wonderful! We will always treasure the memories because the purpose of this time is to be with people, to love people. It is amazing to have time to spend in friendship! The churches we have gone to have welcomed us with open arms, loved us freely, and encouraged us tremendously! We thank you. It is our prayer that we have also been a source of encouragement to you. “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (1 Thess. 5:11)”

An interview - continued

Question: What do you like about STEER, Inc.'s program?

Jerry: The steer program is simple as pie. Someone else does all the logistical work and even delivers the slobbering bovines (just kidding) - cows to your place. I wasn't here when either load came. There they were in the pasture as contented as Well, I will not try to be funny. These old girls even like me. It reminds me of what Jesus said, "My (cows) hear my voice and follow me. They know me..."

Question: Has this program helped you feel part of God's plan for world evangelization?

Jerry: We are thrilled to be able to give so much to missions! The Steer program allows



... And plenty of time for togetherness.



Jerry Frith and Mike with their cows and calves.

us to do that without any significant monetary investment. It is mostly a little labor and feed - which God provides. We always have extra for the Manna's herd. We know that God is using this little investment to win souls to Himself far from Arpan, South Dakota. I love missionaries! I have found them to be the cream of the crop for Jesus.