

St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Church

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Thank You Letter

As Charity Director for St Stephen's I receive many comments and letters from organizations that we support. I would like to share a letter I received from Sister Muriel in Bosnia/Hercegovina on how our donation to their mission is spent. - Mary Chudyk



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"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
Acts 20:35

Dear Mary Chudyk:

Praise Jesus and Mary!

Thank you very much for the generous donation of \$4,000 Canadian for my mission to the poor elderly and poor families. I will spend this donation for food or wood for the poor, or sometimes they will ask us for a wood burning stove. I appreciate your spirit of sharing with the poor in this country. They really appreciate the food they receive.

We are still delivering about 200 food packages on a monthly basis to the poor. Some of them do not have running water, and that is a problem, especially during the summer months, no showers, no toilets, no rain water. We are still looking for more poor elderly. Social Service gave us a list of names.

We visited two sisters who live away up in the mountains in Radizici, and they are destitute. They were frightened when we came to the door. Milica is 84 yrs. old, and Janja is 86 yrs. old. They had a brother, but he went to war and never returned. They never heard from him. Milica receives 50€ monthly from the government. They live in the home where they were born. No modern conveniences. They are afraid to put on the lights at night. They think they will explode. They worked in the fields all their life. They are alone. They were happy to receive the food and shocked to know that we will be back in a month. For us it was very disturbing to see them. Their poverty is terrible and they are so alone. God will help them. We asked them to come to the nursing home but they refused. I am sure when one of them dies,



the other may consider coming to a nursing home. You are all in my prayers as I pray before the Blessed Sacrament. I pray that the Good God will bless each one of you with His Peace, Mercy and deep Faith.

"Let us pray to Mary that she may help us to live our daily journey in the active hope of being able to one day to reach her with all the Saints and our dear ones...all in Paradise." Pope Francis. May St. Joseph be your provider and protector. He is a powerful saint.

Prayerfully in Our Lady,

S. Muriel