



Crop Plan 2016

Dear Friends of FCFI,

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International hopes this Crop Plan 2016 letter reaches you in the midst of getting your spring planting completed in a timely way. Here in Central Illinois, we had good conditions in early April to plant corn, followed by three weeks of wet weather. The sun is shining and planters are putting soybeans in the ground this week. FCFI is updating and repairing equipment needed to respond to disasters in the Midwest, Southwest, High Plains, and in the Gulf Coast regions. Your support enables the ministry to respond to tornados, hurricanes, wildfires, and flooding as needed.

Spring is also the time of the year when the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International has to apply and submit payment for space at fall and winter farm shows. This is a cash flow drain for the ministry just as planting corn and soybeans is a financial strain for farmers across North America. Farmers plant expensive seed into a hostile soil with the hope of a hundred fold return. The Fellowship invests in public farm shows as a way to interact with Christians and prospective Christians regarding faith in Jesus Christ. FCFI got its start in 1985 in the midst of the farm credit/inflation crisis. Only the Lord knows the future of agriculture and our country. The Fellowship wants to be ready this summer and fall to interact with farmers about their spiritual life. Thank you for your faithful support of FCFI enabling the ministry to move forward with confidence.

The Lord is at work building a Fellowship of Christian Farmers organization in New Zealand. New Zealand's largest farm exposition is called National Fielddays. This year's Fielddays is June 15-18th at the Mystery Creek grounds near Hamilton, NZ. Farmers have prepared 2000 wordless walking sticks and 1000 wordless puzzles to share the gospel over the four day event. This is the 6th year FCFI NZ has set a tent display. The focal point of this year's exhibit is building friendship with farmers across New Zealand. Isolation is a big problem in NZ. Angus Buchan's small group DVD and study materials will be promoted to get New Zealand farmers into small groups as they enter winter. Thank you ahead of time for praying for friendship to be cultivated in New Zealand.

This is a very important time in our nation's history for the ministry to continue sharing the gospel message with people at farm shows. Your prayers and financial support keeps the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International well-funded to continue being a witness unto the Lord Jesus Christ this year.

Be sure to send the Home Office your e-mail address and place FCFI as an approved sender in your address book. This saves printing and postage costs. Be sure to "like" FCFI on its Facebook page at www.fcfi.org, and read the many articles and newsletters on our website.

Your Brother in Christ,

Dennis Schlagel, Executive Director
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Central Illinois farmers in 2001 completed the construction of the FCFI Motor Coach on a Spartan chassis. The Coach's 5.9 Cummins diesel engine has served the ministry well since 2001. This spring during three day rains, Dave Weber, Lexington, Illinois farmer, is leading the effort to replace the diesel engine. This Motor Coach and the Fellowship's original shower trailer will respond to disasters in states that surround Illinois to set up base camps for long term disaster relief campaigns. The FCFI new shower trailer is parked in Tuttle, Oklahoma and, Lord willing, will be joined by FCFI's refurbished 38 foot toy hauler. The toy hauler is equipped with living quarters, generator, and a repair shop. Together disaster campaigns in tornado alley and the Gulf Coast can be organized.



The new Cummins long block is getting components from the old engine bolted onto the new block. Total cost for this project will be \$6500. Your financial gift will keep FCFI responding to a disaster near you.



The Fellowship needs to replace its four door sedan. In 2006, the 2005 blue Chevy Impala was bought used for \$15,000 and had 28,000 miles. This vehicle now has 180,000 miles. A second sedan is needed for our Midwest Area Leader, Jeff Goss. Jeff travels to all the states that surround Missouri to set up FCFI exhibits at farm shows. Projected cost for transportation will be \$25,000.



Farming, You Can't Do It Alone!

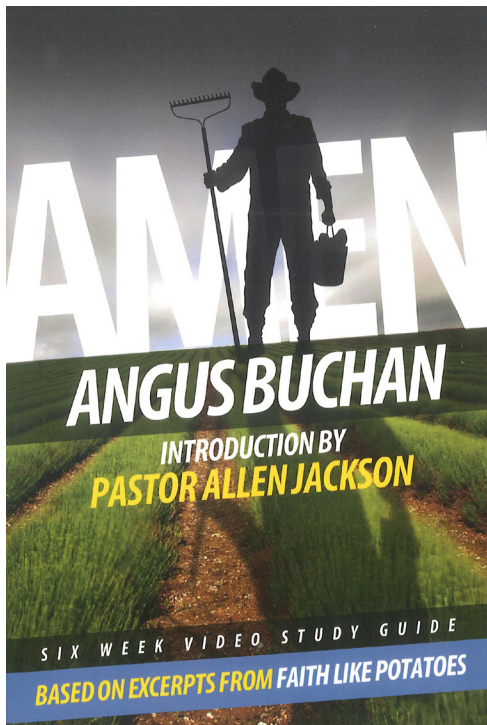
FCFI has a friend in South Africa, Angus Buchan, who is a potato farmer. Angus was forced to leave his Zambia farm due to political violence and start farming from scratch in South Africa. Angus has produced a 6 week video study and guide called "Amen," aimed at farmers to create/setup connection groups.

A DVD within the kit introduces the first lesson, "You can't do it alone," with clips from the film, "Faith Like Potatoes" and footage of Angus's struggles farming. The study guide makes preparation easy.

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International is aiming to get farmers connected with each other in their local and extended communities. In today's agriculture, farmers may have their best friendships some distance away from their farm.

Our farming friends in New Zealand call a gathering of men a "Bloke Shed." The word bloke in the dictionary means "your friend." An FCFI Bloke Shed is a meeting of farmers considering how to motivate one another to do good deeds and build each other up, spiritually. Some of these good deeds would include:

- Coordinating disaster relief campaigns locally
- Organizing a six week study
- Mission trips to help missionaries and grow food in poor areas of the world, utilizing 'Foundation For Farming' strategies
- Organizing exhibits at farm shows to share the gospel message and encouraging farmers who are going through a difficult time



Build a Bloke Shed in your community! Learn more at www.fcfi.org



Jeff Mings presents the gospel message with a group of Mississippi FFA members at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. The 2016 National FFA Convention moves to Indianapolis, Indiana for the next five years. Nearly 60,000 FFA members from across the United States are expected to attend the Convention October 19-22nd in Indy. Jeff took two days off from harvesting corn so that he could be part of harvesting souls at the FFA Convention.

Farmers and Agribusinessmen from eight states are drawing a line through their schedules, October 19-22nd, so they can share the gospel with FFA members. A big crew of volunteers is needed to staff the 20' X 40' exhibit. This year's FFA Convention exhibit will cost over \$4000. Your gift makes it possible for FCFI to have a substantial exhibit in the heart of American agriculture's youth.



YES Dennis, I / We will partner with FCFI to make a difference!

Please Check All that Apply

- RAPID RESPONSE** Support FCFI Disaster Relief Campaigns and Transportation \$50,000.
- FARM SHOW MINISTRY** Help cover the exhibit fees in the coming months of \$95,000.
- SMALL GROUP MATERIALS** Angus Buchan Small Group materials inventory \$2,000.
- MOST URGENT NEED** Please use our/my gift wherever it is NEEDED MOST on the day it arrives.

My/Our Gift Amount: \$30 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$500 ___ Other Amount \$ _____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Bus. _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____ E-mail 2 _____

Your email address in our database with fellowship@fcfi.org in your address book enables us to send you e-newsletters at low cost. Thank-you for helping FCFI get more digital in communicating with you.

- We will partner with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers in praying for its ministry outreach.

Please pray for us: _____

* Please make your tax deductible gift. Mail your check payable to Fellowship of Christian Farmers International To make your tax deductible gift securely on-line please go to www.fcfi.org and click the 'Donate' button.

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Registration Form

23rd Annual FCFI Conference – July 29 - 31, 2016 - Branson, MO

Registration Deadline

is on or before
June 27, 2016

Names _____

Children _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of tickets for Moses (\$45 per person) _____ # Lunch on Thursday at College of the Ozarks (\$22.50 each) _____

Please include payment for Moses event and College of Ozarks lunch with your registration

Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday morning: Adults _____ @ \$250 US each (Cost of conference includes six meals and accommodations per person)

Children (10 and under) _____ @ \$ 80 US each

RV Adults _____ @ \$100 US each

Make Checks Payable to:

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Register and Pay
with your credit card
at www.fcfi.org

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23rd Annual Conference

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

John 4:34 Doing the Will of God

“Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and finish His work.’”

July 29 - 31, 2016

Radisson Hotel, 120 South Wildwood Drive, Branson, Missouri

23rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Keynote Address with Pete Briscoe, Pastor of *Bent Tree Bible Fellowship*
- Friday night Inspirational Speaker, Pastor Antonio Gomez from Torreon, Mexico
- Special Concert with *“Sons of the Silver Dollar”* on Saturday evening
- Several great workshops including women’s workshops with Suzette Brawner
- Early arrival show *Sight & Sound Theater Moses* on Thursday @ 3:30 pm
- Annual FCFI auction will be held on Friday night this year
- Opportunity on Friday morning to visit the *Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch*

Pete Briscoe
Keynote Address



Antonio Gomez
Inspirational Speaker



CONFERENCE NOTES

If you are planning on coming to the conference early it’s important to let Kris Miller know what day you are planning on coming and/or if you are staying over on Sunday night as well. Kris will make your reservations with the hotel. Contact Kris at 309-275-3818 or email kris@fcfi.org.

Also, if you are planning on attending the Sight & Sound Theatre production *Moses* on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 pm, please indicate so on the registration form and include those fees with your payment. The discounted cost of the ticket is \$45 per person. The show is 2.5 hours long. The FCFI home office must have a head count 3 weeks ahead of the conference.

On Thursday at 10:30 there will be a short tour and lunch at the College of the Ozarks. The cost of the lunch is \$22.50 per person. Indicate attendance at this lunch and include payment with registration fees.

Please note the June 27th registration deadline. We must have final numbers to the conference center before June 28.

Thanks for your cooperation with these details!

