



Harvest Report 2016

Dear friend in Christ,

Greetings from the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International! The 2016 commodity prices have been a difficult one for most of you. Despite these prices, corn and soybeans yields exceeded forecasts. We have much to be thankful unto the Lord. Scripture teaches that we are to experience joy in the midst of a trial; and that the trial will yield steadfastness.

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

James 1: 2-4

We need to have a thankful heart unto the Lord regardless of our circumstances. FCFI as a ministry has much to be thankful about. Because of your support this past year, FCFI was able to exhibit at over 100 events in North America and in New Zealand. New Zealand dairymen for the third year are going through a financial time similar to the 1980's here. The farm show exhibits are a source of encouragement to farmers, ranchers and their families. We are so thankful to you for putting prayer into action in many ways to be the hands and feet of the Lord in rural America. Hundreds of you have donated your time and travel expenses to be part of a Fellowship of Christian Farmers Outreach event.

As we look to the 2017 ministry year the opportunities to share the Gospel with a lost and hurting world seems limitless. You play a vital role in this unique ministry as we serve this special group in a way that no other ministry is able to do. When disasters hit we need to have our equipment ready to respond to the need as we did in 2016. New and younger leadership needs to be developed to replace older farmers unable to serve.

Our Prayer Team has over 600 people who pray for needs presented to them by the Home Office or by Prayer Coordinator, Clark Phillips. More Prayer Team members are needed in 2017 as our country faces uncertain times. The Prayer Guide is printed and e-mailed monthly.

Today I am asking our brothers and sisters in Christ to please pray that the Lord would continue to direct this ministry and its leadership. Pray for the FCFI Board of Directors as they budget and plan for future ministry. Would you prayerfully consider making a special gift towards meeting this budget goal? Thank you for your continued support of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International ministry.

In Christ's service,

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2017 Ministry Opportunities



The Fellowship of Christian Farmers responded to an August EF-3 tornado in Kokomo, Indiana. FCFI Board member, Dave Carter's farm was hit by the tornado. Ten acres of a 40 acre corn field was flattened. Amazingly, Carter was able to harvest most of the flattened corn with his combine. FCFI moved its shower trailer to Kokomo at the request of the Red Cross. FCFI Disaster Coordinator, Melvin Bell, is assessing the need in Livingston Parrish Louisiana near Baton Rouge for farmers to help rural families rebuild after 500 year flooding .

Help Future Disaster Relief Teams

FCFI continues to serve Christ by serving others. In 2016 FCFI mobilized over 300 volunteers who served on disaster relief teams in North America.

We Need Your Help!

FCFI Rapid Relief teams are on alert and ready to respond when the urgent cry for help goes out.

Please prayerfully consider financially partnering with us so these teams are ready to respond.

Support 2016-2017 Short-Term Mission Teams

For thirty one years FCFI partners have helped us as we lead and resource short term Missions Teams who serve and minister here in the USA and around the world!



FCFI's second and newest shower trailer is positioned in Tuttle, Oklahoma so it can be deployed in High Plains disasters. Lord willing, the ministry's command center toyhauler will be moved from Central Illinois to Central Oklahoma so it can be used with the new shower trailer. Samaritan's Purse donated the 38 foot trailer to FCFI for use in responding to rural disasters.



Your generous support is needed now, so vitally needed resources are ready for our Missions Teams to be able to serve and glorify Christ on the front lines of the mission field.

For the sixth year in a row, FCFI New Zealand has organized an exhibit at New Zealand's largest farm exhibition called Fieldays. Two staff members and six students attending Capernwray NZ Bible School are shown on set up day at the four day event: Over 4000 people heard the gospel message at Fieldays this year. Lord willing, FCFI will have missions trips to New Zealand for March and June farm shows. A 7.8 earthquake in New Zealand's northern South Island region called Canterbury, has greatly impacted farmers. Over 100,000 landslides have closed many farm to market roads. State Highway 1 north of Kaikoura is closed until "slips" can be cleared.



Serving, Sowing, Reaping for Christ Around the World

Provide Farm Show Ministry Opportunities

Evangelism is the core FCFI's ministry goal! We desire to bring as many as possible into the Kingdom of God.



The Fellowship of Christian Farmers has added a second work trip to the ECHO International Global farm near Ft. Myers, Florida. Fellowship teams serve to repair and build facilities at the farm ahead of its International Conference each December. Reality Ranch in Florida is also a setting where teams work to maintain facilities used for youth rodeo activities. Uncoming enewsletters will further describe the November 2016 mission trips to ECHO and Reality Ranch. Please send fellowship@fcfi.org your current email address so you can receive ministry news throughout the year.

FCFI partners, volunteers, and leaders were a part of 100 farm shows and trade shows, as well as at state and local fairs this past year.

Thousands of people had a chance to hear the Gospel story including the power of Christ's love for them and how each person could know Him personally!



FCFI Board member, C. P. Foster, has hauled several truckloads of wordless walking stick material from Georgia to the Boys Under Construction Boys Ranch in Lampe, Missouri. The LUC Ranch serves as a walking stick depot for FCFI Chapters making plans to share the gospel at farm shows in the Midwest. Area Director Walter Powell in Omega, Georgia organizes the shipment of South Georgia material throughout the year. The Midwest needs another truckload shipped to the LUC Ranch as soon as possible. A truckload costs \$6,000. Your support makes it possible for walking sticks to be available at over 100 events in North America each year.



The Fellowship of Christian Farmers had a 30'X 60' tent display at the Farm Progress Show in Boone, Iowa, August 30- September 1st. Over 4000 wordless walking sticks were used to share the gospel message with farmers from all over the world. The wordless walking stick owner operator manual is printed in eight languages for the event. This year the average temperature for the three day event was 75 degrees---20 degrees cooler than normal Central Iowa temperatures.



The National FFA Convention and Career Expo moved from Louisville, Kentucky back to Indianapolis, Indiana on October 19-21st. The Indiana Convention Center was an excellent setting after five years of construction. Over 55,000 FFA members attended this year's show. Fellowship members shared the gospel with over 3500 students from across America. Your support enables FCFI to have a Christian witness at the National FFA Convention. FFA is the heart of America's future agricultural leadership

Without the generous financial partnership of our ministry friends we would not be able to touch these unsaved lives.

It is my heartfelt prayer that you will partner with us and provide the means to increase the Kingdom while the fields are ripe for harvest.

YES Dennis, I / We

will partner with FCFI to help make a difference!

Please Check All that Apply

FARM SHOW ministry

Evangelism Outreach at Farm Shows

2017 Budget: \$95,000

Rapid Response Teams

*Support Disaster Relief in
North America including Louisiana*

2017 Budget: \$50,000

Short term missions

*Provide Support For FCFI Mission Projects
in Russia, Mexico, Albania, South Texas, New Zealand,
Florida, Greece, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe*

2017 Budget: \$50,000

Most Urgent Need

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