

For what shall it profit a man to gain the world and lose his soul? —Mark 8:36

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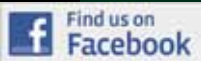
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Rowe Sargent  
President, FCFI

### President's Column

As we harvest our crops, we truly see the bountiful goodness of our Lord. We plant so many thousand seeds per acre and we put how many times those thousands in our trucks and bins?!! Maybe our harvest was not as large as expected but still the Lord provides!

We are out in the open fields surrounded by God's glory--beautiful sunrises, and gorgeous sunsets, with all the panorama of nature around us. We have time to reflect and pray. We can offer up our concerns about our nation and the world. We can pray for our churches, our schools, our finances, future and always our families. Then the Lord would also

be pleased to know that we are truly grateful for His love and forgiveness!

We are so immensely blessed to live in America! Yes, there are concerns and fears for all the disruption and disarray in Washington, but we are truly fortunate to be Americans and to live in this beautiful country!

May all of you have a safe conclusion to harvest. May each of you celebrate Thanksgiving among friends and family as you express love and gratitude to our heavenly Father for His bountiful blessings!

*"Enter His gates with Thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless His name."* Psalm 100:4

Rowe Sargent, President  
Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

### Executive Director Column

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers invites you to participate in upcoming farm shows, mission trips and a disaster relief project in New York. The Calendar page on Profit and on the [www.fcfi.org](http://www.fcfi.org) website lists the contact information you can use to join a local farm show FCFI exhibit. Your help, prayer and financial support is needed to keep this rural outreach rolling. Farm Show exhibitor fees continue to go up. The National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville next February has a booth fee of \$2000.00 for a 10' X 20' space. Thank you ahead of time for supporting the Fellowship's mission to present the gospel of Jesus Christ at farm shows this winter.

Disasters never are timely. The Labor Day weekend storms called Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee caused tremendous flash flood damage to dairy farms in the east. Buildings need to be repaired; homes need to be sheet rocked and re-wired; and hay needs to be located for a reasonable price to feed dairy cows this winter. Hundreds of acres of standing cornfields close to silage cutting were destroyed. Your help and encouragement is needed in New England. Contact the FCFI Home Office for details regarding how your team can travel to New York and help folks get back on their feet.

Your talents are needed in Albania, Russia, South Texas, Tanzania, and New Zealand this winter and next year as the Lord opens ministry doors in far away places. Please review this issue of Profit and the [www.fcfi.org](http://www.fcfi.org) for details. Thank you for your faithful support of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Dennis Schlagel, Executive Director  
Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International



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## Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee Disaster Relief

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers Rapid Response team spent four days on the Van Aller Farm in Middleburg, New York. Hurricane Irene dumped twelve inches of rain across the Schoharie Valley August 28th on ground that was already saturated with moisture. Team members included Clark & Sue Phillips, Ed & Gail Westfall, William and Kathy Brown, Steve Hutton, George Steven, and Jim Wolford. Bill Brown, Marcy, New York is the Area Leader for the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. Clark Phillips, North Collins, New York, is an FCFI National Board member.



Flash flood water changed the course of the Schoharie River. Ten feet of flood water ran through the Van Aller farm. The farm house sustained basement and first floor damage. Sheetrock “wick-ed” water up the walls and the furnace had to be replaced. This fall and winter crews will be needed with wiring and drywall skills to rebuild farm dwellings in Schoharie County.



The Schoharie Valley has beautiful fields of corn for grain and silage. Hurricane Irene flash flooding destroyed entire fields in the valley by washing out stands of corn or by severely knocking corn down. Standing corn also had its feed value impacted by silt contamination. Dairymen in the Schoharie Valley need hay, silage and hay to make it through the winter.



The Fellowship of Christian Farmers Rapid Response team worked at picking up trash left all over the Van Aller farm. Refrigerators were found in standing corn fields. Firewood and entire trees uprooted were strewn across the farm place. The dairy barn in the background required the removal of cow mattresses and a foot of silt washed into the building. High pressure washers were used to totally clean the barn so new cow mattresses could be installed.

The Van Aller farm silos (right) did not sustain damage to the silage inside. A Cat endloader was used to load up logs, rocks, and silt onto trucks. The Fellowship of Christian Farmers Rapid Response Team hauled in tools needed to equip the crew. It will take two years to repair all the damage from the August 28th Hurricane



Irene. Neighbors helping neighbors is a rural American tradition and Biblical principle that needs to be deployed this fall and winter to assist dairy families going through the devastation of a lifetime storm.



What once was a fertile pasture is now the river bottom of a flash flood tributary of the Schoharie River. Four feet of rocks, silt, uprooted trees, and garbage was deposited on this pasture. “You have to see this in person to appreciate the scale of the flash flooding in Schoharie County,” says FCFI Area Leader William Brown Marcy, New York.

## FCFI at New Zealand Fieldays

### FCFI Exhibits at New Zealand's largest farm show

by Dennis Schlagel, FCFI Executive Director

We are in the midst of the fall farm show season across North America. Thanks to your prayer and financial support FCFI is able to continue to be a witness for the gospel.

The cover photo (reprinted right) is the team of workers the Lord assembled for the New Zealand Fieldays Exposition held June 15-18th in Hamilton, North Island, New Zealand. The team consisted of nine students of the Capernwray Bible School, five Americans, two South Africans and three New Zealanders. The invitation for the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International to be an exhibitor at New Zealand's largest farm show was three years in the making. Fieldays President Lloyd Downing was an exhibitor representing Fieldays Farm Expo at the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky. Lloyd Downing was recruiting American agribusinesses to come to New Zealand to promote their products downunder.



This invitation was intriguing to me, personally, because I lived in New Zealand in 1973-1974 and attended Capernwray Bible School in the winter 1974 in Auckland. The thought of having a Fellowship exhibit in New Zealand, 10,000 miles southwest of Lexington, Illinois just wouldn't go away for me. In an effort to put prayer into action my wife and I decided to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary in New Zealand in June 2010 to visit the Fieldays and to see my friend Tom Cook who I had lived with 36 years ago. The Capernwray Bible School had relocated to a farmstead in Cambridge, North Island, just three miles from the Fieldays Show grounds. My wife and I stayed at Capernwray and shared our burden to set up a first class exhibit at the 2011 Fieldays to share the gospel message with Capernwray Director, Peter Thomas. Peter Thomas's father Major Ian Thomas had been one of my teachers back in 1974. Peter Thomas committed Capernwray to provide lodging and meals and a team of students scheduled for a week of practical Christian ministry.

This brings me back to the Profit cover photo. The nine Capernwray students consisted of one New Zealander, one American and seven from Canada. One of the Canadians knew Area Leader Eldon Babcock from our exhibit at Red Deer, Alberta. Can you believe that!!?

We used over 2700 wordless walking sticks, puzzles, and silicone bracelets sharing the gospel with many of the 126,000 people who attended the four day show. New Zealand farmers from three other major farm shows in New Zealand asked if FCFI could organize an outreach in their part of rural New Zealand. The earthquakes that have destroyed New Zealand's second largest city, Christchurch, are being cleaned up by a New Zealand farm organization called Federated Farmers. The daily aftershocks has put New Zealanders in a reflective mood. The Fellowship of Christian Farmers and the gospel message of Jesus Christ was well received at Fieldays 2011. If the Lord wills it, the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International would like to be a catalyst to organize New Zealand farmers to boldly present the gospel at many NZ farm show events in the coming years. The Lord has opened a ministry door in New Zealand. The FCFI Board of Directors desires to be obedient to the Lord's leading to New Zealand in the coming years.



Two of the workers the Lord provided (pictured left) for the Fellowship of Christian Farmers exhibit at New Zealand Fieldays were Andrea and Solomon Bester shown here with FCFI Executive Director, Dennis Schlagel. Andrea and her younger brother Solomon learned of the Fellowship exhibit from a team of Capernwray Bible School students assigned to their home church, the Calvary Bible Chapel in Hamilton, NZ. The Bester family was forced to leave their South Africa farming operation and relocate in New Zealand. They are starting a new life in a new country, but they are serving the same Lord.

## ***FCFI at New Zealand Fieldays***

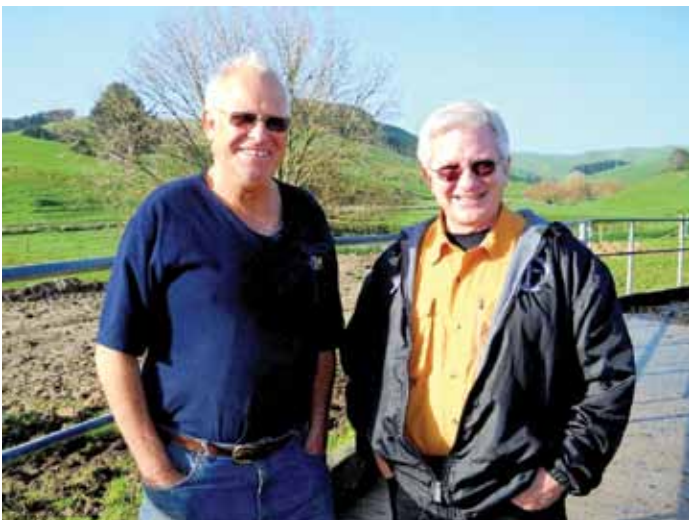
### **FCFI Exhibits at New Zealand's largest farm show**



Solomon Bester uses a wordless walking stick to share the gospel message with a New Zealand family attending New Zealand's Fieldays Farm Expo. 900 walking sticks and 1800 wordless puzzles and silicone bracelets were used to share the gospel at the four day event.

Judith Krueger, shown below with FCFI Executive Director Dennis Schlagel and her parents inside the FCFI tent at the New Zealand Fieldays. The Krugers were forced to sell their farming operation in South Africa and relocate to either Australia, Canada, or New Zealand. Judith is living in Auckland and her parents had recently picked New Zealand to start farming again. 1,000 South African farmers and their family members leave South Africa each month due to violence. The Krugers are trusting in the Lord for His strength to relocate to a new country.

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The Lord granted favor upon the Fellowship of Christian Farmers exhibit at NZ Fieldays. Fieldays President, Lloyd Downing, invited his new American friends to tour his 558 cow dairy in Morrinsville, NZ. The 700 acres of pasture is divided into 95 paddocks so cattle can rotational graze the grasslands for maximum "profit". New Zealand farmers are interested in forming business relationships with American farmers who are "Christians". NZ farmers are global businessmen that possess wide experience with exporting agricultural products all over the world. May of 2012 marks the 70th anniversary of US Marines being stationed in New Zealand before being shipped into the South Pacific theatre of WW II. Both governments are planning special activities to mark the anniversary.

## **Mission Trip Calendar**

### **South Texas**      January 7-14, 2012 in Edinburg, Texas

**Cost \$550.00**

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers are being advised by our Mexican Pastor friends that it is too dangerous for American farmers to travel into Mexico to previous Mexico Mission trip locations in Torreon. FCFI teams will be working at the Emmanuel Baptist Church installing dry wall and a perimeter fence at the church where FCFI worked in 2010 in Edinburg, Texas.

### **Albania**      January 23-February 6, 2012; February 13-27, 2012

**Cost \$800.00 plus airfare to Tirane, Albania**

George and Julia Holmes will be leading FCFI's mission work in Albania for the 19th winter. The SOWERS discipling team continues its work in mountain villages. The children's ministry has 40 children attending weekly. Participants will assist in seed distribution; eyeglasses ministry; and visiting families in the mountain villages. Your talents are needed in Albania this winter.

### **Russia**      April 19-30, 2012

**Cost \$2500 per person**

Ron Bodtke will be leading the Fellowship's 20th year of helping Pastor Anatoli Korabel in the Novgorod Region located two hours south of St. Petersburg. The Lord continues to open the door for farmers to travel to Russia and speak in Russian churches; monitor the drug rehabilitation center potato farm in Borrvichi; and to share our faith in three Universities with college students. Youth ministry "Café Events" attract Russian youth to hear Christian contemporary music and testimonies will take place while in Novgorod. The Lord will utilize your talents if you desire to participate on this trip.

### **Israel**      March 2012

FCFI is planning a Biblical Agricultural Study Tour to Israel. This is the second trip FCFI has organized. Join a group that shares your love of the Bible and your love of the land for an experience you will never forget. See the technologically advanced agriculture of Israel while visiting sites you know from the Bible. Contact John Caster, Dayton, Oregon for more information. 530-537-4880 or johncast@gte.net

### **New Zealand**      June 4-18, 2012

**Cost: \$1200 plus airfare**

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers will be combining an exhibit at New Zealand's largest farm show, Fieldays, with visits to New Zealand farms and points of interest in what Kiwi's call "God's Own Country". Based on the success of the 2011 Fieldays exhibit, the 2012 exhibit will strive to organize New Zealand farmers who love the Lord into an organization to share the gospel at four regional farm shows. Please pray for this ministry door the Lord has opened to bond USA farmers with New Zealand farmers.

### **New York and Vermont**      Fall of 2011

**Cost: \$15.00 per day for as long as you can stay**

Hurricane Irene and ten days later, Tropical Storm Lee, dumped heavy rain and flash flooding in the Schoharie Valley and the states of Vermont and Pennsylvania. Many family farm dairies received heavy damage to barns and dwellings. Your help is needed to be part of a team to re-wire, sheetrock, rebuild fences and repair milking centers in the region. The disaster relief effort is changing weekly. Disasters never come at a convenient time. Prayerfully consider being part of a Hurricane Irene Disaster Relief team. Hay is going to be needed, too.

*For more information or to participate in any of these Mission Opportunities call the Fellowship of Christian Farmers home office at 309-365-8710 or visit the [www.fcfi.org](http://www.fcfi.org) website.*



## News From Canada — FCF-C

### **God is Good! The Angels are Celebrating!"**

From a Metis Festival in Manitoba to a Plowing Match in Prince Edward Island, this summer FCF members have been sharing the gospel message to thousands at farm shows, fairs, and festivals across Canada, with many praying to receive Christ as Saviour.

### **Volunteers come away feeling blessed as well.**

#### **Mark wrote:**

*"It was a wonderful, exciting, and encouraging experience. God was at work in people's lives and I was allowed to see the ones who were ready to step into the love of Jesus' salvation. This is such a simple, yet powerful ministry that God uses to reveal His love and salvation plan to those who are searching and may not even know it. For the advancement of God's Kingdom, may the walking stick ministry continue to strengthen and grow."*

#### **Bert wrote:**

*"On Friday evening we had the privilege of sharing with many teenagers who were most receptive and very polite. We got to pray with +30 teenagers who gave their heart to the Lord. Children would come - we would ask them where their parent or guardian was, so they would drag their parent over. We would explain to the parent because of our abuse policy we wanted them to be present. They were most appreciative of the explanation and it was overwhelming to be able to pray with these little ones in the presence of their parent[s]."*

You may wonder if people are really serious when they pray. While working at the IPM, I had a visit from the lady who works at the Gospel Text Mission tent. She told me about a conversation she had had with a woman on Wednesday. She asked this woman if she was a Christian. The woman replied, "Yes. I just gave my heart to the Lord at the Christian Farmers tent."



Caption: Steve Miller, Praises to HIM Ministries, in front of the FCFC tent at the International Plowing Match, Eastern Ontario. Steve brought the message in song to our Gospel Music Tent.



Johanne MacKiddie (left) sharing the gospel with visitors to the FCFC tent at the International Plowing Match in September.

### **Follow-up by Sylvain Couture**

The question which I am often asked is this: *But what do you do with your contacts? What follow-up do you have with them?*

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers uses several methods of follow-up: address sheets, The SOWER, correspondence Bible studies, and the address, phone number, and e-mail on all our pamphlets, etc.

The concern for follow-up is also a reason to work with local churches in the regions where we take the gospel.

Having said all this, I believe it is important to understand the kind of spirit we must have when we think of follow-up. Moreover, our job is not primarily to fill churches but first of all, heaven.

Jesus tells us: "... seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33 This spiritual principle does not apply simply to our material needs of food, clothing, etc., but all that is involved in building the Kingdom of

God, including the desire to see our churches with full pews.

Let's not forget, brothers and sisters, that follow-up ministry, just like evangelization, is not our work but that of the Lord. Converts are not our followers - they are children of God; and our churches are not our churches - they belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:44

Let us search our hearts so that our motives are pure and not self-serving. I am sure you agree with me that it is not the religious, nor the intellectually convinced, that we want in our congregations, but true spiritual revival and children of God, isn't it? And it is only God that can bring about this miracle: "When he (the Counselor, the Holy Spirit) comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment." John 16:8 (NIV) Others can discover what we have

found - a spiritual and personal relationship with our marvelous Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

You know that even if I pull on the carrots in my garden, they will not grow faster - to the contrary, I risk stopping their growth by

pulling them out. Let God do what he has to do. The human heart is a department which is reserved for Him. The great church planter, the Apostle Paul, tells us: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." 1 Corinthians 3:6

Let's remember where we have come from and the manner in which God accepted us into his arms full of truth and love. Ask him for wisdom and discernment to understand those who hear our message, and to demonstrate the example of the Apostle Paul who became "all things to all men". 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.



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 18-20 Sunbelt Ag Expo, Moultrie, GA  
 Walter Powell 229-528-4561  
 19-22 National FFA Career Show, Indianapolis, IN  
 Dennis Schlagel 309-365-8710  
 29-11/5 ECHO Mission Trip, Ft. Myers, FL  
 Bill Brown 315-749-6823

**NOVEMBER**  
 04-06 Missions Globale, Montreal, QC  
 Wayne Clark 819-242-7067  
 04-13 Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, ON  
 Peterborough/Toronto Chapters 705-876-1547  
 06-12 Reality Ranch Mission Trip, Zolfo Springs, FL  
 Bill Brown 315-749-6823  
 09-12 Agri-Trade Show, Red Deer, AB  
 Eldon Babcock 306-484-4400  
 15-17 Willamette Valley Ag Expo, Albany, OR  
 Bob Janzen 503-868-7353  
 16-17 Kearny Gateway Show, Kearny, NE  
 Dwayne Renolds 308-446-2648

21-26 Western Agribition Farm Show, Regina, SK  
 Eldon Babcock 306-484-4400  
 29-12/1 Peoria Farm Show, Peoria, IL  
 Dennis Schlagel 309-365-8710  
 29-12/1 Amarillo Farm Show, Amarillo, TX  
 Jerry Rice 580-426-2442

**DECEMBER**  
 09-10 Tulsa Farm Show, Tulsa, OK  
 Ken Werner 479-856-4949  
 13-15 Indiana-Illinois Farm Show, Indianapolis, IN  
 Dennis Schlagel 309-365-8710



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