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

Serving, Sowing, Reaping for Christ Around the World.



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President's Column

The photo on the cover of this issue is the January 2012 mission team that made a trip to Edinburg, Texas. The team worked for Pastor Javier Lara's church in construction and made ground improvements on the property. This is a small Hispanic church located north of Edinburg. It is a blessing to the church to host a work team. It is so good to work with the church members and get to know them. One of the families had a boy with cancer who helped some of the team members construct a fence around the property. The team hosted a birthday party for him. The boy passed away a few weeks later after the team had left. Two of the team members could relate to this little boy as they had recently lost a son and a wife. It was neat to see how God worked through the team in these two men's lives.



Kendall Pliner
FCFI President

This January the team came back and worked at another church in Donna, Texas, and built a 28 x 40 foot building, which will be used for Sunday school class rooms and a dormitory for team members. Pastor David Green shared that seeing the progress of the building construction brought tears to his eyes, with joy in seeing the progress. Pastor Green has a large food pantry in which the team took part in handing out food to the poor. It is such a blessing to the team to participate in this endeavor and other projects.

Ron and Deb Herrold are the team leaders. The reason that the team comes to south Texas is that it is not safe to go into Mexico anymore, and the team desires to continue working with the Hispanic people. It is a blessing to Virginia and myself to have the teams come down for these past four years and to fellowship with them and those who formally went with us to Mexico.

Kendal Pliner
FCFI President

Executive Director's Column

The Ohio FCFI Conference Team is organizing an outstanding 20th FCFI International Conference as you can see on pages 4-5 of Profit magazine. A special effort has been added this year to attract families by locating the Conference near the Creation Museum in Covington, Kentucky. The Creation Museum attracts visitors from all over the world to see exhibits that bring Genesis alive so all can be amazed at God's power to create life as we know it. The Conference Team and the FCFI Board of Directors also is committed to bring the cost for a family to attend the conference as affordable as possible through gifts from individuals and agribusiness support.



Dennis Schlagel
FCFI Executive Director

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Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International. See you at the Annual Conference in Cincinnati.

Dennis Schlagel
FCFI Executive Director

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South Texas Mission Trip



The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International South Texas team assembles in Edinburg, Texas in January for a week of fellowship and construction of a Sunday school addition to an Hispanic Church.



Chloe Herrold from Indiana, Ruth Weber from Alabama, and Jena Carter from Indiana helped complete a quilt at the Rio Grand Bible Institute.



The team formed up the construction site and poured the concrete slab for the 28' X 40' Sunday School/dormitory room. Dave Carter, Richard Binder, Ernie Laird and Paul Herrold are shown screeding the pour.



Raising the wall on the Sunday School/dormitory rooms for the Open Hands Community Ministries. Dave Ferris, Richard Binder, Ron & Deb Herrold, Cindy Dahlquist, Steve Loeschen and Bert Hendriksen are shown lifting the wall into place.



Above: Giving the walls a facelift in the Fellowship Hall at the Church in Donna, Texas. Dave Carter, Indiana; Steve Loeschen, Iowa; and Richard Binder, Nebraska tearing out the old wall board.

Below: Hanging the new dry wall in the Fellowship Hall. Jim Weber, Alabama, Dave Carter, Indiana, and Dave Ferris, Nebraska complete hanging the new wall.



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20th Annual Conference

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

“...rejoice in this, that your names are recorded in Heaven” Luke 10:20

August 2-4, 2013

Cincinnati, Ohio

**Conference and Lodging
at Embassy Suites Cincinnati-River Center
Covington, KY**

Inspirational Speaker

Tim Haas, Manager, U.S. Disaster Relief, Samaritan’s Purse



Tim, a graduate of North Carolina State University, serves as Manager of U.S. Disaster Relief for Samaritan’s Purse. U.S. Disaster Relief responds to hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, wild fires, and ice storms from coast to coast. Tim oversees deployment of 5 Disaster Relief Units, coordinates a national network of volunteers, and supervises each program manager assigned to disaster sites.

U.S. Disaster Relief has responded to nature’s fiercest storms by repairing and rebuilding more than 1,000 homes and assisting nearly 30,000 families since 2005. Tim has coordinated relief efforts for 28 different disasters across the country and has seen countless people come to Christ as a result. In 2011, he was on the ground less than 24 hours after a tornado with winds over 200 mile-per-hour ripped through Joplin, Mo.

Tim and his wife Christie have been married for 22 years. Their oldest son, Jordan, is a senior at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Their youngest son, Westin, is a sophomore at Appalachian State University.

Special Music

Heartsong, Cedarville College



FCFI 20th Annual Conference

FEATURING:

- ✓ *Tim Haas, featured speaker from Samaritan’s Purse*
- ✓ *Educational Workshops*
- ✓ *Special Music by the group Heartsong*
- ✓ *Mission Reports from South Texas, Albania, Haiti, and New Zealand*
- ✓ *Visit the Creation Museum!! See the next page for more information*

CREATION MUSEUM.

Prepare to believe.



Creation Museum guests observe the life-size, animatronic Utahraptor, a velociraptor-type dinosaur whose remains were discovered in Utah in 1993.
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Main Hall – An animatronic 40-foot-long sauropod dinosaur overlooks The Creation Museum's large main hall. Other dinosaurs that also move realistically are placed here too.
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Financial Donors Needed to Help Young Farm Families

The challenge of deciding to devote discretionary cash to attend the Fellowship of Christian Farmers Conference can be difficult for any of us in some years, but for many young farm families it's unthinkable. For 2013, young farm families suffering with the financial aftermath of the 2012 drought need a boost. With that in mind, the FCFI Conference Planning Committee is seeking contributions from FCFI members and Agribusiness for the purpose of buying down the conference costs for young farm families and youth. Adequate donations have already been received from understanding givers to cover music costs. Anyone interested in donating to this cause may send specified contributions to the FCFI National Office at, P.O. Box 15, Lexington, IL 61753.

Financial Incentives to Visit the Creation Museum

The Cincinnati-Covington area is home to the Creation Museum. It's billed as 70,000 square feet of family fun. To enhance the spiritual growth experience of attending the 20 Annual FCFI National Conference, visiting the Creation Museum is part of the pre-Conference activities. Since attending the Creation Museum takes the better part of a day, an additional night of hotel will probably be required of most attendees. To encourage young families to experience the Creation Museum and attend the 20th Annual FCFI Conference, a grant of \$200 per family is being offered to the first 20 applying families. Applicants must submit a simple essay verifying their authenticity as a farm family, the ages of their children and how they hope to enhance their family's spiritual growth through attending the FCFI Annual Conference. Fifty percent of the funding is reserved for Ohio Families.

The FCFI Conference Planning Committee is in the process of developing eligibility rules which will be published on the FCFI web site in the future, but the idea is to help authentically engaged in farming families who are still supporting children at home.

**Registration Deadline
is on or before
July 1, 2013**

Registration Form

20th Annual FCFI Conference – August 2-4, 2013
Cincinnati, Ohio

Name _____

Spouse _____

Children _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday morning:

Adults _____ @ \$225 US each

Children (12 and older) _____ @ \$ 80 US each

RV Adults _____ @ \$100 US each

(Cost of conference includes meals and accommodations per person)

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Farm Show Report



Pennsylvania FCFI organized a display at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA. Karen Steele is shown listening to a young girl who is hearing the gospel presented with a “Gummy Bracelet”. The five colored silicone bracelet is a popular collector’s item among young people and an effective way to share the gospel. Please review the Calendar section of Profit and at the www.fcfi.org website to see where you can help at several Pennsylvania FCFI exhibits scheduled this summer.



The Fellowship of Christian Farmers had an exhibit at the Amarillo Farm Show, November 28-30. The leadership for the exhibit was, left to right, Tony DeGiusti, Tuttle, Oklahoma, Jerry & Debbie Rice, Boise City, Oklahoma, and Bob Ukens from Pampa, Texas. This same leadership team organized outreach exhibits in Enid, Oklahoma; Portales, New Mexico; and are making plans for the Southern Plains Farm Show on the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds coming up on April 18-20. Your help is needed in the High Plains as opportunities exist to share the gospel in Colorado this year. Contact the Home Office for details.



Eldon Babcock and his wife, Doreen, serve as Area Leaders for the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. Recently FCFI was presented the opportunity to organize two exhibit tent displays at the Florida State Fair, February 7-18th in Tampa. The State Fair runs 12 days with 9:00-9:00 hours. Eldon coordinated over 40 volunteers and Doreen organized the prayer effort throughout North America for the 16 day campaign. Eldon found himself sharing the gospel with people from all walks of life except agriculture. A big difference for FCFI.



The Fellowship had a 20' X 40' display at the National FFA Career Show in Indianapolis. Hundreds of high school FFA members visited the FCFI exhibit which featured a NASCAR tire changing simulator. Tanner Whitten Racing provided the tire simulator that gave FFA members a chance to change a tire as if they were in NASCAR pit crew. The 2013 National FFA Career Show moves to Louisville, Kentucky October 30-November 1.

FCF Canada News

From Coast to Coast - Sharing the Gospel with Joy!

In the past year, FCF-Canada has shared the gospel at over eighty events across our country. Over eighty thousand people heard the Good News of Jesus Christ, whether at a small country fair or a large exposition. The following are some testimonies from our volunteers.

Julie wrote of her experience at the International Plowing Match, Ontario: It was an amazing opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel with many souls – so many of whom were ready to pray with us a prayer of repentance and commitment in response to our presentation of the story of the beads.... the five colours. They lined up at our tent to get a free walking stick; they lined up to get in out of the rain. Some even came to find a place to sit while they ate their lunch; and all who came heard that wonderful story as they sat with us. One gentleman with whom I shared had not come for a walking stick but had heard that he could hear the story of the beads in our Christian Farmers' tent and so he came and, after hearing the story, he left as a born again believer.

On the last day, after closing time, amidst the noise and clatter of those who were removing the chairs and dismantling the tent – a man and his wife sitting with me seemed not to notice the activity around us as they listened to the Gospel presentation and, at that moment when they decided to pray and receive Christ in to their lives, the lady said these words, "We have been thinking about doing this." It was a wonderful privilege to be in the right place at the right time for those folk and the many others who prayed with us throughout the week.

Meeting the Need of Thirsty Souls in Quebec

In Quebec alone, more than 34,000 people heard the gospel message at an FCF booth or tent. Jocelyn Aubut reports for the Mauricie Chapter: In the summer of 2011 several Christians of our region participated in FCF outreach for the first time at the Three Rivers Expo. We were genuinely impressed by the effectiveness of this approach to sharing the gospel. A timid man was sharing with members of my church that: "Usually I have difficulty sharing my faith. But with this approach people come to us to receive something. The atmosphere is positive and with the five colours we are able to give the message clearly and simply!"

We also rejoice in seeing different churches working together in evangelism. I have been living in Three Rivers for more than 20 years and have never before witnessed so much co-operation.

Being a new chapter, we took on the St. Tite Western Festival with a mixture of enthusiasm and trepidation - an event which draws 600,000 people, but we decided to go ahead because of the thirsty souls. With 125 volunteers, we were afraid of not having enough workers, but the Lord was faithful and our needs were met. He opened all the doors and sent exceptional weather.

The 10th of July was the beginning of 10 days of the Three Rivers Expo where we were given an invitation to the Blues Festival. When you are already up to 20 days, what's another four?!

When the festivals were over, I returned to going door to door with the youth from our church. In an hour and a half we distributed 2 New Testaments and briefly presented the gospel. That made me appreciate the efficiency of FCF where, with a budget of less than \$15,000, we were able to present the gospel to 17,900 people, and pass out 2,700 New Testaments. I can't wait for next year!

Red Deer Chapter, AB - "Exciting Day of Evangelism"

The newly formed Red Deer Chapter, under the leadership of Robert Reid and Donna Hegge, has already started evangelizing at the Farmers' Market in Red Deer. Donna Hegge, who was a missionary for many years in Belgium, wrote of their first outreach experience: I must say that it was the most exciting day of evangelism I have ever had in Canada. There was a continual flow of people stopping at the stand and I, personally, had the joy of sharing the Gospel constantly for 4 hrs.!

Some of the people they spoke with:

Joel & Austin - (young cousins) - said they'd never heard the message before. When I asked if they now understand it, Joel said she sure did and repeated it back to me! Took a walking stick and a Gospel of John.

Rose - she and her husband are believers - traveling in their RV; happily took a walking stick and said that she'll spread the Word as they go!

Susan - in the middle of the presentation, she blurted out: "I'm dying" (stage 4 cancer). She listened intently and left with a gospel of John and a tract - no assurance of salvation ... yet!

"These outreaches have been absolutely AMAZING - with countless people stopping to hear the simple Gospel Message - above and beyond expectation! Please pray that the Lord of the Harvest would cause these seeds of Truth that have been planted in the hearts of so many, to GROW and FLOURISH!"

Wayne Clark

FCF Canada Executive Director



St. Tite, one of the largest rodeos in North America; FCF was there to share the message of salvation.



Opportunities are great in Canada's largest city. At the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, we have lots of school children visit our booth, eager to listen!



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MARCH

- 28-3/2 Commodity Classic-Kissimmee, FL
Dennis Schlagel 309-530-7004
- 6-7 Triumph of Ag Expo-Omaha, NE
Ron Niedermeyer 402-264-4595
- 6-8 Western Fair Farm Show-London, ON
Bill MacKinnon 519-631-8261
- 7-9 Atlantic Farm Mechanization Show Moncton, NB
Colleen Grant 506-485-2920
- 12-14 Ottawa Valley Farm Show-Ottawa, ON
Eric Wills 613-283-7007
- 22-24 Sertoma Spring Blue Grass Festival-Brooksville, FL
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 26-28 Mid America Farm Show-Salina, KS
Harry Kejr 785-225-6707

APRIL

- 10-11 Great Bend Farm & Ranch Expo-Great Bend, KS
Dennis Schlagel 309-530-7004

- 18-20 Southern Plains Farm Show-Oklahoma City, OK
Tony DeGiusti 405-381-4383
- 19-20 South Dundas Trade Show-Morrisburg, ON
Wayne Clark 819-242-7067
- 27 Festival of the Maples-Perth, ON
Gary Boyce 613-253-8193

MAY

- 4 Spring Fling-Danville, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
- 18-19 May Show Festival-Vankleek Hill, ON
Wayne Clark 819-242-7067
- 31-6/1,2 Western NY Dairy Festival-Springville, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823

JUNE

- 29 Pedaling for Kicks, Bloomington, IL

AUGUST

- 2-4 20th Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH

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I am interested in: More information about the ministry Farm shows in my area Praying for FCFI Volunteer Opportunities

I have a prayer request _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

