

Crop Plan 2013

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

Dear Friends of FCFI,

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International for the third spring in a row finds itself involved in helping farm families cope with natural disasters that have destroyed homes, barns, fences and left fields with trash that has to be removed. As an organization we can't get to all disasters, but we are committed to being active in coordinating relief efforts where we can.

The Fellowship has a wild fire disaster project in Lame Deer, Montana where 200,000 acres of pasture was destroyed last August. Samaritan's Purse referred this disaster project to FCFI to consider long term recovery in the spring of 2013. The Montana winter and early spring snowfall delayed our initial fence building teams start. Eldon Babcock, FCFI Area Coordinator, has a team of Canadian cattlemen ready to work in Lame Deer to "break inertia" and get the fence building project rolling. Your help is needed in Montana this summer and fall.

As we were ready to go to the printers with this letter, an EF-4 tornado struck Moore, Oklahoma. FCFI exhibits at the Southern Plains Farm Show in Oklahoma City each April. Many Oklahoma farm families will be connected with Moore, Oklahoma families who have lost so much. The Fellowship Shower trailer will be hauled to an Oklahoma City church north of Moore so farmers can get cleaned up after a day of disaster relief work. Please pray for the Moore, Oklahoma families and for the Lord's direction regarding how FCFI can best help. Contact the www.fcfi.org website for more information or contact the Home Office

This is the time of the year when many farm show fees are due for upcoming farm show exhibits. The National FFA Career Show booth alone will be \$4800 as the show moves for the next four years to the Kentucky Fair and Expo Center in Louisville, Kentucky. People visiting FCFI farm show exhibits are really listening and interested in hearing the gospel message. This is a very important moment for the ministry to continue sharing the gospel message with people at farm shows. Your prayer 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. Our goal in 2013 is to have a valid e-mail address for all members. Be sure to "like" FCFI on its Facebook page at www.fcfi.org.

Your Brother in Christ,



Dennis Schlagel, Executive Director
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The drought conditions in the High Plains states last summer created massive wild fires from Oklahoma to Montana. Many of these fires were over 100,000 acres and destroyed two generations of fence lines. Samaritan's Purse was in Montana responding to one of these wild fires when they contacted the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International to consider helping with the long term recovery in Lame Deer, Montana. FCFI Area Leader, Eldon Babcock, has organized a fence building campaign in Lame Deer to help eight ranchers build 30 miles of perimeter fence. The initial team from Canada will begin the fence building campaign as soon spring planting is done in Saskatchewan. This campaign will continue through the fall as weather permits. Contact Eldon Babcock, 306-725-7262 or eldon1@hotmail.com to join a Montana Wild Fire Fence Building team.

Oklahoma Fellowship of Christian Farmers built the world's largest "Wordless Walking Stick" for use at the Southern Plains Farm Show at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, April 18-20th. Tuttle, Oklahoma farmer, Tony DeGiusti, is shown in the FCFI exhibit at the Southern Plains Farm Show. Over 2500 people heard the gospel story with the wordless walking sticks. Many prayed to receive Christ as Savior. Little did we know that in a month's time an EF-4 tornado would strike Moore, Oklahoma; located a few miles east on I-40 and a few miles south on I-35.

Tony is in the middle of planting, but the Lord led him to the Eagle Heights Church in Oklahoma City as a place to park the Fellowship's Shower trailer. Oklahoma farmers will drive to Springfield, Missouri to meet Illinois farmers to "Pony Express" the Shower trailer to Oklahoma City for use in the Moore, Oklahoma disaster relief campaign.



The Fellowship of Christian Farmers uses a 2006 Chevy one ton 15 passenger van with cargo trailer to haul exhibit materials to farm shows and farmers to mission trips. It has over 228,000 miles and is running great. We need to raise \$15,000-\$20,000 to replace the van when the time comes.

Spring is the time when farm show managers send invoices to FCFI for booth space. The National FFA Career Show, for example costs \$4800. You have been faithful in the past to enable FCFI to have the funding to pay fees on time. Exhibit fees is a \$60,000 line item in the Fellowship budget. It is more important than ever to talk to people about the Lord at farm shows.



The Fellowship's Motor Coach and Shower trailer are ready to be deployed to Moore, Oklahoma to be part of a base camp at the Eagle Heights Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma Baptists have disaster food trailers parked at the church preparing meals for workers and people who have lost their homes to the May 20th EF-4 tornado. The FCFI Shower trailer was designed for volunteer workers, but was also used by people in the community who are without power and water to get cleaned up. The Shower trailer will be set up May 24th and the Motor Coach for lodging if needed later in the Moore, Oklahoma recovery campaign. More information regarding the need for farmers who would like to volunteer to work in Moore, Oklahoma will be posted on the www.fcfi.org website. First responders are still at work securing power lines; search and rescue; and clearing the streets for traffic.



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

Please Check All that Apply

- RAPID RESPONSE** Support FCFI Tornado and Hurricane Relief efforts in Montana & Oklahoma.
- FARM SHOW MINISTRY** Help cover the exhibit fees in the coming months of \$60,000.
- 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 \$ _____

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

Please pray for us: _____

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

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