Dear Friends we met at Fieldays,

Thank you for visiting the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International stand at Fieldays. This is the third year in a row that FCFI has exhibited at the largest farm exhibition in the Southern hemisphere. We are so glad you found our marquee across from Stihl. Last year we were located by the Rural Living area down the street from Kiwi’s Best building. Lord willing, we would like to stay at the J-17 lot next year.

We need to ask you to pray for the organisation of Fellowship of Christian Farmers, Int. NZ. Pray for the Lord’s wisdom as we move forward with organisational plans. The need to grow spiritually in Christ and to use our hands to grow food, fix machines and assist missionaries around the world is greater than ever. New Zealand farmers can travel anywhere in the world to serve the Lord with their passport.

Recently in Moore, Oklahoma an EF-5 tornado destroyed 1800 home and damaged 8200 more homes. Farmers are responding to help Oklahoma families. This is similar to NZ farmers organizing the “Farmy Army” in Christchurch to clean up liquifaction in the streets following earthquakes. Your feedback is important to us to know how the Lord is leading you to be part of this ministry.

Prior to Fieldays we met with farmers in Mataura to organize a stand at the Southern Field Days, February 12-14, 2014. We also met Mark Dillon, chairman of the Southern Field Days to learn that a new 100m x 50m exhibition building will soon be built to expand the show on the Waimumu exhibition field. This new building will enable expansion to the 600 exhibitors they had last year. FCFI-NZ was invited to the show. Please pray for this opportunity. We will need your help with this event.

2014 is the 200th anniversary of Samuel Marsden preaching the gospel with Maori chief Ruatara translating. We learned that “Jesus All About Hope 2014” Ihu Karaiti-te ara tumanako is a nationwide campaign to share the reasons for Hope we have in Christ (1 Peter 3:15) with every home in New Zealand in the weeks leading up to Easter 2014. Lord willing the Fellowship of Christian Farmers will be at the Southern Field Days in the midst of this media campaign.

Visit www.hopeproject.co.nz/partnership for details.

We would love to hear from you. Thank you for praying as we get organised from Cape Reinga to Invercargill to serve the Lord in rural communities.

Your brother in Christ,

Dennis Schlagel
FCFI Executive Director

The Fieldays team included six students from Western Canada in New Zealand studying at Capernwray NZ. The team included many from New Zealand and four from Illinois and North Dakota. Capernwray NZ on Cambridge Road near Cambridge has provided housing and meals in addition to energetic young people to help staff the exhibit.

Toby Burgin, from Ontario, Canada shares the gospel using a wordless walking stick at Fieldays. 900 walking sticks were used to present the gospel message with people of all ages during the four days. Your help is needed to make 1500 one meter walking sticks for next year’s Fieldays. Let us know if you have the woodworking equipment, skills, and desire to cut scrap wood into a tool to share the gospel message.