

Crop Plan 2014

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

Dear Friends of FCFI

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International for the fourth spring in a row finds itself involved in helping families cope with natural disasters that have destroyed homes, barns, fences, and left fields covered with trash that has to be removed before planting. As an organization it is difficult to respond to all disasters during spring planting time, but we are committed to being active in coordinating relief efforts where we can.

The Fellowship has resumed repairing fences on the South Platte River in Northeast Colorado. Most recently a tractor that was in the flood waters was repaired and is running. Many more farms along the 150 miles of the South Platte River from Greeley to Nebraska will need help replacing fences this summer and fall. Hope you can join us. The Washington, Illinois November 17th tornado still has a few farmers in the Minonk, Illinois area picking up trash in fields thanks to FFA chapters and individual volunteers this past weekend. FCFI may be involved excavating some basements and framing up a one story ranch home.

The Lord has opened the door to participate in farm shows in New Zealand. In February, New Zealand farmers set up an outdoor tent display at the Southern Field Days in Waimumu, Southland. This group was then invited to participate at a farm exposition called South Island Agricultural Field Days, in March 2015. Lord willing New Zealand farmers will organize an outreach event at this show that is located near Christchurch, New Zealand's 2nd largest city. June 11-14th my wife, Janet and I will fly to New Zealand to participate in New Zealand's largest farm show called Fieldays. Pray for the application local farmers are drafting to become a "Charitable Trust" in the country---much like being a 501 (3) (C) in the USA. Lord willing we will have New Zealand farmers visit North American farms soon. Pray about attending a farm show in New Zealand in 2015!

This is a very important time in our nation's history 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. 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 Fellowship's shower trailer was set up one year ago in Moore, Oklahoma in a similar Samaritan's Purse command center following an EF-5 tornado. FCFI leader and farmer, Tony DeGiusti sent the FCFI Home Office photographs of the tornado going over his farm place west of Moore, Oklahoma. Tony drove to Rolla, Missouri to meet Melvin Bell halfway to pony express the FCFI shower trailer to Moore, Oklahoma. The unit was used by volunteer workers and people in the community that needed to get cleaned up after a long day of working. A proposal to build a second shower trailer for use in disaster work in the High Plains was presented to Co Bank in Denver by De Giusti and the Bank approved the project. The new trailer will have six shower stalls and a full size washer/dryer laundry area. Praise the Lord for this second shower trailer.

Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief, located in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, has donated a 41 foot Overland Express trailer to the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, Int. for use as a base camp command center in future rural disasters. National Director, Tim Haas, was the Keynote Speaker at the FCF International Conference last August in Cincinnati. The Fellowship has worked alongside Samaritan's Purse in Greensburg, Kansas tornado (May 2008); Moore, Oklahoma tornado (May 2013); Greeley, Colorado Flooding (September 2013); and Vilonia, Arkansas tornado (April 2014). In rural disasters, Samaritan's Purse Assessment teams receive work orders on rural farms that get presented to FCFI teams to complete. The base camp trailer was built in 2006 and is in need of repair to the exterior siding seams. The RV quarters is in excellent condition for FCFI member leadership couples to live in while coordinating the initial days of a disaster relief campaign. A generator and an air compressor are needed in the shop area in the rear of the trailer. A new "wrap" is being planned to identify the FCFI trailer as it rolls down America's highways. A vinyl material is placed over the exterior to project FCFI logos and contact information. The "wrap" and siding repairs will total \$7500. This expense will be part of the ministry's Rapid Response Disaster Relief campaign.



The first team of FCFI workers in Vilonia, Arkansas was the family of David and Sharon Westerfeld, Crawford, Texas. David and Sharon have ten children and are veterans of disaster relief with FCFI disaster campaigns in Abbeville, Louisiana (Hurricane Rita); Texas Panhandle wildfire fence building ((2007); Chambers County, Texas Hurricane Ike (2009); and Joplin, Missouri tornado (2012). Wheat harvest was a week from starting so the Westerfeld's drove to Arkansas with their motor coach and skidloader. Your help is needed join a future disaster relief team. Register to be part of a team by visiting www.fcfi.org web site.

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 \$95,000 line item in the Fellowship budget. It is more important than ever to talk to people about the Lord.



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YES Dennis,

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

Please Check All that Apply

- RAPID RESPONSE** Support FCFI Tornado and Flood Relief efforts in Arkansas & Colorado \$50,000.
- FARM SHOW MINISTRY** Help cover the exhibit fees in the coming months of \$95,000.
- 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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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday morning:

Adults _____ @ \$250 US each
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includes meals and
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per person)

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*"Anyone who wants to be first must take last place and
be the servant of everyone else." - Mark 9:35*

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Inspirational Speaker

Tim Chaffey

Writer, Editor, Answers in Genesis



FCFI 21st Annual Conference

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- ✓ *Tim Chaffey, featured speaker from Answers in Genesis*
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- ✓ *Educational Workshops*
- ✓ *Special Music by Calvary's Celebration Band*
- ✓ *Mission Reports from South Texas, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, and New Zealand*
- ✓ *Visit the Creation Museum!! See the next page for more information*
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