

# The Profit

**Special 2014  
Conference  
Edition**

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



*The Gift*



*The Vision*

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***Serving, Sowing, Reaping for Christ Around the World.***



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Walking the walk of discipleship

Who has time to walk these days? There is too much to do! We hurry, yet often we talk of being overwhelmed. God's remedy is taking a walk.

Genesis 17:1-3 contains excellent words to live by, "When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God almighty, walk before me and be blameless. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly."

We need to take time to walk with God. The walk of discipleship is the path to intimacy with God. Through discipleship, we make ourselves available to learning new things, discovering thrilling mysteries and with God's help, achieving profound successes. The problem we all have...once we've found the path, is staying on it. For me, participating in the Fellowship of Christian Farmers (FCFI) activities has significantly enhanced my spiritual development and provided a pleasing environment to grow in. As I've matured in my walk of discipleship, I find growing satisfaction though seeing others find Christ, grow and be fruitful in the eyes of the Lord. The FCFI Board and staff strive to provide diverse opportunities for all maturity levels to engage authentic Christian ministry. Witnessing for Christ may seem impossible, but with the FCFI "wordless walking stick" and a fellow Christian at your side it is fun and easy! Going on a "Mission trip" might seem out of reach, but joining up with an FCFI group to do disaster relief yields deeply meaningful experiences easily within your budget of time and money.

This year's FCFI Conference is all about Discipleship. The learning and training workshops are designed to strengthen you through use all year long. If you couldn't attend, grab hold of a wordless walking stick at a farm show near you and get started. It's rewarding beyond explanation.

Your fellow sojourner in Christ,  
Todd Brace

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

This Profit Magazine "Special Edition Issue" is being used as a worksheet, as new ministry news unfolds at the 21st FCF International Conference. We are hoping the new disaster relief trailer will be in Cincinnati for you to see. We are having fun getting the right hitch, license, and driver to get the truck and trailer to the Conference. Three Mission Trip dates will be announced at the Conference for Haiti, Mexico and South Texas. Our ministry friends in South Texas are doing the Lord's work in the Valley working with all the children entering the country from Central America. These are Christian workers that are overloaded. Maybe farmers can go and help feed these children and give the full time workers a break?

FCFI wants to be ready to respond to a ministry door the Lord opens up. Hopefully while at the Conference, you can make new friendships that will last many years beyond the three days of the Conference. Thank you for your prayers and financial support of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International.

Dennis Schlagel, Executive Director  
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## RAPID RESPONSE DISASTER RELIEF

During the 20th FCF International Conference in Cincinnati, keynote speaker, Tim Haas, National Director of Samaritan's Purse, observed that FCFI could use some additional equipment in its long term recovery in rural America. Tim had arrived in Cincinnati from a Samaritan's Purse first response campaign in New York and New Jersey following Tropical Storm Sandy. Ministry was difficult for Tim and the entire Samaritan's Purse team. Time spent with farmers at the 20th International Conference was an encouragement to Tim and his wife. The Fellowship has worked with Samaritan's Purse in several storms, most recently in Greeley, Colorado following record flooding on the South Platte River. Samaritan's Purse is a tremendous ministry partner.



In March Tom Fitschen and Dave Stutzman from Illinois drove to North Wilkesboro, North Carolina to meet Tim Haas at the Samaritan's Purse headquarters. Samaritan's Purse donated a 40 foot "toy hauler" style trailer that will serve as a command trailer for future FCFI disaster relief campaigns. The trailer features a living quarters in the front and a cargo area in the rear. The rear door drops into a ramp allowing equipment to be driven into the trailer.

The living quarters features a couch, table, kitchen and restroom complete with a toilet and shower. The queen size bed sets up over the fifth wheel hitch. Couples are needed to commit to several weeks of service to help volunteer teams as they arrive to work in a disaster setting. Team leaders with direct the projects, but key leadership is needed to staff the Command Trailer as disasters take place.



Samaritan's Purse built storage shelves and tool cabinets into the cargo area of the new Command Trailer. FCFI needs to assess how this area needs to be set up for tool storage and equipment hauling. The trailer needs a generator. FCFI has riveted the exterior aluminum siding panels that were originally glued together in 2006. One three foot panel was replaced near the side entry door. Lord willing, this "farm shop" area can develop as we face future disasters. The fifth wheel hitch is equipped to receive a 2 5/16th's ball. Whether to use farmer trucks or find a used Ford F-350 flatbed type truck to dedicate to pulling the unit is under consideration. Pray for wisdom in this area.

## 2014-2015 MISSION TRIP SCHEDULE

### Albania

Group one - January 26-February 9, 2015

Group two - February 23-March 9, 2015

Cost: Airfare plus \$850.<sup>00</sup>

George and Julie Holmes are planning their 21st winter in Albania. The disciple building Sower Team continues to lead Children's meetings in two villages. The Sowers team is faithful serving the Lord in eight villages with youth meetings in two of these villages. People on the Albania Mission trip are involved in all aspects of the ministry. George and Julie Holmes have a budget of \$18,000 needed to support the Sower team in 2015.



### Florida

#### **8th Annual Trip to ECHO Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization**

Fort Myers, Florida

[www.echonet.org](http://www.echonet.org)

October 27-31, 2014

Cost: \$320.<sup>00</sup> per person from Fort Myers (includes food and lodging)

Work Projects include plumbing, electric, outside repairs, irrigation repairs, ditch digging, landscaping, mulching, trimming, planting, harvesting, general maintenance, power washing, cleaning, building construction.

Contact Bill and Kathy Brown at 315-736-5964 or 315-749-6823 to join the team.

### Florida

#### **5th Annual FCFI Mission Trip to Reality Ranch Ministries**

Zolfo Springs, Florida

[www.realityranchministries.org](http://www.realityranchministries.org)

November 3-8, 2014

Cost: \$320.<sup>00</sup> per person (from Orlando, FL) Includes food, lodging, and materials.

Work Projects: Build roof over livestock pens in rodeo arena. Repairing horse corrals. Lots of smaller maintenance jobs including, painting, pressure washing, fence, rebuilding rodeo arena. A job for everyone! For more information contact:

Ron & Deb Herrold 219-916-3535 or 219-916-3994 or Bill & Kathy Brown 315-736-5964 or 315-749-6823

## 2014-2015 MISSION TRIP SCHEDULE

### Haiti

**Second FCFI Haiti Mission trip to build Sukup Safe T Homes**  
Global Compassion Network Dennis Anderson

*For more information e-mail [danderson@gmail.com](mailto:danderson@gmail.com) or 712-887-0862. January 2015 trip date to be announced at the 21st FCF International Conference*

### South Texas

**6th Annual Mission Trip to McAllen, Texas**  
Date: January 10-17, 2015

McAllen, Texas is in the middle of the immigration problems on the Texas border. Many of our friends in the area are involved in the feeding and care of children from Central America who have entered the United States without their parents. FCFI is not sure what the South Texas Mission Trip will involve this coming January. *For More information contact:*

*Ron & Deb Herrold 219-916-3535 or Kendal & Virginia Pliner 515-570-0058*

### Mexico

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International is planning to return to Torreon and Gomez Palacio in January & February 2015. A scouting trip took place in July to see firsthand the safety level for American in Torreon. The teams will be small (4-5 people) and it would be great to have a Spanish speaker on each team. Pastor Antonio Gomez and Pastor Rumaldo Sandete invite FCFI teams to return to Mexico.

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### New Zealand

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International have two teams go to New Zealand in 2015. We will assist New Zealand farmers organize exhibits at two farm shows. Additional time will be added so folks can see New Zealand and visit NZ farming operations.

**South Island Agricultural Field Days**  
March 25-27, 2015  
Christchurch (Kirwee), South Island

**National Fieldays**  
June 10-13, 2015  
Hamilton, North Island

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### TORREON, MEXICO

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International suspended its Mexico Mission trip schedule after the February 2009 trips to Torreon, Mexico. Local church planting missionaries Rev. Edward Williamson and Pastor Antonio Gomez recommended to the FCFI Board of Directors that it was too dangerous for farmers to travel to Torreon. In July 2014 Joe & Judy Bachman and Rachel Schlagel flew to Torreon at the invitation by Pastor Gomez. Lord willing, small groups of 4-5 farmers will resume Mexico Mission trips in January 2015 to assist our many Mexican pastoral friends and their families. Exact trip dates will be announced as soon as possible.



Mexican farmer Israel and his wife Regina with Joe Bachman on the farm in July 2014. Joe has been a mentor to Israel for over 15 years. Israel operates the center pivot farm near Chavez.



Joe and Judy Bachman with longtime friends Pastor Rumaldo and his wife, Rebecca. Their youngest daughter, Karen, is shown on the left. Pastor Rumaldo, was the senior Pastor at the Mon Clova Bible College in 1989 when FCFI first travelled to Mexico.



Many FCFI Mexico Mission trips have been hosted by Felipe and Maria. Their son, Enrique and family are planning to build a church and are inviting farmers to come to Mexico to help build it. Enrique has been mentored by Pastor Rumaldo.



This is a photo of Pastor Tony's church in 2009. The walls have been completed and now rooms for Sunday School and the Amigo de Samuel school need to be built. FCFI teams could build with our Mexican brothers and sisters inside the walls of the compound. Teams would stay with church families instead of motels.

Pastor Antonio Gomez expressed his desire to have FCFI teams return to Torreon. "The devil has been running through the streets of Torreon long enough. It is time to accommodate the growth of the church during this stressful time in Mexico." Pastor Tony explained. Sixteen church members have been killed in senseless violence in the past two years. The church has grown over 200 people in that same time.



Rachel Schlagel, Judy Bachman and Pastor Antonio Gomez (L to R) pictured in front of Amigo de Samuel school for special needs students. FCFI teams helped build the school. Now due to violence, the Amigo de Samuel school would be safer at the new church location.

## NEW ZEALAND FIELDAYS

New Zealand Christians are celebrating the 200th anniversary of Samuel Marsden's preaching the gospel in the Bay of Islands, Northland in 1814. Marsden was a Prison Chaplain and farmer in New South Wales, Australia. His farming operation included 2900 acres of land and livestock. A nationwide evangelism campaign called, "Jesus-All about Hope" is underway to reach all households in New Zealand with the gospel message. The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International NZ has been part of this campaign with outreach exhibits at the Southern Field Days in Southland last February and at National Fieldays in June near Hamilton on the North Island. 2470 people heard the gospel in the FCFI NZ tent this year.



A framed style tent , 3 m X 6 m, with six flags representing countries that attend National Fieldays was used at this year's exhibit. FCFI NZ had a great location at a crossroads of traffic with no neighboring exhibitors beside us.



Our team of six Capernway Bible School students from Canada, New Zealand and Wisconsin in front of the FCFI NZ tent exhibit at National Fieldays, June 11-14 in Hamilton.

Carrie Ireland, right, was our team leader from Capernway. Carrie is from Te Awamutu, NZ and is an intern with Capernway Bible School this semester. She is seminary trained and is seeking the Lord's direction in her life regarding how to serve Him.



This young lady and her husband visited the FCFI NZ tent this year to tell us she accepted Christ in the Fieldays tent last year. She and her husband are growing in the Lord and are plugged into a church recommended by Capernway. It was thrilling to hear her testimony.



Farmers in the Gordonton area teamed up to cut 2400 walking sticks.



One of the Capernway lecture halls was converted into a final wordless walking prep station. Final sanding and the rawhide bracelets were tied onto the walking sticks. Bundles of 25 sticks were taped together for easy transport to the farm show.

## FCFI Farm Show & Calendar of Events view this calendar, and check for updates at [www.fcfi.org](http://www.fcfi.org)

### AUGUST

- 1-3 21st Annual FCFI Conference - Cincinnati, OH  
Dennis Schlagel 309-530-7004
- 1-3 Antique Machinery Show - Montourville, PA  
Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
- 2-9 Clinton Co. Fair - Mackeyville, PA  
Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
- 2 Old Home Days - Vernon Center, NY  
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 5-7 Minnesota Farm Fest - Redwood County, MN  
Doug Peterson 507-236-6460
- 6-8 Empire Farm Days - Seneca Falls, NY  
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 11-16 Montour-Delong Fair - Washingtonville, PA  
Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
- 13-15 Sunbury River Fest - Sunbury, PA  
Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
- 8-17 Skowhegan State Fair - Skowhegan, ME  
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 12-14 WI Farm Technology Days - Stevens Point, WI  
Mike Brehm 262-632-3519
- 14-16 Northern NY Farm Show - St. Lawrence City  
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 14-17 Wolcott Fair - Wolcott, CT  
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 16 Woodsman's Field Days - Booneville, NY  
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 19-21 Dakotafest - Mitchell, SD  
Martin Ellingson 605-847-4663
- 20-21 Maine Farm Days - Clinton, ME  
Bill Brown 315-749-6823

- 22-25 Brooklyn Fair - Brooklyn, CT  
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 26-28 Farm Progress Show - Boone, IA  
Dennis Schlagel 309-365-8710
- 27-9/1 Sullivan Co. Fair - Forksville, PA  
Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
- 29-31 NY Festival of Balloons - Dansville, NY  
Bill Brown 315-749-6823

### SEPTEMBER

- 29-9/3 Wyoming County Fair - Meshoppen, PA  
Wayne Laidacker 570-594-4414
- 3-7 Luzerne County Fair - Dallas, PA  
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 5-8 Hebron Harvest Fair - Hebron, CT  
Bill Brown 315-249-6823
- 6 Danville Fall Arts & Craft - Danville, PA  
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 9-11 Husker Harvest Days - Grand Island, NE  
Don Walmsley 402-371-2489
- 11-12 Oneida/Herkimer Farm Progress Show - Mohawk, NY  
Bill Brown 315-249-6823
- 14-20 Gratz Fair - Gratz, PA  
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 16-20 International Plowing Match - Ivy, Ontario  
Bill Brown 315-249-6823
- 16-18 Farm Science Review - London, OH  
Gary Beery 740-494-2035
- 18-20 Heart of America Farm Show - Beggs, OK  
Ken Werner 479-856-4949
- 20 Cream Cheese Festival - Lowville, NY  
Bill Brown 315-249-6823

- 20-21 Crank It Up Antique Tractor Show - Sandy Creek, NY  
Bill Brown 315-249-6823
- 20-27 Bloomsburg Fair - Bloomsburg, PA  
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 25-28 Durham Fair - Durham, CT  
Bill Brown 315-249-6823
- 25-11/1 ECHO Mission Trip - Ft. Myers, FL  
Bill Brown 315-249-6823
- 27-28 Apple Fest - Central Square, NY  
Bill Brown 315-249-6823
- 11/2-8 Reality Ranch Mission Trip - Zolfo Springs, FL  
Bill Brown 315-249-6823

### OCTOBER

- 3-5 Ozark Fall Farmfest - Springfield, MO  
Ken Werner 479-856-4949
- 9-12 Riverton Fair - Riverton, CT  
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 11 Pedricktown Day - Pedricktown, NJ  
Wayne Knerr 609-685-5246
- 14-16 Sunbelt Ag Expo - Moultrie, GA  
Walter Powell 229-528-4561
- 25 Pumpkin Palooza - Danville, PA  
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 27-31 ECHO Mission Trip - Ft. Myers, FL  
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 29-31 National FFA Career Show - Louisville, KY  
Dennis Schlagel 309-365-8710

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I have a prayer request \_\_\_\_\_

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