

# Harvest Report 2014

## Fellowship of Christian Farmers International

Dear friend in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International! We know this has been a challenging year for you in agriculture. Below average temperatures combined with steady rain fall created perfect conditions to grow fungus in Midwest corn fields. North Central Arkansas experienced deadly tornadoes in April as planting was in high gear. Last week in North Collins, New York, farm families along a beautiful farming area near Lake Erie experienced 4-6 feet of snow including FCFI's Prayer Coordinator Clark & Sue Phillips's dairy farm. Two barns collapsed from the weight of the snow. The Phillips family is safe. (We may need long term recovery teams in western New York, soon.) In the midst of these disasters the scriptures read:

*"Though the fig tree should not blossom, and there be no fruit on the vines, though the yield of the olive should fail, and the fields produce no food, though the flock should be cut off from the fold, and there be no cattle in the stalls, yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation." Habbakuk 3: 17-19*

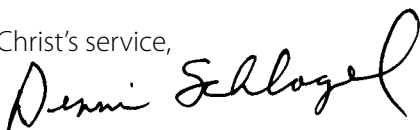
The Lord is in control and everything he has promised is going to come true. Because of your support this past year, FCFI was able to exhibit at over 100 events in North America and New Zealand to be a source of encouragement to farmers, ranchers, and their families. We are so thankful to you for putting prayer into action in many ways to be the hands and feet of the Lord in rural America. Hundreds of you have donated your time and travel expenses to be part of a Fellowship of Christian Farmers Outreach event. Many more have donated your skills in disaster relief efforts in Arkansas, Illinois and soon New York.

As we look to the 2015 ministry year the opportunities to share the Gospel with a lost and hurting world seems limitless. You play a vital role in this in this unique ministry as we serve this special group in a way that no other ministry is able to do. When disasters hit we need to have our equipment ready to respond to the need as we did in 2014. New leadership needs to be developed to replace farmers who are not able to serve at farm shows due to health issues.

Our Prayer Team has nearly 600 people who pray for needs presented to them by the Home Office or by Prayer Coordinator Clark Phillips. Pray for the Phillips family as they rebuild and handle stressed cows and heifers from the snowstorm. The Prayer Guide is printed and e-mailed monthly. More Prayer Team members are needed in 2015 as our country faces uncertain times.

Today I am asking our brothers and sisters in Christ to please pray that the Lord would continue to direct this ministry and its leadership. Pray for the FCFI Board of Directors as they budget and plan for the New Year's ministry. The projected budget for 2015 will be nearly \$500,000. Would you prayerfully consider making a special year end gift towards meeting this budget goal? Thank you for your continued support of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International ministry.

In Christ's service,



Dennis Schlagel, Executive Director  
Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

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# 2015 Ministry Opportunities

## HELP FUTURE DISASTER RELIEF TEAMS

FCFI continues to serve Christ by serving others. In 2014 FCFI mobilized over 275 volunteers who served on disaster relief teams in North America.

### ***We Need Your Help!***

FCFI Rapid Relief teams are on alert and ready to respond when the urgent cry for help goes out.

***Please prayerfully consider financially partnering with us so these teams are ready to respond.***



In April an EF-4 tornado hit north central Arkansas. Samaritan's Purse 1st response ministry set up their base camp in Mayflower, Arkansas. A second base camp was needed in Vilonia, Arkansas. The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, Int. moved its shower trailer to the 1st Baptist Church of Vilonia so volunteers could get cleaned up at the end of a day working. FCF's heavy cots were placed in a room of the church for a barracks. Since the April storm the shower trailer has been positioned in Vilonia, Mayflower, and rural Conway, Arkansas to assist with long term recovery. This long term campaign lasted until November.

***In 2014 FCFI sent out ten Mission teams comprised of 83 volunteers. We are believing God for more outreach opportunities in 2015.***

Your generous support is needed now, so vitally needed resources are ready for our Missions Teams to be able to serve and glorify Christ on the front lines of the mission field.



Crews of farmers from all over Illinois and Indiana responded to the call to help clear tornado debris from properties in Washington, Illinois following the November 17, 2013 EF-4 tornado. January and February of this year had too cold temperatures and snow to get a lot of clean up work done. Teamed with Global Compassion Network ministry and the Bethany Community Church in Washington, volunteers cleared 52 properties. Later in April and May FCFI crews helped with new construction projects to get families back into their homes. Over 800 building permits have been issued for the 1082 homes destroyed. Washington, Illinois is becoming "Washington Strong" again.

## Support 2014-2015 Short-Term Mission Teams

For thirty years FCFI partners have helped us as we lead and resource short term Missions Teams who serve and minister here in the USA and around the world!



George and Julie Holmes will be leading the Albania ministry for the 21st year. 1994 was their first winter in Tirane, Albania. Contact the FCFI Home Office to join an Albania team.



## Provide Farm Show Ministry Opportunities



Evangelism is the core FCFI's ministry goal! We desire to bring as many as possible into the Kingdom of God.

FCFI partners, volunteers, and leaders were a part of 100 farm shows and trade shows, as well as at state and local fairs this past year.

The Fellowship had a 30' X 60' tent at the 2014 Farm Progress Show in Boone, Iowa. Rain washed out the third day of the event. Farmers from Brazil, Argentina, Russia, Netherlands, New Zealand and Australia received gospel tracts in their own language. The Lord provided four Spanish speaking workers to share the gospel with the Argentina farmers. "Heart Song" from Fairmount, Minnesota performed five music shows each day. The 2015 Farm Progress Show will be in Decatur, Illinois.

**Thousands of people had a chance to hear the Gospel story including the power of Christ's love for them and how each person could know Him personally!**



Jeff Goss, from St. Charles, Missouri, shares the gospel with a group of Kentucky FFA members attending the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, October 29-31. Over 64,000 FFA members from across America attended this year's convention. 4000 young people heard a gospel message and many prayed to receive Christ as Savior. The 2015 National FFA Convention will be in Louisville, Kentucky.



C.P. Foster unloads a semi load of 60,000 walking sticks at the Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch in Lampe, Missouri. The LUC Ranch serves as a walking stick depot for FCFI chapters making plans to share the gospel at farm shows in the Midwest. Area Leader Walter Powell in Omega, Georgia organizes the shipment of South Georgia walking sticks throughout the year. The wood sticks cost 10 cents each. A truckload costs \$6,000 plus freight. Your support makes it possible for walking sticks to be available at over 100 events in North America each year.

Without the generous financial partnership of our ministry friends we will not be able to touch these unsaved lives.

It is my heartfelt prayer that you will partner with us and provide the means to increase the Kingdom while the fields are ripe for harvest.

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



# YES Dennis, I / We

will partner with FCFI to help make a difference!

Please Check All that Apply

**FARM SHOW ministry**

*Evangelism Outreach at Farm Shows including the replacement of the FCFI 15 passenger van.*

**2015 Budget: \$95,000**

**Rapid Response Teams**

*Support Disaster Relief in North America including Arkansas and Illinois*

**2015 Budget: \$50,000**

**Short term missions**

*Provide Support For FCFI Mission Projects in Russia, Mexico, Albania, South Texas, New Zealand Greece, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe*

**2015 Budget: \$50,000**

**Most Urgent Need**

*Please use our/my gift wherever it is needed most on the day it arrives.*

## My/Our Gift Amount:

\$250     \$500     \$1,000     Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please make your tax deductible check payable to Fellowship of Christian Farmers International (FCFI)

We will partner with you in praying for the ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers International

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