

# Harvest Report 2015

## Fellowship of Christian Farmers International

Dear friend in Christ,

Greetings from the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International! The 2015 growing season has been an extreme one for most of you. Across the Midwest heavy rainfall in the month of June put a lot of stress on corn and soybeans. Those of you with cattle had a difficult time making quality hay 1st and 2nd cuttings. Despite these conditions corn and soybeans yields exceeded forecasts. We have much to be thankful for.

*"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1*

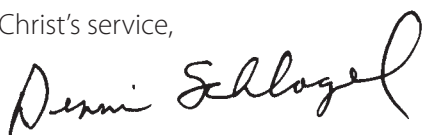
We need to have a thankful heart unto the Lord regardless of our circumstances. FCFI as a ministry has much to be thankful about. Because of your support this past year, FCFI was able to exhibit at over 100 events in North America and add one show in New Zealand. New Zealand dairymen are going through a financial time similar to the 1980's here. The farm show exhibits are 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 Oklahoma, Illinois and South Carolina.

As we look to the 2016 ministry year the opportunities to share the Gospel with a lost and hurting world seems limitless. You play a vital role 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 2015. New and younger leadership needs to be developed to replace older farmers unable to serve.

Our Prayer Team has over 600 people who pray for needs presented to them by the Home Office or by Prayer Coordinator, Clark Phillips. More Prayer Team members are needed in 2016 as our country faces uncertain times. The Prayer Guide is printed and e-mailed monthly.

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 future ministry. The projected budget for 2016 will be nearly \$500,000. Would you prayerfully consider making a special 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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# 2016 Ministry Opportunities

## HELP FUTURE DISASTER RELIEF TEAMS

FCFI continues to serve Christ by serving others. In 2015 FCFI mobilized over 300 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.***



A second shower trailer was completed and show cased at the Oklahoma City Farm Show. Co Bank of Denver, Colorado and its 14 Farm Credit Bank affiliates, provided the funding for the new shower trailer. The new trailer was deployed to nearby Moore, Oklahoma for the community's third tornado in the past ten years. After Moore, the new shower trailer was used in Lawton, Oklahoma for a long term disaster relief campaign.

***In 2015 FCFI sent out ten Mission teams comprised of 91 volunteers. We are believing God for more outreach opportunities in 2016.***

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.



The Fellowship of Christian Farmers responded to Fairdale, Illinois area following the April 9th EF-4 tornado. FCFI lobbied with other disaster relief organizations that clearing farm fields of trash was the highest priority as corn planting was within a week of starting. The Fellowship's Kubota UTV and trailer was used to clear farm fields north and east of Fairdale. Samaritan's Purse volunteers joined FCFI to get a big job done in a week's time.

## Support 2015-2016 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 2016 Albania ministry for the 22nd year. 1994 was their first winter in Tirane, Albania. Contact the FCFI Home Office to join an Albania team.



## Provide Farm Show Ministry Opportunities



The Fellowship had a 30' X 60' tent exhibit at the 2015 Farm Progress Show in Decatur, Illinois. Four furloughing missionaries from the Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission in Springfield, Illinois interacted with Brazilian farmers attending the Show. FCFI gospel tracts were used in eight languages with visitors from around the world. The Durocher Family from Grand Rapids, Minnesota performed three bluegrass music programs each day. Over 4000 wordless walking sticks were used to share the gospel message.

**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!**

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.



Farmers from eight states traveled to the National FFA Expo and Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, October 28-30th, to lead the FCFI outreach to America's young. Over 64,000 FFA members from across America attended this year's Expo. 4000 young people heard a gospel message and many prayed to receive Christ as Savior. The 2016 National FFA Expo and Convention will be in Indianapolis, Indiana.



One year ago C. P. Foster hauled a truckload of walking sticks from Georgia to the Boys 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 material throughout the year. The Midwest needs another truckload shipped to the LUC Ranch as soon as possible. A truckload costs \$6000 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.



# 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 4 door sedan.*

**2016 Budget: \$95,000**

**Rapid Response Teams**

*Support Disaster Relief in North America including South Carolina and Illinois*

**2016 Budget: \$50,000**

**Short term missions**

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

**2016 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)

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