

The Profit

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

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*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!*



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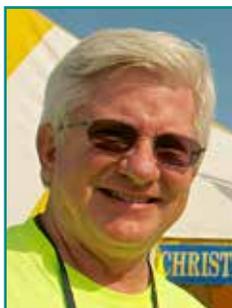
B. Todd Brace
FCFI President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the entire FCFI Board. These holidays are like the bookends of the year and pose a perfect time for evaluating annual results coupled with strategizing future outcomes to stay on long terms goals. Making time for research and seeking the advice of wise, knowledgeable associates' is critical for making good decisions and are usually very satisfying. But the most important element of planning is the action outcome. One of the many enjoyable benefits of association with FCFI members and supporters is their Kingdom oriented thinking coupled with action strategies to do better at achieving the Great Commission of Jesus. As always, fellow FCFI members, thanks for all you do and please continue to forward your strategic suggestions to us at the national office. I am excited to inform you about the 2016 FCFI Board of Directors as Dave Carter, a devoted disciple of Christ and farmer from Indiana has accepted the V.P. position and Rob Andreas, a pastor from New York has joined the Board. In addition, Jeff Goss, a long time FCFI farm show leader with a background as a pastor, youth director

and evangelist has formally joined the FCFI team as Area Leader in Kansas and Missouri. Regretfully, life threatening illness continue to afflict FCFI leaders and family members, notably now, Dennis' wife Janet Schlagel and Area Leader, OH/MI/IN, Gary Beery.

As President, I pray for vision. In response, I believe The Lord guides FCFI to use Proverbs chapter 16 as The Way for success for 2016. My advice to members is to go photocopy Proverbs chapter 16 and place it with your daily devotional materials so you read, reflect and respond on it often. As most FCFI Fellowship members know, The Lord desires and rewards people who are aware of their relationship with Him and are acting on it with respect and purpose. From a long term perspective Matthew 25:31-46 demonstrates the rewards of consistent good works throughout a lifetime. I am reminded of the little spring that feeds and fills three different ponds on our farm thus enabling big jobs to be accomplished with the abundant available water. While attending a Dave Ramsey, Financial Peace University workshop at our church in 2015, the realization came to me that Matthew 25 should be looked at like the results of compound interest. Realizing, consistent, small investments over time cannot be overcome by huge attempts to catch-up later in life! With FCFI's Farm Show ministry in mind, a reservoir of believers is being accomplished, one stick at a time! Keep encouraging others to participate so they can share in greater rewards. Shall we say, praise be to God for the opportunity? Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your hours of volunteered time, leadership and financial enablement. Expectantly watch for and engage the new "action outcomes" that our CEO Dennis Schlagel will be announcing and promoting through staff in 2016. Keep the angels singing!

Your fellow sojourner in Christ,
B. Todd Brace



Dennis Schlagel
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The 30th year of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International ends the way it started in 1985. The 80's was a time of high interest rates, high inflation, and a challenging times for every farm in North America. In 2015 low commodity prices and high input costs has created another stressful time. This issue of Profit magazine has been delayed due to low commodity prices for corn, soybeans and wheat deferring the selling of grain until a later date. The FCFI Board of Directors is praying and trusting that the Lord will provide the resources needed to continue the ministry's mission of sharing the gospel and helping people grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.

Georgia Area Leader Walter Powell and his wife Becky have been invited to represent the Fellowship at the South Carolina AgriBiz and Farm Expo, January 13-14 in Florence, SC to help counsel South Carolina farmers going through a difficult time resulting from tropical storm flooding that stretched from Columbia to Charleston. FCFI has been asked to set up two exhibits at this event. Farmers are excellent counsellors to each other due to a common experience in agriculture. Please consider joining this effort to encourage struggling farm families in South Carolina. Contact the FCFI Home Office to join the team.

FCFI is also encouraging farmers to start a six week small group to study South African farmer, Angus Buchan's "Amen" series. The DVD and study guide are easy to use and are designed to battle the problem of isolation in the ag community. More information about this material is on page three of Profit.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International.

Your Brother in Christ,
Dennis Schlagel
FCFI Executive Director/CEO

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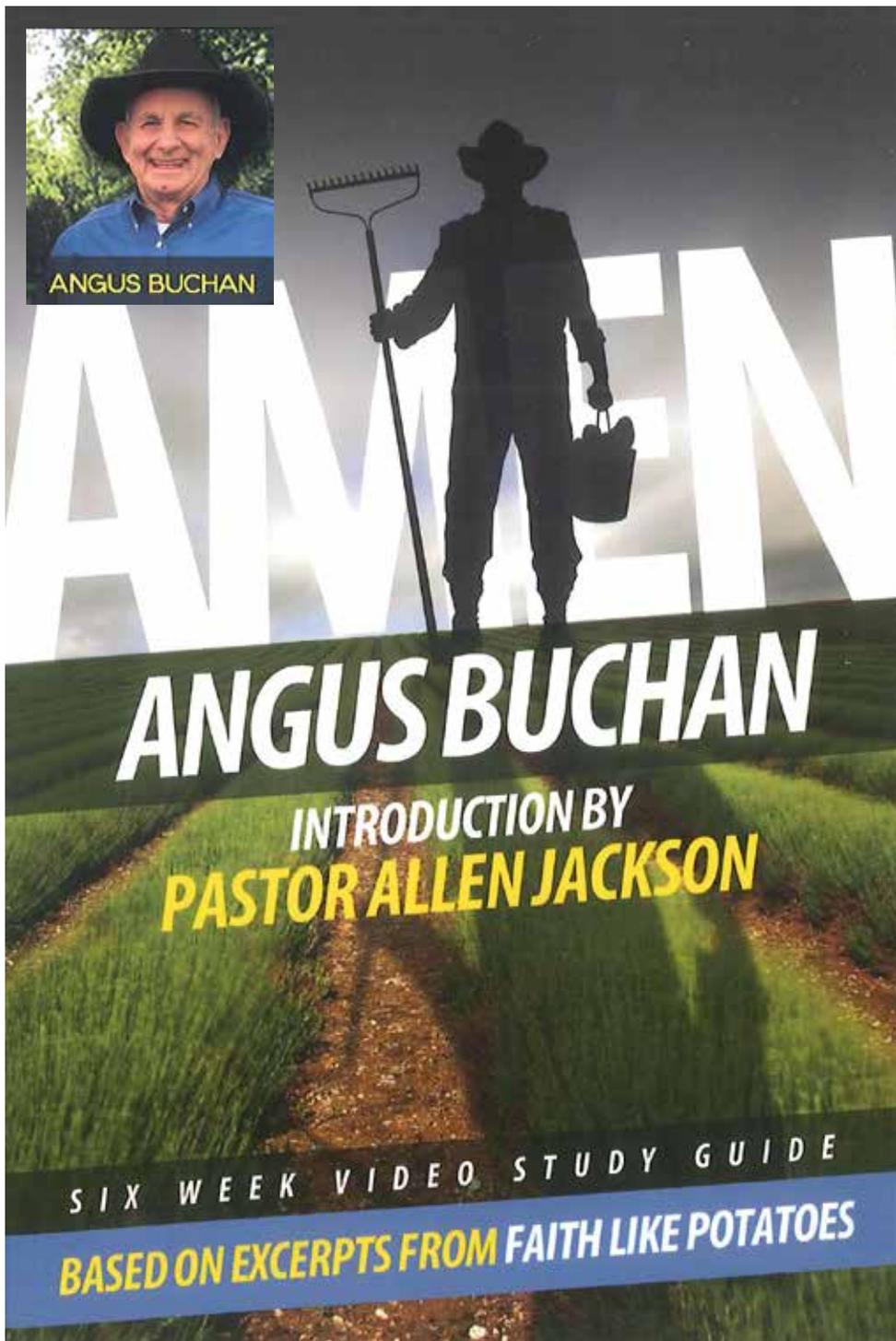
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FARMING: YOU CAN'T DO IT ALONE!

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24-25



The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International is putting into action a plan to get farmers connected with each other in their local and extended communities. In today's agriculture, farmers may have their best friendships two states away from their farm.

FCFI has a friend in South Africa who is a potato farmer, named Angus Buchan. Angus was forced to leave his Zambia farm due to political violence and start over farming in South Africa. Recently Angus produced a six week study that can be used to get farmer groups going called, "Amen." The first lesson is entitled "You can't do it alone." A DVD introduces the lesson with clips from the film, "Faith like Potatoes" and a video of Angus' struggles in farming. A study guide makes preparation easy to do.

The materials to get an FCFI small group started in your area are available on the FCFI website www.fci.org. Contact the FCFI Home Office to obtain farmers in your community to invite to an initial small group meeting.

MAKE A PLAN TO START A GROUP OF FARMERS MEETING TOGETHER!

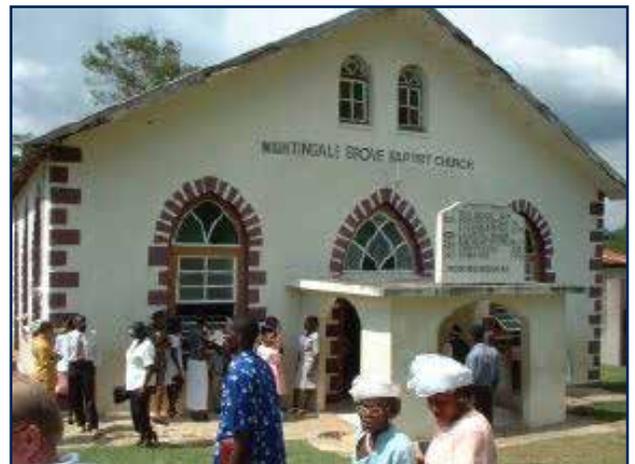


ALBANIA

George and Julie Holmes, Trumansburg, New York, will be spending their 23rd winter in the Tirane, Albania. They will be working with the established discipling team, SOWERS, throughout the eight villages surrounding Tirane. George and Julie have collected vegetable seeds, reading glasses, and free Bibles to distribute as they visit the eight rural villages. Great relationships have been built over the years and many opportunities to teach Bible lessons to young people. Pray for the Holmes and the SOWERS team. Funding is still needed to support the SOWERS Team.

JAMAICA: FEBRUARY 13-27, 2016

Cost will be \$925 for two weeks or \$465 for one week, plus airfare. Trip fee will be used for materials, food, and transportation to and from Montego Bay and the Nightengale Grove Baptist Church in New Market. Much needed construction is planned on the church, pre-school restrooms, concreting hallways & floors, and painting walls. Mesh screens need to be installed in the church eaves to prevent bats from living in the building. *Foundations for Farming* principles will be taught to initiate a farming project on church property and a chicken project established. *Foundations for Farming* teaching connects food production with Jesus Christ as our personal savior. A large cistern on church property needs to be covered properly to avoid contamination. During the two weeks, sessions for evangelism into the community are being planned for the cooler evening hours to share's God's Word. Contact CP Foster for additional trip details. cpfoster8@yahoo.com or preferred 607-725-2971



SOUTH TEXAS: JANUARY 9-16, 2016

The team will be building a Community Building for Pastor Green in a small village in South Texas. The building will be used for Bible studies, Children's programs, Food bank, laundry and ministering in the neighborhood. The Team will be staying at the Flame of Truth Campground, Donna, Texas. To join the Team contact Ron & Deb Herrold at 219-916-3535. Cost: \$500.00





ECHO[®]

ECHO - EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS FOR HUNGER ORGANIZATIONS FEBRUARY 6-12, 2016 IN FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International has a long relationship with ECHO maintaining the facilities on this teaching and research farm. There is a project for everyone at ECHO. We will be painting, gardening, working on maintenance, construction, library work, office work, and other projects. Cost is \$250 per person. For more information call Ron & Deb Herrold 219-916-3535.

HAITI: MARCH 28-APRIL 4, 2016

Cost: \$900 plus airfare. Global Compassion Network will be hosting this mission trip for the second year. Part of the work of this trip will be the construction of Sukup Safety Homes. This is dependent upon shipment of materials via a container through Port-a-Prince harbor. FCFI desires to work with food production projects in Haiti teaching *Foundations for Farming* principles to Haitian families enabling them to grow food and locate markets for what they produce. Contact the FCFI Home Office for details regarding joining this Team.



MEXICO

FCFI will be returning to Torreon, Mexico in February 2016 to assist the ministries of Pastor Gomez and Pastor Rumaldo, both long time brothers of the Fellowship. Teams will be led by Dave Carter, Kokomo, Indiana and Joe Bachman, Roanoke, Illinois. Teams will fly to Torreon, Mexico and will be met by our Mexican friends. Contact the FCFI Home Office for more Mexico trip details. fellowship@fcfi.org or cell/text 309-530-7004



NEW ZEALAND

Two exhibits are being planned in 2016 at farm shows in New Zealand. The Southern Farm Show, February 10-12, 2016 in Waimumu, South Island and the National Fieldays in Hamilton, North Island, June 15-18, 2016. The goal of these two NZ Farm Show trips is to help coordinate North American farmers to fly to New Zealand, rent a car, and visit New Zealand farmer's operations, and NZ points of interest. Housing and meals will be coordinated during the farm show dates. FCFI NZ will organize farm stays. For more information contact FCFI Executive Director/CEO, Dennis Schlagel at dennis@fcfi.org or cell/text 309-530-7004



(LEFT) The multiple tent display is decorated and was ready to share the gospel at the Sun Belt Agricultural Expo in Moultrie, Georgia this past October.



(RIGHT) People lined up to enter the FCFI tent at the Sun Belt Ag Expo. Over 6500 wordless walking sticks were used during the three day event. FCFI needs to buy two semi loads of stick material for use at 2016 farm shows across America.

Bill and Kathy Brown (left) from Marcy, New York; Mike Brehm (center) wearing a blue cap, from Racine, Wisconsin, are seated at the dining room table of Walter Powell (right) from Omega, Georgia, for a time of evening fellowship during the Sun Belt Ag Expo. Bill & Kathy and Walter and his wife Becky serve as FCFI Area Leaders planning dozens of farm show exhibits in the New Year. Pray for the Browns and Powells as they serve the Lord.



The Peoria Farm Show , December 1-3, 2015, was staffed by Nathan Best, Dale Shurtz, Al Hauschild, Russell Smith, and Richard Larabee. Gale Shurtz also worked the booth and took this photo. It was Christmas time and the men each got to pray with people making a decision to accept Jesus Christ as Savior.



(LEFT) Terry Case, shown left in FCFI safety green shirt, is shown at the FCFI booth at the Tulsa Farm Show, December 10-12th. Terry and his wife, Bandi, have three teenage sons, who together serve the Lord in five FCFI farm shows during the year.

(RIGHT) William French (left) presents the gospel message at the Tulsa Farm Show. Jeff Goss, shown wearing a safety orange FCFI disaster relief shirt, is the newest FCFI Area Leader serving in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. Many FFA members prayed to receive Christ during the Tulsa Farm Show.



GOD AT WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Fraser Valley Chapter President, Henry Janzen, writes:

We just wanted to share a faith miracle with you folks in answer to your prayers for a new chapter in B.C.

After being invited to start a new chapter in the Fraser Valley, a few Gideons met at a local A&W Restaurant to discuss how we might make this happen in time for the Abbotsford Agrifair held annually on the August long week-end.

We all felt we would need to come up with about \$3000 to cover our entry fee plus the cost of sticks and supplies needed.

One member suggested we hold a car wash, another suggested we each make a personal donation, etc.

The car wash would net us about \$200.00 and as we went around the table for personal donations we could only come up with about \$500.00. All that was not going to provide much of a dent in our required \$3000.00. So with that we all agreed to go home to pray and to seek God's further direction before we could proceed any farther.

When Carol & I returned home and got on our knees together, it was as if God Himself was speaking to both of us at the same time, telling us to just step out by faith and accept the challenge to start the chapter ourselves.

By faith we requested Wayne Clark send us the necessary paperwork for submission to begin a chapter ourselves.

After we filled it out and returned it to Wayne we visited our Accountant to complete our 2014 income tax return. To our amazement, he suggested another avenue of medical tax relief which to that date we had never even considered! When the required medical forms were completed by my diabetic specialist, and returned to the accountant, he proceeded to seek authorization from Revenue Canada for this exemption for us.

While we waited for Revenue Canada's reply, Carol & I committed the entire refund of whatever it might be to the Lord for this new ministry venture. We were only going to pay the Accountant his requested \$265.00 and deposit the balance into our "Master has need of it" account we had already set up. Of course we thought this may only amount to possibly as much as 2 or 3 thousand dollars. We could hardly believe it when we received our Revenue Canada refund cheque of nearly \$14,000.00!!

Since that time we have received much help from Wayne & Edith by way of both free inventory and reduced pricing of supplies, for which we are very grateful to them and to God for His great provision!

With some of those funds we were able to purchase a light weight (only 400 lbs.) all aluminum trailer to pull behind our 4 cylinder import. We also got a deal on some 10 ft. commercial H.D. steel racks for only \$100.00 and an offer from a local Christian farmer



FCFC Board 2015: Back row: Gary Beery (FCFI), George Gardiner, Todd Brace (FCFI Pres), Bill Brown, Douglas Wedel, Roy Nielsen, Duncan MacKiddie, Mike Sweeney, Sylvain Couture. Front row: Wayne & Edith Clark, Donna Hegge, Emilie Chartier, Colleen Grant. Missing: Jocelyn Aubut



Henry with his trailer and storage facilities

friend of ours to use his barn at N/C to store our trailer and the rack with all our ministry supplies!

By now we have been able to enter our booth in 2 events, the Abbotsford Agrifair, and a local Saturday morning Farmer's Market in Mission B.C..

Together with the help of numerous Gideon friends we have had the joy of sharing the Gospel with well over 2100 guests and have been able to lead a number of folks into a first time, brand new, relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of their lives!!

We have also witnessed several of our volunteers grow in their faith in Jesus as a result of sharing the Gospel with others, sometimes for their first time ever.

So all this to say that in Carol's and in my life, we have again been shown very clearly that God not only "owns the cattle on a thousand hills"! but, that He also owns those thousand hills on which the cattle are grazing!! God owns everything!! And, He can provide the impossible. He can make a way where there is no way! "More than we can ask or imagine!"



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JANUARY

- 8-9 KNID AgriFest-Enid, OK
Jerry Rice 580-426-2442
- 9-16 South Texas Mission Trip
Deb Herrold 219-733-2684
- 9-16 Pennsylvania Farm Show-Harrisburg, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
- 12-14 Fort Wayne Farm Show-Fort Wayne, IN
Jeremy Stout 937-302-6482
- 13-14 Nebraska Farm Show-Norfolk, NE
Don Walmsely 402-371-2489
- 14-15 SC Agri Biz & Farm Expo-Florence, SC
Walter Powell 229-528-4561
- 15-16 Ag Expo-West Monroe, Louisiana
Jeff Goss 314-610-1835
- 26-2/9 Albania Mission Trip
George Holmes 607-387-6538
- 26-28 Northwest Ag Show-Portland, OR
Bob Janzen 503-868-7353
- 27-29 Sioux Falls Farm Show-Sioux Falls, SD
Martin Ellingson 605-847-4663
- ### FEBRUARY
- 2-4 Iowa Power Farming Show-Des Moines, IA
Dennis Schlagel 309-570-7004

- 4-6 Western NY Farm Show-Hamburg, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 10-12 Southern Field Days-Waimumu, NZ
Dennis Schlagel 309-530-7004
- 10-13 National Farm Machinery Show
Louisville, KY
Dennis Schlagel 309-530-7004
- 16-17 Outdoor Cabin Fever Expo
Mifflinburg, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
- 18-19 New Mexico Ag Expo-Portales, NM
Jerry Rice 580-426-2442
- 25-27 NY Farm Show-Syracuse, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 26-28 Western Farm Show-Kansas City, MO
Jeff Goss 314-610-1835

MARCH

- 1-3 Hawkeye Farm Show-Cedar Falls, IA
Joel Brown 563-432-6694
- 3-5 Pioneer Day-Zolfo Springs, FL
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 3-5 Commodity Classic-New Orleans, LA
Dennis Schlagel 309-530-7004
- 3-13 Strawberry Festival-Floral City, FL

- Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 4-5 BBQ Festival-Eagle Lake, FL
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 9-10 Triumph of Ag Expo-Omaha, NE
Ron Niedermeyer 402-264-4595
- 23-27 Sertoma Spring Blue
Grass Festival-Brooksville, FL
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 26-28 Mid America Farm Show-Salina, KS
Ron Mc Cosh 785-488-7638

APRIL

- 1-2 Dragon Boat Festival-Tavares, FL
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 10-11 Great Bend Farm & Ranch Expo
Great Bend, KS
Jeff Goss 314-610-1835
- 18-20 Oklahoma City Farm Show
Oklahoma City, OK
Tony DeGiusti 405-381-4383

MAY

- 7 Spring Fling-Danville, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876

Join And Support FCFI: / We would like to assist the mission of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers in presenting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to farmers, farm families and the entire agricultural community.

I am interested in: More information about the ministry Farm shows in my area Praying for FCFI Volunteer Opportunities

I have a prayer request _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

