



# Harvest Report 2017

Dear friend in Christ,

Greetings from the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International! The 2017 Harvest Report should be called "Harvest Action Report" with four disaster relief campaigns underway in Texas, Florida, Kansas, and Puerto Rico. Your help is needed post-harvest through spring to help farm families rebuild their farms. Farmers are battling low commodity prices and natural disasters. Despite this, we have much to be thankful unto the Lord. Scripture teaches that we are to experience joy in the midst of a trial; and that the trial will yield steadfastness.

*"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." James 1: 2-4*

We need to have a thankful heart unto the Lord regardless of our circumstances. FCFI as a ministry has much about which to be thankful. Because of your support this past year, FCFI was able to exhibit at over 100 events in North America and in New Zealand. 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.

As we look to the 2018 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 2017. 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, Mary Jones. More Prayer Team members are needed in 2018 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 2018 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Dennis Schlagel'.

Dennis Schlagel, Executive Director  
Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International