



Crop Plan 2017

Dear Friends of FCFI,

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International hopes this Crop Plan 2017 letter reaches you in the midst of getting your spring planting and re-planting completed in a timely way. Here in Central Illinois we had good conditions in early April to plant corn followed by three weeks of wet weather. FCFI has updated and repaired equipment needed to respond to disasters in the Midwest, Southwest & High Plains, and in the Gulf Coast regions. Both the FCFI Motor Coach and 5th wheel command trailer are parked in Ashland, Kansas to house and feed teams of fence builders. More about the Kansas Wildfire on page two. Your support enables the ministry to respond to tornados, hurricanes, wildfires and flooding as needed.

Spring is also the time of the year when the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International has to apply and submit payment for space at fall and winter farm shows. This is a cash flow drain for the ministry just as planting corn and soybeans is a financial strain for farmers across North America. Farmers plant expensive seed into a hostile soil with the hope of a hundred fold return. The Fellowship invests in public farm shows as a way to interact with Christians and prospective Christians regarding faith in Jesus Christ. FCFI got its start in 1985 in the midst of the farm credit/inflation crisis. Only the Lord knows the future of agriculture and our country. The Fellowship wants to be ready this summer and fall to interact with farmers about their spiritual life. Thank you for your faithful support of FCFI enabling the ministry to move forward with confidence.

The Lord is at work building a Fellowship of Christian Farmers organization in New Zealand. New Zealand's largest farm exposition is called National Fieldays. This year's Fieldays in June 14-17th at the Mystery Creek grounds near Hamilton, NZ. Farmers have prepared 1000 wordless walking sticks and 1000 wordless puzzles to share the gospel over the four day event. This is the 7th year FCFI NZ has had a display at Fieldays. The focal point of this year's exhibit is building friendship with farmers across New Zealand. Isolation is a big problem in NZ. Angus Buchan's small group DVD and study materials will be promoted to get New Zealand farmers into small groups as they enter winter. Thank you ahead of time for praying for friendship to be cultivated in New Zealand.

This is a very important time in our nation's history for the ministry to continue sharing the gospel message with people at farm shows. Your prayer and financial support keeps the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International well-funded to continue being a witness unto the Lord Jesus Christ this year.

Be sure to send the Home Office your e-mail address and place FCFI as an approved sender in your address book. This saves printing and postage costs. Be sure to "like" FCFI on its Facebook page at www.fcfi.org.

Your Brother in Christ,

Dennis Schlagel, Executive Director/CEO
Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

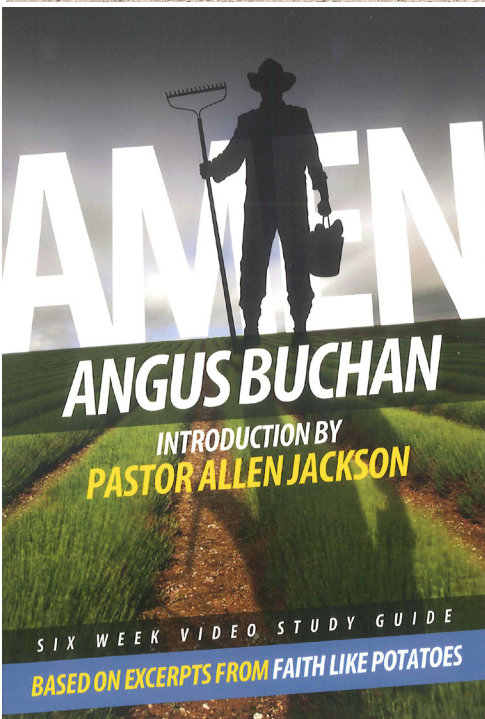


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On March 6-8th an 800,000 acre wildfire burned from Beaver, Oklahoma to Clark and Comanche counties in Kansas. Wildfires burn extremely hot and move very fast. This event is referred to as the Starbucks Wildfire. 30,000 head of cows & calves perished from the burn injuries. FCFI was compelled to respond to help any way we could. FCFI leaders Jerry Rice, Tony DeGiusti, Melvin Bell and Jamie Bush selected Ashland, Kansas as a place where the ministry Motor Coach and 5th wheel command center could be parked in an RV Park to serve to house and feed volunteer fence building teams. Teams from Crawford, Texas; Big Timber, Montana, and Fort Wayne, Indiana have driven to Ashland to help farm families rebuild. FCFI will continue to build fences in Kansas and Oklahoma for the long term. Wheat harvest is close to full speed. Weather gets hot so you have to build fence early in the morning and in the evening. There is no such thing as a well timed disaster. The work needs to get done. Pray; put together a team; and give the Fellowship Home Office 48 hours notice before you can arrive in Ashland.



Farming, You Can't Do It Alone!

FCFI has a friend in South Africa, Angus Buchan, who is a potato farmer. Angus was forced to leave his Zambia farm due to political violence and start farming from scratch in South Africa. Angus has produced a 6 week video study and guide called "Amen," aimed at farmers to create/setup connection groups.

A DVD within the kit introduces the first lesson, "You can't do it alone," with clips from the film, "Faith Like Potatoes" and footage of Angus's struggles farming. The study guide makes preparation easy.

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International is aiming to get farmers connected with each other in their local and extended communities. In today's agriculture, farmers may have their best friendships some distance away from their farm.

Our farming friends in New Zealand call a gathering of men a "Bloke Shed." The word bloke in the dictionary means "your friend." An FCFI Bloke Shed is a meeting of farmers considering how to motivate one another to do good deeds and build each other up, spiritually. Some of these good deeds would include:

- Coordinating disaster relief campaigns locally
- Organizing a six week study
- Mission trips to help missionaries and grow food in poor areas of the world, utilizing 'Foundation For Farming' strategies
- Organizing exhibits at farm shows to share the gospel message and encouraging farmers who are going through a difficult time

Build a Bloke Shed in your community! Learn more at www.fcfi.org



Our Fort Wayne, Indiana team was assigned to a ranch in the Red Hills region of Clark County Kansas. The Red Hills exist between sections of flat Kansas pasture & wheat land. The Montana team of ranchers felt right at home building fence in the Red Hills. Jacob Nader told me, "I have never built fence on flat land before. My wife and I are looking forward to it."



FCFI Board member C.P. Foster hauled another semi-load of walking stick material from Georgia to the Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch in Lampe, Missouri. Each load has 60,000 sticks that the boys at LUC Ranch prepare for use to share the Gospel message at farm shows in the Midwest and High Plains. Area Director, Gary Beery, is ready for a walking stick truckload at his farm in Ohio ASAP. In total this will be 120,000 gospel presentations made by farmers at farm shows in the next year. Each load costs \$6,000 to buy the material. C.P. Donates the trucking. PTL!



Many farm shows are in the plans for fall 2017-2018. New events include the Walworth County Fair in Elkhart, Wisconsin; Louisiana State FFA Convention; Cedar Rapids Farmers Market, Saturdays this summer; and the 58th Steam Engine and Antique Tractor Show, in Pinkerville, Illinois. All of these events include local, rural churches who desire to be part of sharing the gospel message. Your continued support makes it possible to expand FCFI's outreach ministry. The Farm Progress Show in 2015 is shown here as it returns to Decatur, Illinois August 28-30th. Hope to see you at a farm show, soon.

YES Dennis, I / We will partner with FCFI to make a difference!

Please Check All that Apply

- RAPID RESPONSE** Support FCFI Disaster Relief Campaigns including Kansas/Oklahoma Wildfires \$50,000.
- FARM SHOW MINISTRY** Help cover the exhibit fees in the coming months of \$95,000.
- SMALL GROUP MATERIALS** Angus Buchan Small Group materials inventory \$2,000.
- MOST URGENT NEED** Please use our/my gift wherever it is NEEDED MOST on the day it arrives.

My/Our Gift Amount: \$30 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$500 ___ Other Amount \$ _____

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- We will partner with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers in praying for its ministry outreach.

Please pray for us: _____

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Registration Deadline:
June 28, 2017

Registration Form

24th Annual FCFI Conference
July 28 - 30, 2017 - York, PA

Make Checks Payable to:
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P.O. Box 15, Lexington, IL 61753

Name _____

Spouse _____

Children _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Conference is scheduled for Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning

_____ # of additional Nights, please specify dates _____

Additional Conference Activities
CHECK OPTIONS BELOW AND INCLUDE PAYMENT
ALONG WITH REGISTRATION FEES

Sight and Sound Theatre, Jonah
\$54.00 US each

Bus Tour - \$15.00 each

Good and Plenty Restaurant
\$24.50 each

Golf (*check if you plan to play*)

Conference Registration Fees
FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY, SUNDAY MORNING

Adults _____ \$250.00 US each

Children _____ \$80.00 US each

Total _____ \$ _____



24th Annual Conference

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

"But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" 2 Corinthians 10:17

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- Rapid Action Reports
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Keynote Speaker

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Author of "Forgiven: The Amish School Shooting, a Mother's Love, and a Story of Remarkable Grace"

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