



Harvest Report 2018

Dear friend in Christ,

Greetings from the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International! The 2018 Harvest Report should be called, "Harvest Action Report" with two hurricane disaster relief campaigns underway in Florida, North Carolina, and Georgia. Your help is needed post-harvest through spring to help farm families rebuild their farms. Hurricane Florence in North Carolina and Hurricane Michael in Florida's Panhandle both have base camps set up to house and feed volunteer workers. Despite these storms, 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 farm show exhibit.

As we look to the 2019 ministry year the opportunities to share the Gospel with a lost and hurting world seems limitless. Recently a pastor/corn grower in the Philippines met with farmers from Iowa and Wisconsin requesting that FCFI come to the Philippines to disciple farmers. You play a vital role in this special group in a way 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 2018. 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 2019 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 2019 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 of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International ministry.

In Christ's service,

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2019 Ministry Opportunities

Help Future Disaster Relief Teams

FCFI continues to serve Christ by serving others. In 2018 FCFI mobilized volunteers who served on disaster relief teams in Oklahoma, Missouri, Florida, and North Carolina.

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.



Following the landfall of Hurricane Michael, October 11th, near Panama City, Florida as a category 4 hurricane with winds of 155 mph, the hurricane lost little power and quickly moved through Blountstown and Marianna, Florida. Hurricane Michael as a category 1 & 2 moved into Georgia cotton and peanut fields causing \$1 billion worth of crop losses. The FCFI Motor Coach and shower trailer is parked at the Riverton Community Church in Marianna, Florida ready to host volunteer disaster workers. Contact the FCFI Home Office to join a team.



Massive post oak and pine trees have fallen on farm homes and on fences.

Every farm has tremendous building losses.



The original FCFI shower trailer was being used in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in a long term flood relief project. Our Vermilion Parish cattlemen friends, led by Al Lee, became the "Cajun Navy" and delivered the shower trailer to Florida to be part of the Hurricane Michael disaster relief campaign.

Support 2018-2019 Short-Term Missions Teams

For thirty three 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!

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.

Serving, Sowing, Reaping for Christ Around the World



Provide Farm Show Ministry Opportunities

Evangelism is FCFI's core 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.

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!



The Farm Progress Show in Boone, Iowa was shortened when a thunderstorm moved into the Show grounds Tuesday afternoon. Over 3000 walking sticks were used to share the gospel with farmers from all over the world. 2018 was a great year to share the Gospel at farm shows across North America.

FCFI Board member, CP Foster, has used his truck to deliver loads of walking sticks wherever needed. This fall he delivered 60,000 sticks to Kendal & Virginia Pliner's farm in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Area Director, Walter Powell in Omega, Georgia organizes the shipment of material throughout the year. Each load has a material cost of \$6000. Your support makes it possible for walking sticks to be available at over 100 events in North America each year.



The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International has been an exhibitor at the National FFA Convention and FFA Expo for 25 years. In February the National FFA Home Office contacted FCFI to explain that exhibit space would not be granted to FCFI for the 2018 FFA Expo. The National FFA wants its Expo to be more "inclusive" at future Expos. The Fellowship plans to exhibit at as many State FFA Conventions as possible. Your help is needed in 2019 to make these new State FFA convention exhibits happen.

Without the generous financial partnership of our ministry friends we would 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

2019 Budget: \$95,000

Rapid Response Teams

*Support Disaster Relief in North America including Florida,
Georgia, North Carolina, and Puerto Rico*

2019 Budget: \$50,000

Short term missions

*Provide Support For FCFI Mission Projects
in Mexico, Albania, New Zealand, Puerto Rico
Philippines, Florida, and Zimbabwe*

2019 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:

\$30 \$50 \$100 \$500 Other Amount \$_____

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