



Dear friend in Christ,

Greetings from the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International Home Office in Lexington, Illinois. Illinois still has a lot of corn and soybeans to harvest in November. Delayed planting means late harvesting. Many farmers are surprised to learn that more grain is being harvested than they thought possible. This growing season has produced anxious and stressful moments. The Lord has promised to hold us up.

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 40: 10

FCFI as a ministry has much about which to be thankful. Because of your support, FCFI was able to exhibit at over 120 events in North America and New Zealand. The South Island Agricultural Field Days in New Zealand's South Island near Christchurch was one week after a terrorist, wearing a Go Pro video camera on his forehead, shot and killed 50 people in a mosque using the video camera to Facebook live the event in public mode for all of New Zealand's 5.0 million people to watch. Horrific. The FCFI NZ team spent a lot of time during the three-day farm show listening to farmers, sadly, reflect how such an evil event could happen in their community of Christchurch. Pray for FCFI NZ as they plan farm show outreach in Christchurch, Waimumu, and Hamilton in the next seven months.

As we look to 2020 ministry year, two new opportunities present a huge challenge to us. After being told by the National FFA Expo that after 25 years of exhibiting, FCFI would not be allowed to have a booth at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Instead, the Fellowship shared the Gospel with high school FFA members at 17 state conventions. Wonderful response from Vo-Ag instructors and FFA members. Many Vo-Ag/ FFA Advisors asked what they needed to do to start a local chapter of Fellowship of Christian Farmers for High School. Now the Fellowship is praying for the Lord's direction how do we best answer that question? The second opportunity is setting up displays at community Farmer's Markets. A church in Mechanicsville, Iowa set up a 10' X 20' tent on 14th Street in Cedar Rapids, Iowa at a Farmers Market on a Saturday in August. Over 2500 people heard the gospel message! How many other cities could FCFI set exhibits to share the gospel message of the Lord?

The Fellowship needs prayer more than ever as the Board of Directors makes plans for the 2020 ministry year. Our Prayer Team has over 600 people who pray for the needs presented to them by the Home Office or by Prayer Coordinator, Mary Jones. More Prayer Team members are needed in 2020. The Prayer Guide is printed and emailed 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 2020 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.

In Christ's service,

Dennis Schlagel, Executive Director
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2020 Ministry Opportunities

Help Future Disaster Relief Teams

FCFI continues to serve Christ by serving others. In 2019 FCFI mobilized volunteers who served on disaster relief teams in Florida, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, and Texas.

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.



One year after Hurricane Michael, a 54-mile-wide path of damage remains on Florida and Georgia farms. USDA disaster relief funds have finally been appropriated for Hurricane Michael victims. Now long-term disaster relief continues. The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, Int. will again cooperate with Mennonite Disaster Relief to begin building fences; cutting downed trees in pastures; and other projects farm families need. Mike Weaver, left, and Mike Brehm, right, led several crews in Marianna, Florida last winter. Contact the FCFI Home Office to join a team.

Support 2019-2020 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.

The Missouri River and all the rivers that drain into the Missouri River flooded the eastern Nebraska beginning in late March. Many bridges were knocked out. Combined with late planting, the large-scale flooding has slowed fence building. FCFI crews from Colorado, Illinois and Oklahoma spent the spring removing trash and railroad ties from fields that needed to be planted to corn. Lord willing FCFI volunteers can help make repairs in November and again next spring in another long-term recovery disaster project. Contact the FCFI Home Office to join a Nebraska disaster relief team.



Southeast Texas had 30 inches of rain from a tropical storm that flooded Beaumont, Texas. Baptist Disaster Relief has its equipment spread thin across Southeast Texas. FCFI has been asked to move one of its shower trailers to Beaumont, Texas to help set up a base camp to flood relief this winter. Contact the FCFI Home Office to join a Texas Disaster Relief Team.



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 120 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!



Pastor Antonio Gomez in Torreon, Mexico has hosted many farmers in the winter to build a new church facility in a city named San Antonio. This year the Fellowship shipped a truckload of Astro Turf for the Spanish/American Mission; Pastor Antonio's Mission. The Astro Turf was installed for youth soccer ministry. Your help is needed in Torreon, Mexico with FCFI President Dave Carter in February. Construction is needed for Sunday school rooms and soccer ministry disciple training. There is no safer place than in the center of the Lord's will expanding the youth ministry in Torreon. Contact FCFI President, Dave Carter, to join the team to Mexico. carterfarm@sbcglobal.net or cell 765-438-0855

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers Area Director, Mike Weaver is shown in the center of the FCFI exhibit at the Arkansas State FFA Convention. FCFI organized 17 State Convention exhibits for the first time this year. Five more states have been nominated by farmers to have exhibits in 2020. Each exhibit costs \$800-1000 to set up. Your prayer and financial support will make this expansion possible.



In August a church in Mechanicsville, Iowa set up a 10' X 20' Fellowship display at a Cedar Rapids, Iowa Farmer's Market. 123,000 people live in Cedar Rapids. 30 members were trained to share the gospel using wordless walking sticks. Over 2500 people stopped into the exhibit to hear the gospel. It was a thrilling event.

How many other cities in America could we do this?

FCFI Area Director, Jeff Goss is presenting the gospel with FFA members at the Oklahoma State FFA Convention. Jeff led several of the 17 FCFI Exhibits at State FFA Conventions. Many Vo-Ag Instructor/ FFA Advisors asked Jeff what would it take to

organize a Fellowship of Christian Farmers Club for high school students. Would you pray for the FCFI Board of Directors as they plan how we could do this with high school agriculture students? In 1985, Fellowship of Christian Athletes helped found the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. Thank you for praying.



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

2020 Budget: \$143,000

☐ **Rapid Response Teams**

*Support Disaster Relief in North America including Florida,
Nebraska and Texas*

2020 Budget: \$50,000

☐ **Short term missions**

*Provide Support For FCFI Mission Projects
in Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines and Australia*

2020 Budget: \$30,000

☐ **Most Urgent Need**

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