



Harvest Report 2021

Photo by Catrina Rawson

Dear friend in Christ,

Greetings from the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International Home Office in Lexington, Illinois. Harvesting and fall fieldwork is getting done this year on a timely basis. In the spring "Crop Plan" letter I wrote to you about 2021 being "A Time of New Beginnings" for FCFI and rural churches getting back to full ministry speed. Inside this issue of the "Harvest Report" are some examples of "New Beginnings" for ministry in 2021. Psalm 91 has been an encouraging scripture we have duplicated and handed out to people we have met.

Psalm 91: Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord He alone is my refuge, My place of safety he is my God, and I trust him. For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection. Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday. Though a thousand fall at your side, though the thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you. Just open your eyes, and see the wicked are punished. If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you no plague will come near your home. For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone. You will trample upon lions and cobras you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet. The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation.

The Fellowship needs prayer more than ever as Board of Directors makes plans for the 2022 ministry year. Our Prayer Team has over 600 people who pray for the needs presented to them by Home Office or by Prayer Coordinator, Mary Jones. More Prayer Team members are needed in 2022. The Prayer Guide is written by Mary Jones, and is printed and emailed monthly.

Today, just as I did one year ago, 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 2022 will be over \$450,000. 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.

In Christ's service,

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2022 Ministry Opportunities

Help Future Disaster Relief Teams

FCFI continues to serve Christ by serving others. In 2021 FCFI mobilized volunteers who served on disaster relief teams in Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana and Lillian, Alabama. Several other tornado storms were scouted but found to not warrant an FCFI base camp for longer time clean-up.

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.

Disaster Relief in Louisiana

January 10-15, 2022 & February 14-19, 2022

Hurricane Ida Disaster Relief trips are organized with FCFI Area Director Mike Weaver and the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association near Baton Rouge, LA partnering with FCFI for these trips.

Work includes fence building and repairing; tree removal, and livestock building repair. Contact Area Director Mike Weaver at cell/text 618-499-1386. FCFI Home Office at cell/text 309-530-7004. **Ministry Need: State Coordinators needed for Disaster Relief**



Kenosha County Fair Outreach

One year ago the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin in Kenosha County was invaded by Black Lives Matter and Antifa protestors. People were killed and businesses burned. Mt Zion Christian Church in Lake Geneva, WI asked FCFI if the ministry would partner with them to have an Exhibit at the Kenosha County Fair. Pastor Dave Adams organized the preparation of wordless walking sticks material for sharing the gospel message. Over 30 members were trained to share the gospel message. Sunday afternoon 31 people, after sharing their story of what was going on in Kenosha, prayed to receive Christ as their Savior. Church attendance in the area increased too. 2022 ministry goals include Sheboygan County Fair to have a local church with FCFI set up an Outreach Tent In September, similar to the one in Kenosha. This is an example of "New Beginnings."

2022 State FFA Conventions

FCFI has participated in 30 State's FFA Conventions in the past three years either in person or virtual. Several states like Oregon and Virginia we got close to having an exhibit but was cancelled by the virus. Please pray for ministry plans being made for 2022 State FFA Conventions across America.

Ministry Need: 30 leaders to assist in starting Zoom and in-person Small Groups in all states to grow in friendship and faith in Christ. Need State Coordinators of Disaster Relief consisting of FFA members volunteering to help farm families impacted by a disaster.

Another "New Beginning" in the making.



Oregon Ag Prayer Breakfast

Rob Smucker CEO of Smucker Manufacturing organized a Prayer Breakfast, September 21st, in a farm field along I-5. Rob's vision was to set up a tent to handle 900 farmers to meet and pray for rural America. As the two photos below show, over 900 farmers came to pray. FCFI's representative was John Caster. John was one of seven Ag Leaders asked to lead prayer at this breakfast.

The next Ag Prayer Event is being planned by Rob Smucker, FCFI, and other leaders at the National Farm Machinery Show, February 16-19, 2022 in Louisville, KY. Please google search "Man versus Weeds" to watch video of this wonderful gathering!



Serving, Sowing, Reaping for Christ Around the World



Support 2021-2022 Short-Term Mission Teams

For 34 years FCFI partners have helped us as we lead and resource short term Mission 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 Mission Teams to be able to serve and glorify Christ on the front lines of the mission field.



ECHO Global Farm Mission Trip

January 29 - February 2, 2022

Cost: \$250

17391 Durrance Road, N. Fort Myers, FL

Contact Ron & Deb Herrold for more information: 219-916-3535 or 219-916-3994



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.

Thousands of people have a chance to hear the Gospel story including the power of Christ's love for them and how each person could know Him personally!

Mecum Fall Tractor Auction

The Fellowship was given a 1964 John Deere 4020 diesel tractor that was placed on the November 11-13th Mechem Fall Tractor Auction in the new Bend XPO Center in East Moline.. FCFI was assigned a 10'x20' exhibit space to promote FCFI ministry and our JD 4020.

Rodney Miller, who hosts RFD-TV program entitled, "Small Town/Big Deal", bought the FCFI JD 4020. Rodney Miller later told Mecum Auction TV hosts that he is familiar with Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International and he wishes to support this outstanding organization. Rodney put FCFI on the Mecum Charity map. Let's pray that more tractor enthusiasts would consider donating a tractor to FCFI for Mecum's Spring Auction March 22-24, 2022 in East Moline, Illinois.



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

- 2022 Budget Goal** **\$450,000**
- Farm Show Ministry**
Over 100 farm shows in 25 states, 22 State FFA Conventions and 5 NEW County Fair exhibits similar to the Kenosha County Fair
- Rapid Response Ministry**
Support Disaster Relief projects in Amite, Louisiana, Kentucky and Mississippi
- Short-Term Ministry**
Provide support of the ECHO Global Farms project in Ft. Myers Florida, January 29 - February 2, 2022
- Most Urgent Need**
Please use our/my gift wherever it is needed most on the day it arrives.

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

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