



Harvest Report 2022

Photo by Catrina Rawson

Dear friend in Christ,

Greetings from the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International Home Office in Lexington, Illinois. Low rainfall the length of the Mississippi River has limited barge traffic south of St. Louis, Missouri to a channel in the middle of the river for half filled grain barges to make their way to the Gulf of Mexico and to markets around the world. Pray for the rain needed to refill the Mississippi River and all the rivers that drain into it. This grain is needed to feed the world. Thank the Lord for His provision of a crop in 2022.

Thank the Lord for the opportunity for the Fellowship of Christian Farmers to have the church facilities FCFI Romania Mission teams help build over the years first for Christian youth camping in western Romania and now to house Ukrainian refugees young and old from the war in Ukraine. FCFI President Steve Cernek made 17 mission trips to Romanian to build a dairy farm for Caminul Felix orphanage and to build church facilities for Pastor Alex. FCFI Chaplain Kevin Cernek, who pastors the Martintown Community Church, over many years wires support money to Pastor Alex's church electronically. When Pastor Alex was asked to host 70 Ukrainian orphans with eight hours notice, the existing facilities plus a electronic path to resources supported Pastor Alex's decision to say "Yes!" To me it was a modern day George Mueller testimony of the Lord's faithfulness .

Pastor Alex and his wife, Rodi, attended the FCFI Annual Conference in Branson Missouri. What a joy it was! Continue to pray in the New Year for the 53 refugees who are living at Pastor Alex's church.

The Fellowship needs prayer more than ever as the Board of Directors meet December 16th in Kokomo, Indiana to make plans for the 2023 ministry year. Our Prayer Team has over 800 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 2023. 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 2023 will be over \$500,000. Would you prayerfully consider making a special gift towards meeting this budget goal? Thank you for you continued support of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International.

In Christ's service,

Dennis Schlagel, Executive Director
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2023 Ministry Opportunities

Help Future Disaster Relief Teams

FCFI continues to serve Christ by serving others. In 2022 FCFI mobilized volunteers who served on disaster relief teams in Marianna, Florida; Cookeville, Tennessee; Laurel, Mississippi; Keystone, Iowa, Abbeville, Louisiana; and Lillian, Alabama.

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 Florida and Eastern Kentucky

Hurricane Ian disaster relief base camp has been established at the Mt Ephraim Baptist Church, in Arcadia, Florida. Contact the FCFI Home Office to join a Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief team. Cell/text 309-530-7004 e-mail fellowship@fcfi.org



County Fairs, Farm Shows, and Community Events Exhibits Expand

The two years of virus has been hard on rural churches. FCFI has made it a priority to assist rural churches set up exhibits to share the gospel in their community and disaster relief in their area when disaster strikes. Washington County, Texas was one of the new county fair locations. Rancher and retired Vo-Ag/FFA advisor, Arthur Free, led his church to set up a Washington County Fair booth in September that had a tremendous response to the gospel. Arthur is planning to help lead the FCFI exhibit at the Texas State FFA Convention next July. Lord willing the church will be at a farm show for rice growers in April. The Lord has blessed this Washington County, Texas effort.



2023 State FFA Conventions

FCFI has participated in 30 State FFA Conventions in the past four years either in person or virtual. Oregon and Virginia had FCFI exhibits in 2022. Please pray for the ministry plans being made for the 2023 State FFA Convention across America. Pray, too, that the Lord opens the door for FCFI to return to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October 2023.

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. State Coordinators needed for Disaster Relief consisting of FFA members volunteering to help impacted by a disaster.

Praying for Farmers returns to the National Farm Machinery Show in February

Hall B seminar room and live streams will be used to pray for farmers at the National Farm Machinery Show. Last year 300 people attended live and 10,000 watched on-line as farmers presented prayer for many sectors of American Agriculture. Your help is needed.



Serving, Sowing, Reaping for Christ Around the World



Support 2022-2023 Short-Term Mission Teams

For 35 years FCFI partners have helped FCFI 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

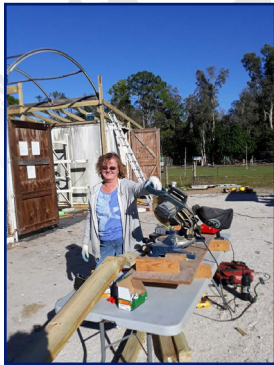
January 28 - February 3, 2023

Cost: \$250

Annual FCFI maintenance projects in support of ECHO's World Conference

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 Premier Tractor Auction

The Fellowship was given two mini replica 4020 John Deere tractors converted from JD 110 garden tractors by Don Miske, Allenton, Wisconsin farmer. FCFI was assigned a 10' X 20' exhibit space to promote FCFI ministry and our two JD mini replica 4020's. Let's pray that more tractor enthusiasts would consider donating a tractor to FCFI for Mecum's Spring Classic Auction March 23-25, 2023 in East Moline, Illinois. Visit www.fcfi.org to view the auction on November 19th when the two mini 4020's were sold.



Don Miske as a young farmer mowing grass with the 1964 John Deere 110 tractor he converted into a mini replica JD 4020. Tractor was in his family 57 years.

Mark Bures and Don Miske driving the two JD 4020 mini replica tractors to the loading dock at the Mecum Fall Premier at the Bend Xpo in East Moline, Illinois. Mark's son and daughter in law had twin boys born in August. Someday soon the boys will have these tractors to drive at grandpa's farm.

Attention to detail, a fantastic paint job, and clean workmanship made the mini replica 4020 fit right in with the 1000 tractors at this year's auction. Let's pray that more tractor enthusiasts would consider donating a tractor to FCFI for Mecum's Spring Classic, March 23-25, 2023 in East Moline.

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

- 2023 Budget Goal** **\$500,000**
- Farm Show Ministry**
Over 100 farm shows in 25 states, 30 State FFA Conventions and 5 NEW County Fair exhibits similar to the Washington County, Texas Fair
- Rapid Response Ministry**
Support Disaster Relief projects in Arcadia, Florida and Jackson, Kentucky
- Short-Term Ministry**
Provide support for:
 - ECHO Global Farms project in Ft. Myers, FL January 28 - February 3, 2023
 - Pastor Alex in Oradea, Romania: March 1-14, 2023. Led by FCFI President Steve Cernek
- 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 you in praying for the ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers International

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