

# The Profit

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*For what shall it profit a man to gain the world and lose his soul. - Mark 8:36*



Scan the QR Code to watch the February Jamaica response video. Join us for our 3rd trip to Jamaica November 14-22, 2026

Celebrating  
**40**  
YEARS



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Young boy who joined in efforts to rebuild their church destroyed by Hurricane Melissa

*Sowing, Serving, Reaping for Christ Around the World*



## Romania Mission Trip Summary

I have just returned from a mission trip to Romania. Long time FCFI friend Dave Ferris and another young man Daniel and I, flew over the 'pond' and drove into the country in early March. We were also blessed to have Dave's daughter Kirsten join with us! The weather there was a big improvement over the Wisconsin weather that hit my home state of Wisconsin while I was gone. In Romania we had sunny nice days in the 50's and 60's the whole time, while the blizzard conditions that hit my home state seemed a world away!

When we arrived we were greeted by Pastor Alex and his family who hosted us at the Camp Rabi where we stayed. The first week we shared the place with a group of Ukrainian workers who were working on the roads in the area which made for some interesting times!

Our work projects were focused on getting the facilities ready for the summer camps coming up this summer. They did have limited sessions there last year but we still had a lot of finishing work to do to get things better prepared. We finished suppling and installing the bathroom fixtures. We closed off drywalled a meeting room area and preparing for painting the chapel building along with closing in the outer eaves and the outside end of the building. With God's help and several church people involved, and we accomplished a great deal during the time we were there.

It was very fun and rewarding to work alongside many local fellow believers and help to further the dream of have a fully functioning facility for God to use in that part of Romania. That dream includes summer camp opportunities for churches to share the life changing message of a personal relationship with Jesus for young people. Plans to have Christ centered retreats for pastor's and wives, young families, and other outreach events are all part of the dream.

This summer we are planning for two special camp sessions for outreach to underprivileged kids. One will reach out to kids from smaller villages who usually would not have the chance or finances to go to camps. They will be engaged with church kids and leaders. The second will be a music camp and offer opportunities for kids to have some basic music instruction backed by Biblical instruction. The possibilities are endless and it is great to see the former nursing home will be filled up with new activity serving Him!

A highlight of the time there was again spending time worshiping with the churches and at revival meeting. Even when our earthly languages are not the same our heavenly connection is powerful and the encouragement and love is strongly felt.

We also delivered supplies and visited another ministry that Dave and Kirsten have supported called "River of Life Ministry" that is near Arad. Of course, we visited a couple of dairy farms and ate lots of cheese too.

If you want to learn more about the ongoing work in Romania, I would invite you to visit with Pastor Alex at the FCFI conference July 21-24 this year in Branson, Missouri. He and Rodi are planning to attend and he will be teaching the early devotions and his son Abiel will lead the worship times that are planned for the conference this year.

So, keep serving... and stay focused on Jesus as you follow His leading, and I look forward to seeing you all in Branson this July!

In Christ, Steve



Steve Cernek  
FCFI President

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## Join Walking Stick Work Days - July 7-9, New York

The event will be held July 7-9, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at Pilgrim Holiness Church in Marcy, NY, with coffee and donuts in the morning and lunch provided at noon. Volunteers are welcome for any amount of time, with a goal of preparing 20,000 sticks. Tents will be set up rain or shine, and lodging is available for out-of-town participants. RSVP to Bill and Kathy Brown at (315) 736-5964.

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Matthew 9:37*

## Calling Forth the Next Laborers in the Harvest

Dan Janzen, Executive Director, FCFI

In recent months, I've seen both great need and great hope. In Jamaica, FCFI partnered with local pastors to rebuild churches and parsonages after hurricane damage, and we are preparing to return this November with volunteers to repair a Bible college and help vulnerable families establish sustainable livelihoods through tree nurseries and orchard development.

Closer to home, we are engaging thousands through FFA and agricultural events. Many are searching, but without intentional discipleship they will not become spiritually grounded. Church attendance alone is not enough—young people need guidance to stand firm amid cultural confusion and shifting priorities.

At the same time, many who built ministries like FCFI are aging out of leadership, while too few are stepping forward to take their place. Today's young farmers face rising costs, volatile markets, and isolation, increasing the need for strong spiritual formation and community. Yet farming itself remains a powerful mission field—places where faith can be lived out and shared.

FCFI is developing tools like Farm Genius and expanding digital discipleship efforts to connect people with biblical truth and the local church. But tools alone are not enough. Without intentional mentorship, we risk losing a generation of rural leaders and gospel witnesses.

We are committed not only to sharing the gospel, but to walking with people as they grow. That requires people—volunteers willing to step in.

### Sign up for training, coordinating, or helping:

- Online & travel outreach to **developing countries**
- **FFA US mission/disaster relief trip** coordinator and helpers needed
- **Navajo Nation** outreach – early October  
Jeff Goss: (314) 610-1835
- **North Carolina** disaster rebuilding, Sept. 2026  
Bill Brown: (315) 749-6823
- **4H/FFA chapter** outreach training  
Art Free (512) 760-0510
- **Online disciplers** needed for follow-up from our outreach sign up
- **Online discipleship tool** and **Farm Planner** program training signup
- **Jamaica** disaster relief and ag development trip  
Nov. 14-22
- Trips to **Romania, Albania, Germany, and Philippines**  
TBA, please inquire for details

Unless otherwise noted contact **Dan Janzen** at **616 676-6684** or **dan@fci.org**



Scott Fischer received a volunteer of the year award on behalf of FCFI from Riverside Camp.

### Welcome John Hamilton



John Hamilton joins us as Ministry Operations Manager, succeeding Amy Taylor, who transitioned to another ministry. John was raised in Dayton, Ohio, has pastoral training: Mt. Vernon Nazarene, an Architectural Drafting degree: NC Michigan,

and a BS in Communication: Western Michigan. He has previously held a pastorate and then spent 25 years in call center IT. He brings a strong passion for supporting farmers and seeing lives changed by the Gospel. John and his wife, Laura, live in Gobles, Michigan.



Join us in evangelizing at **Shiprock, NM fair Oct 1-4** when nearly 100 thousand Navajos come together to be a part of a big Fair, rodeo, flea market, carnival, ceremonial dancing, and big parade.



# 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

**40 Years of Faith and Fellowship**

*"At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up" Galatians 6:9 (NLT)*



**July 22 - 24, 2026 - Branson, Missouri**

## FEATURING

- Farm Show Reports
- Disaster Relief Reports
- Heritage Panel Discussion
- Devotions
- Special Speakers
- FCFI Auction
- Great Food & Fellowship
- Worship with Pastor Alex Stroie

### Early Arrival Activities\*

- George Washington Carver Birthplace & Museum
- Sight & Sound Theatre: David
- Convoy of Hope Tour
- Shepherd of the Hills Tour

Special Entertainment  
Jane Herlong



Thursday Evening Concert

Thursday Keynote Speaker  
Calvin Beisner



Founder, Cornwall Alliance

Friday Keynote Speaker  
Nathan Mayo



VP of Programs, TrueCharity

## The Lodge of the Ozarks, Branson, MO

For more information, contact: FCFI (309) 307-5870 or [teresa@fcfi.org](mailto:teresa@fcfi.org)

**Register and Pay Online at [fcfi.org/conference](http://fcfi.org/conference)**

Registration Deadline:  
Friday, June 19, 2026

## Registration Form

33rd Annual FCFI Conference  
July 22 - 24, 2026 - Branson, MO

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Arrival Special Note: If you are staying Tuesday night, please send Extra Night's Lodging fee of \$145 along with your registration**

*Conference fees include; 6 meals and 2 nights lodging per person.*

*Conference starts Wednesday at 5:30pm*

Make Checks Payable to:  
FCFI Conference

1833 S. Burdick St, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

### \*Additional Conference Activities

CHECK OPTIONS BELOW AND INCLUDE  
PAYMENT ALONG WITH REGISTRATION FEES

- George Washington Carver Birthplace & Museum** FREE
- Sight & Sound Theatre: David**  
Adults \$75 each # \_\_\_\_\_  
Children (2-12) \$40 ea # \_\_\_\_\_
- Convoy of Hope Tour** FREE
- Shepherd of the Hills Tour**  
Adults \$17 each # \_\_\_\_\_  
Children (2-12) \$11 ea # \_\_\_\_\_
- Tuesday Night Lodging**  
Per Room \$145

### Conference Registration Fees

WEDNESDAY SUPPER THROUGH FRIDAY LUNCH

- Adults \$300 each # \_\_\_\_\_
- Children \$100 each # \_\_\_\_\_
- Total** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# 33rd Annual Conference

## Early Arrival Activities\*

**Tuesday, July 21st**

**9:45 am**

### **George Washington Carver's Birthplace**

**and Museum - FREE** (one-mile walking tour optional)

5646 Carver Road, Diamond, MO 64840

<https://www.nps.gov/gwca>

**2:45 pm**

### **Sight and Sound Theatre: David**

\$75 adults/\$40 Children (2-12 years)

1001 Shepherd of the Hills Expy

Branson, MO 65616

<https://www.sight-sound.com/shows/david>



**Wednesday, July 22nd**

**8:00 am**

### **Convoy of Hope Tour - FREE**

1 Convoy Dr, Springfield, MO 65801

<https://convoyofhope.org>

Early lunch available to purchase at Convoy of Hope

**1:45 pm**

### **Shepherd of the Hills Farm Tour**

\$17 adults/\$11 Children (2-12 years)

Jeep-pulled tram and tour (minimal walking)

<https://theshepherdofthehills.com>

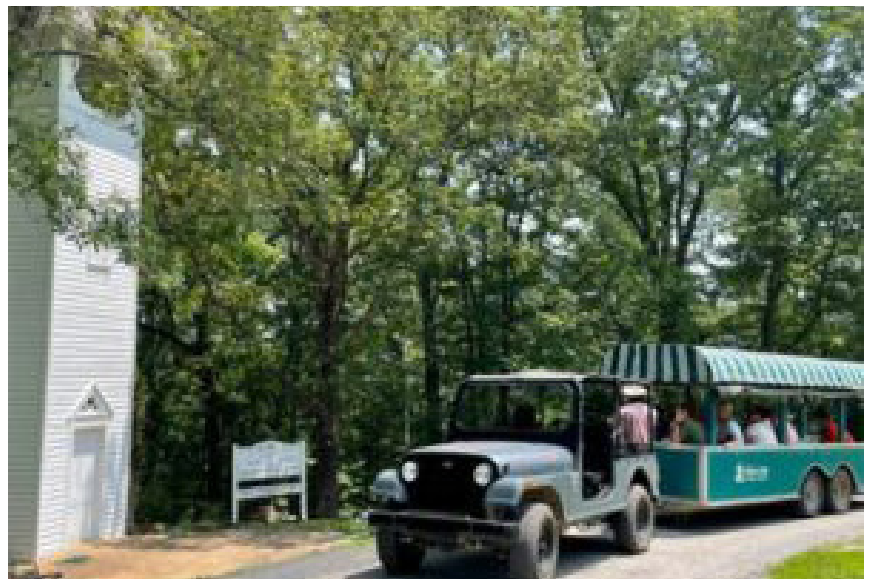


**3:00 - 5:00 pm**

### **Conference Registration**

at The Lodge of the Ozarks, Branson, MO

conference begins at 5:30pm



**Please pay for early arrival conference activities, including Tuesday lodging, when registering for conference.**



Organic Growers Summit, Monterey, CA, the first FCFI farm show on the West Coast. Terry Morrison on left helped at FFA conventions in Oregon and Washington also. Jeff Goss in center and executive director on right all sharing the gospel.



Jeff Goss at our first California FFA convention



At Redmond, Oregon FFA convention 3 ladies took it on themselves to multiply our gospel sharing efforts with the 5 color Smile God Loves You tract. They were so excited to share with others at the convention that they came back twice to get more.



Dan Janzen sharing with Oregon FFA youth



Julia pictured with her horse.

## A Conversation that Opened The Door to Faith

Julia Larson recently attended the Iowa FFA State Convention, where she and a friend visited a booth and met Glenn Schuler. Their conversation quickly became meaningful as he shared the message of the Gospel using a simple bracelet, an approach Larson described as “so refreshing.” As a born-again believer, she had been praying for an opportunity to talk with her friend about faith but hadn’t found the right moment—until this encounter.

Inspired by Schuler’s clarity and boldness, Larson was able to begin a deeper conversation about her beliefs. Her friend, who had some church background through attending a Methodist congregation with her grandmother, realized she had never fully understood the meaning of salvation. The discussion sparked genuine curiosity, and the two have since expressed a desire—Lord willing—to begin a Bible study together to continue exploring the Gospel. Larson shared her gratitude for Schuler’s willingness to engage so openly, noting that his simple yet intentional approach helped create a pivotal moment that opened the door for ongoing spiritual conversation.

# Yes! I/we will partner with FCFI to help make a difference!

Please Check All that Apply

- DISASTER RELIEF** Support FCFI Disaster Relief Campaigns in Jamaica, and emerging crises - **\$75,000**
- FFA & FARM SHOW MINISTRY** Help cover the farm show costs for 2026 - **\$400,000**
- DONATE EQUIPMENT/LAND/COMMODITY/OTHER ASSETS**  
Please contact us to arrange a non-cash donation
- 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank-you for helping FCFI get more digital in communicating with you.

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- Becoming a Discippler (phone or online)
- Coordinating International discipleship or entrepreneur groups
- Sharing unused hotel/travel points or a hotel employee discount with the FCFI ministry
- Donating auction items for the FCFI Conference
- Sponsoring a conference attendee
- We will partner with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers in praying for its ministry outreach.
- Creating Gospel centered give away items (bracelets/walking sticks)
- Tax-wise giving (grain, livestock, and other assets)

Please pray for us: \_\_\_\_\_

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To make your tax deductible gift securely on-line please go to [www.fcfi.org](http://www.fcfi.org) and click the 'Donate' button.

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## Operation Haylift Wildfire Disaster Response

### FCFI Contributes \$23,000 in Partnership with Farm Rescue for Fire Relief

In response to devastating wildfires across Kansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska, Fellowship of Christian Farmers International (FCFI) has partnered with Farm Rescue through Operation Haylift 2026 to deliver critical relief to ranch families who have lost pasture, feed, and livestock. Through this growing effort, volunteers are hauling donated hay directly to those in need, providing both practical support and encouragement during a difficult season. Thanks to this partnership, FCFI has already contributed over \$23,000 to cover fuel, lodging, and meal costs for drivers, helping ensure that aid reaches families efficiently. What may seem like a simple act of delivering hay has become a lifeline—demonstrating the power of faith, stewardship, and collaboration in meeting urgent needs across the fire-ravaged plains.

Pictured: Nebraska rancher & his dog with wildfire relief hay in the background that FCFI and Farm Rescue teamed up to deliver to 37 ranch families.



