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



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



Dave Carter
FCFI President

Many friendships have been made through Fellowship of Christian Farmers activities including mission trips, disaster relief and working at farm shows. The annual conference is a chance to renew those friendships or even start new ones. The 25th Annual Conference is being held in Lexington, Kentucky from July 27-29. A main feature this year is the opportunity to visit both the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. If you have never visited either one or only one, this is a great opportunity to see a fantastic display of God's work brought to life in a way that puts you in the midst of it. I have been through both experiences and it is well worth going.

At the conference itself, you will get to hear Tim Chaffey and Andrew Jit. There will be reports on mission work in Mexico and Jamaica, on disaster relief work after hurricanes and wildfires and many different workshops of which you can choose. The popular FCFI Auction will be back along with shoe collections. Put the dates on your calendar and be praying for all the activities that take place. We want each of you to experience all that God has for you at the 25th Annual Conference. Come and make new friends.

Dave Carter,
FCFI Board President



Dennis Schlager
FCFI Executive Director/CEO

On the cover of this issue of Profit magazine are four photos of the ministry in action. Top left photo was taken in the Great Plains exhibit at the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky. The Peterson Farm Brothers helped lead the Thursday morning Devotional Service from 8:00-8:45 in the South Wing Seminar Room. Greg and BrookeAnna sang and shared their testimony during the Devotion program. This young couple were married one month after the Louisville Farm Show and travelled to New Zealand for their honeymoon, and while there spoke to four NZ Farm Organizations.

The top right and bottom right photo show the Fellowship's response to learning of drought conditions in south central Missouri in the Mountain Grove area. Truckloads of quality hay came from Tuttle, Oklahoma and Danvers, Illinois. Disaster Relief Coordinator, Tony DeGiusti's truckload arrived first, as evidenced by the dairy cows lining up for a good meal. The truck being loaded was at the Bob Yoder farm north of Danvers, Illinois. Joe Bachman, from Roanoke, Illinois, and Tom Fitschen, Washburn, Illinois used a trailer provided by Bob Parsons to deliver the hay that same day to Mountain Grove, Missouri. All of these men have firsthand experience with going through tornado damage and were willing to donate their time to deliver relief to dairy families going through the drought.

At this writing the Fellowship is setting up a base camp in Woodward, Oklahoma where over 300,000 acres have been destroyed by wild fires. Your help is needed to build perimeter fences and temporary fences to keep cattle out of winter wheat fields. Watch the Fellowship's Facebook page and website for details how you can participate in Wild Fire Disaster Relief.

The bottom left photo shows Mike Weaver sharing the gospel message with a young man at the National Farm Machinery Show. This image could have been taken at over 100 farm shows & events across North America and New Zealand. Please review the FCFI Calendar on the www.fcfi.org website to see when the next FCFI exhibit will be in your area. Your prayer and financial support keeps the outreach ministries going. Thank you so much for your support.

Dennis Schlager,
FCFI Executive Director

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New FCFI board president Dave Carter has led several mission trips to Mexico in support of Tony Gomez. This year, a new church plant in La Palma will get a new tile floor for the church.

"Four of us flew from Dallas, TX to Torreón, Coahuila, MX on Saturday, February 3, arriving that evening and were taken to the homes in which we stayed for the week. We went to the Sunday morning service at the Gomez Palacio church of Tony Gomez. As Tony was in the U.S. that day, Edgar preached the morning service and Ramon Sosa had the evening service. Both men did well. The church is in good hands while Tony is away."

"We had been told that our work for the week would be laying floor tile in a new church in La Palma that men with the Spanish American Mission built last year.



New church in La Palma ready for floor tile

On Monday morning we went to Tony's residence and finished gates consisting of wood slats on a steel frame. As Mexican lumber is not of the consistent dimensions that we are used to, it took some work to try to make the gates look right. Our work was met with Tony's approval when he returned.

The rest of the week our work consisted of helping skilled Mexican workers in laying the floor tile. We mixed



The crew: Back row Mark Reiling and Dave Carter. Middle row (on each end) Casey Wilson and John Tilden. Two local pastors in front Pastor Chago and Pastor Jaime

mortar to lay the tiles, grout for them, carried tile and mortar to the church. There was much time spent on our knees cleaning between the tiles in preparation for the grout. Our group learned a lot about the art of laying tile.

We were blessed to be able to attend the Tuesday evening service at the new church plant in Torreón that is pastored by Ramon Sosa. Also, we went to the Wednesday evening service at the Gomez Palacio church at which Tony preached. We left Saturday morning for home. In all, it was a good week with many opportunities to interact with the people there. It was good to renew friendships and meet new friends.

*Written by Dave Carter
FCFI Vice President*



25th Annual Conference

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

"...the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10

July 27 - 29, 2018 - Lexington, KY

FEATURING

- Rapid Action Reports
- Mission Reports
- FCFI Auction
- Informative Workshops
- Great time of fellowship and reconnecting with friends
- Opportunities to tour the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter

Inspirational Speaker
Tim Chaffey



Content Manager for Attractions
Division of *Answers in Genesis*

Keynote Speaker
Andrew Jit



Global Missions Pastor at
Owensboro Christian Church

Four Points by Sheraton

For more information, contact: FCFI (309) 365-8710 or fellowship@fcfi.org

Register and Pay with your Credit Card at www.fcfi.org

Registration Deadline:
Monday, June 25, 2018

Registration Form

25th Annual FCFI Conference
July 27 - 29, 2018 - Lexington, KY

Name _____

Spouse _____

Children _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Conference fees include; 6 meals and 2 nights lodging

of additional Nights, please specify dates _____

Make Checks Payable to:
FCFI Conference
P.O. Box 15, Lexington, IL 61753

Additional Conference Activities

CHECK OPTIONS BELOW AND INCLUDE
PAYMENT ALONG WITH REGISTRATION FEES

☐ Creation Museum ONLY

☐ Ark Encounter ONLY

☐ Combo Tickets

Conference Registration Fees

FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY, SUNDAY NOON

☐ Adults _____ \$250.00 US each

☐ Children _____ \$80.00 US each

Total _____ \$ _____

Conference Early Arrival Activities

Please include additional fees with conference registration where indicated.

Thursday, July 26 9:00am E.T.

Meet at the Creation Museum Lobby
2800 Bullittsburg Church Rd
Petersburg, Kentucky 41080
**Must be paid in advance
when registering for conference.**
(Fees based on age and activities, see below)
Parking is \$5.00.
Lunch together at the museum.



Friday, July 27 8:15am E.T.

Meet at the hotel lobby, we will
carpool to Ark Encounter.
**Must be paid in advance
when registering for conference.**
(Fees based on age and activities,
see below)
Parking is \$10.00.
Lunch on your own.



Pricing for Creation Museum, Ark Encounter and Combo Tickets

	MUSEUM TICKETS	ARK TICKETS	MUSEUM + ARK COMBO
Adult (ages 18-59)	\$35	\$48	\$70
Senior (age 60+)	\$30	\$38	\$60
Youth (ages 13-17)	\$25	\$25	\$40
Child (ages 5-12)	\$15	\$15	\$25
Child (4 and under)	FREE	FREE	FREE

This year's mission trip to Jamaica was led by FCFI board member CP Foster, and took place between February 17 and February 24, 2018 at Nightingale Grove Baptist Church.

The main focus of the trip was to put a new roof on the section of the parsonage that was leaking. With the help of several men from the community, that task was completed in a couple of days. There was no apparent structural damage, but there was some minor interior damage to the ceiling. The ceiling was replaced in its entirety, and since we had a big mess, we went ahead and painted the walls.

Various painting projects were completed at the church including the new sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.



Cutting roof panels with a machete



Pastor Brown, CP Foster, Pastor Brown's wife Jackie, Emmie Werner, Bill Werner

Several years ago, a water collection system was built, diverting rain water into two 1,000 gallon tanks. There was room for one more, so that was purchased and plumbed into the existing system. There is no well on site, so they are totally depended on the rain runoff.

Emmie spent the first part of the day working with them and the teachers and then finished off the day helping us with our projects. Emmie is a retired school teacher so it was a good fit.

Being a small group had the advantage of some close fellowship with Pastor Brown, Jackie, and all the people who made our stay so rewarding. The ladies provided authentic Jamaican cuisine, complete with banana milkshakes. As they would say in Jamaica, all was irie! (To be at total peace with your current state of being. The way you feel when you have no worries.)



Generator being loaded on a flatbed trailer in October, 2017

In September, 2017, Puerto Rico took a direct hit from Hurricane Maria, knocking out sewer, water, and power to the whole island, affecting 3.4 million people. Calvary Evangelistic Mission operates the Christian radio station WBMJ AM 1190. FCFI shipped a generator to CEM in 1989 in response to Hurricane Hugo. Hurricane Maria flooded out that generator. FCFI, with God's miraculous help, managed to acquire two 3 phase 50 KVA generators, and has delivered them safely to CEM's radio station.

Mark Freed, FCFI member and central Illinois farmer, operates a 3 phase generator to power his grain bin on his home farm. He contacted his generator service man twenty miles away in LeRoy, Illinois, and learned that he had two 3 phase generators for sale. Mark and Dave Weber, his neighbor, picked up the

generators and immediately drove them to Miami, Florida. FCFI friend Tim Haas, Manager of Disaster Relief for Samaritan's Purse, recommended some shipping companies to move the generators from Miami to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Within minutes, three shipping companies were provided. FCFI member, Dave Stutzman, contacted all three companies and chose a company that uses ships regularly to haul supplies to San Juan.

The generators were successfully shipped to San Juan, and have made it safely to Calvary Evangelistic Missions radio station WBMJ. Praise the Lord that they can now resume Christian radio broadcasting to an island in need.

Six months after Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, 93,000 are still without power and water. Although that is only 5% of the population, that doesn't make it any easier for those 93,000. This has been one of the most expensive and logistically difficult hurricane recoveries to date. The terrain is very difficult to move equipment. The Army Corp of Engineers has been helping the local power authorities restore power, but, by law, they don't have the authority to upgrade the power system. It would make sense to bury power cables underground, although that would take much longer to implement. Even the 95% that is restored endures some inconsistencies of electric service. So the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International has again met a need to locate and deliver an additional two generators, paid for by Calvary Evangelical Mission, to power their Christian radio broadcasts.

Local farmers and FCFI members Mark Freed, Dave Stutzman, and Dave Weber once again obtained two 50,000 watt generators locally. Preparation for the trip down to Puerto Rico included removing the diesel fuel tank from the bottom of the larger generator, since they have a suitable tank already, and to make it more cost effective to ship. The fuel from the smaller generator was drained into the larger tank, which was not making the trip. The pallets that supported the generators needed to be repaired and resized in order to reduce the generators' footprints, lowering shipping cost. Thick, heavy ratchet straps secured the generators to a flat trailer. The load was hauled by Tracy Bachman to Miami, Florida, loaded into a cargo container, and shipped to San Juan, Puerto Rico. The generators will be used to power Christian radio broadcasts in the area.



Two generators prepped and ready for transport to Miami, then on to Puerto Rico, March, 2018



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FCFI Farm Show & Calendar of Events

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MAY

- 5 Danville Spring Fling-Danville, PA
Wayne Laidacker 570-594-4414
- 19 FCFI Golf Tournament
Woodgate Pines, Boonville, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 19 Watermelon Festival, Arcadia, FL
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 19 Nescopeck Community Wide Yard Sale
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110

JUNE

- 1-3 Vermont Dairy Festival-Enosburg Falls, VT
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 9 Dryden Dairy Day-Dryden, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 9-10 Violet Festival-Dolgeville, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 15-16 Strawberry Festival-Owego, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 16 Chenango County Dairy Day, Norwich, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 16 Meredeth Dairy Fest – Meridale, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 13-16 New Zealand National Fielddays-Hamilton, NZ
Dennis Schlagel 309-530-7004
- 16 Branford Festival-Branford, CT
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 20-21 Sandhills Ranch Expo-Bassett, NE
- 29-7/7 Millville Carnival, Millville, PA
Wayne Laidacker 570-594-4414

JULY

- 5-8 Madison County Fair - Brookfield, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823

- 8 Cowlesville Flea- Cowlesville, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 10-12 WI Farm Technology Days-Algoma, WI
Mike Brehm 262-632-3519
- 11-14 Stick Work Days, Marcy, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 12-15 North Stonington Fair, North Stonington, CT
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 11-21 Lycoming County Fair – Hughesville, PA
Wayne Laidacker 570-594-4414
- 17-22 Benton Rodeo- Benton, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 20-22 Four State Farm Show-Pittsburg, KS
Jeff Goss 314-610-1835
- 23-28 Troy Fair – Troy, PA
Michael Steele 570-419-9877
- 27-29 FCFI 24th Annual Conference- Lexington, KY**
Dennis Schlagel 309-530-7004

AUGUST

- 7/30-8/4 Montour-Delong Fair – Washingtonville, PA
Ernie Reese 570-764-3937
- 7/28-8/4 Clinton County Fair – Mackeyville, PA
Wayne Laidacker 570-594-4414
- 1-5 Niagara County Fair, Lockport, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 3-5 Corn Festival, Eden, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 4 Old Home Days, Vernon Center, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 5-11 West End Fair -Gilbert, PA
Pete DePinto 570-988-6215
- 7-9 Empire Farm Days, Seneca Falls, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823

- 7-9 Minnesota Farmfest-Redwood County, MN
Doug Peterson 507-236-6460
- 9-18 Skowhegan State Fair, Skowhegan, ME
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 16-19 Woodsman's Field Days, Boonville, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 16-20 58th Annual Steam, Gas and Thrashing Show
Pinckneyville, IL
Jeff Goss 314-610-1835
- 17-19 Wolcott Fair, Wolcott, CT
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 17-18 Sunbury River Festival – Sunbury, PA
Wayne Laidacker 570-594-4414
- 21-23 Dakotafest-Mitchell, SD
Martin Ellingson 605-847-4663
- 22-23 Maine Farm Days, Clinton, ME
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 22-25 Northumberland County Fair
Pete DePinto 570-988-6215
- 23-26 Brooklyn Fair
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 25 Herkimer Co Family Farm Days- Little Falls, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 28-30 Farm Progress Show- Boone, IA
Dennis Schlagel 309-365-8710
- 29-9/2 Wyoming County Fair- Meshoppen, PA
Wayne Laidacker 570-594-4414
- 29-9/3 Sullivan County Fair- Forksville, PA
Ernie Reese 570-764-3937
- 29-9/3 Walworth County Fair- Elkhorn, WI
Mike Brehm 262-632-3519
- 29-9/3 Wyoming County Fair – Dallas, Pa
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110

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I am interested in: ☐ More information about the ministry ☐ Farm shows in my area ☐ Praying for FCFI ☐ Volunteer Opportunities

☐ I have a prayer request _____

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