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“A sower went out to sow his seed...” Luke 8:5

## IPM 2018, Chatham Kent, Ontario

Johanne MacKiddie shares the gospel with 54 school kids, every eye was on her, listening intently to every word.  
(Photo: Kathy Brown)



**The purpose of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers is to build, maintain, and strengthen faith in God for the farmer, the farm family, and the community through presenting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.**

# God Calls Us to Sow the Seed – Hey! Let's toss handfuls!

By Johanne MacKiddie  
FCFC Director

For several years now, I have been helping FCFC with the training of new volunteers at the International Plowing Match and I am reminded of my first experience in 2011.

Sharing the gospel was not on my "to do" list, but, somehow God had me doing just that. I will never forget the lump in my throat, feeling inadequate and pretty much shaking in my boots. But, more so, I remember the presence of the Holy Spirit as He gave me the words and the courage to share, and then, the joy of being privileged to be used by God.

This year, we were blessed with many new volunteers, who were somewhat going through what I had experienced. There is a long mile to travel from signing up, training, and then sharing. Often, we need to

lean in, because of the noise in the tent, and those last eighteen inches of the long mile happen when we come face to face to share the gospel story using five coloured beads.

I am so thankful to be blessed in watching volunteers relying on the Holy Spirit to give them courage to share their faith in Jesus Christ. In many, you can see God's light in their eyes, completely filled

with joy. Thank-you Lord!

We are called to sow the seed. In Luke 8:11, Jesus tells us "The seed is the word of God", and if you continue reading to verse eighteen, Jesus tells us what happens to the seeds.

The world is the field God gives us to sow in. Hey! Let's toss handfuls of seeds as we walk through the field and remember to never give up;; even if our efforts fail. God is in control. Trust in Him. Pray before you share, pray to stay out of God's way as you share and follow up with prayer. Luke 8:8 "still other seed fell on good soil, it came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than what was sown. "God draws them to Him, not us. John 6:44

We need not be afraid to share the gospel when God leads us. Stay true to His word and to God be all the glory. Thank you, God, for sending workers.

***"When the light of the truth about Jesus illuminates us, we have the duty to shine that light to help others" (notes from NIV Life application Bible-Luke 8:16-17)***



Some of our volunteers got together for supper and a time of fellowship.

## At the Plowing Match,

By Bill Brown- Marcy, NY  
FCFI, Regional Leader



*Pulling up the boot straps to evangelize in the rain at the International Plowing match.*

For the 19th year, Kathy and I had the privilege again to serve at The International Plowing Match in Chatham-Kent, Ontario September 18-22, 2018. To see FCF-Canada members, staff and volunteer workers come together was heartwarming. Everyone seemed to know and accept their role and was quick to help in any manner needed. No job too menial or difficult.

Dr. David Gibbs, founder of Christian Law Associates, in a recent issue of their newsletter, discussed “**Leadership and Fellowship.**”

Many organizations and churches struggle because members and workers are not willing to serve in positions they are called by God to fulfill. As I stated in my opening, I was pleased to experience only cooperation. I’d like to share a few thoughts from Dr. Gibbs to keep us on track

1. **Live in Humility** – As we serve we sometimes forget that the God we serve is the one who enables our abilities in the first place.
2. **Understand that every role is essential** – Those in leadership have specific purpose just as all workers. Serve the Lord – not for recognition.
3. **Prioritize the Lord** – He alone deserves the credit. No matter whether you lead or follow, decide ahead of time, that everything you are a part of should glorify Him.



Jesus gives the best example. **Mark 20:28a** “**In the same way, the Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve others.**” Thanks to all of you who serve through FCF-C. What a pleasure to work with you. Keep serving as together we help fulfill the Great Commission. Remember to give Him thanks in all things.

# Yellow is Temporary but Gold is Eternal

By Wayne Clark,  
FCF-Canada Executive Director



***“The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.” Revelation 21:21***

Bright yellow to the right, bright yellow to the left, all reaching up to a clear, blue sky in the distance. This is the picture painted indelibly in my mind as we drive across Saskatchewan. Canola in full blossom is a sight to behold. Some people find it boring to drive across the prairies, but to me the cropland with various crops

stretching out in all directions is something I enjoy immensely.

However, no matter how much we enjoy the beauty of this world we must realize that it is not permanent. We are not here forever. God offers heaven for eternity to all who will believe. This is a place that surpasses any imagination we have of splendour. The streets are even paved with gold. See Revelation 21:21

***“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8***

The Bible also tells us in John 3:18 that not everyone gets to heaven. As followers of Jesus it is our job to show the way:



Our teenage grandson Joshua is sharing the gospel with a young man who stopped at our booth in Lloydminster.

That is the reason we are in Saskatchewan. We are going to exhibitions in Yorkton and Lloydminster. It is our prayer that by example we can encourage other Christians to become involved in the marketplace ministry of FCFC. Public events, with their trade shows, offer a unique opportunity to take the gospel to the world. You can be a witness by getting involved in your local chapter.

***Where there is no chapter, is God calling you to step out and start a new one? The Fellowship of Christian Farmers would like to partner with you!***

# Bead Story Leads Family & Friend to Salvation

By Terry Taylor

*Terry has been one of our committed volunteers for a number of years. He and his wife Dale, live in Wingham, ON. They spend the winter months down south and help Bill Brown with FCFI events in FL & GA.*

People are hungry for the truth. They know that they are missing something but they don't know what.

My wife's Uncle, a tall very heavy-set 86 yr. old man, although we love him

dearly, he was by his own admission a very difficult man who thought he knew everything. He was dead set against the church for over 80 years forbidding his wife to go to church although she was a strong believer. He loved to get in his car and drive from Edmonton Alberta to Reno where he lived for years or to Ontario or to the East coast or just anywhere.

He was visiting our place a couple of years ago and wanted to know about the walking sticks. Ah, this was my cue, as provided by the Holy Spirit. I went through the bead story, not expecting anything, then asked him if he wanted to ask God for his gift of salvation, expecting to get a terse no. He said yes, halleluiah praise the Lord! I did not see that coming. He goes to church every week, got baptized & has changed in the last few years dramatically even witnessing to his son.

I was at the corner store returning a movie that I had forgotten to return earlier (everything for a reason). I ran into an old friend in his 60s that I had not seen for years. We visited for a while, then he said there are a lot of our friends that aren't around anymore. That was my cue. I said we all die; the question is where are you going to spend eternity? Do you know? No, was his reply. I said would you like to know that you are going to heaven for sure? He said yes enthusiastically. I told him the bead story and he made Jesus his Lord and Savior right on the sidewalk outside of the store. He was thrilled, like he had been set free. He was jumping around, laughing, and thanking me over and over. I gave him a bible to read, convinced him to go to church and talk to God several times a day. He drove off laughing and waving. It was a double blessing because that was the lift that my faith needed at that time, as well. God is so good! It is the training I got from the Christian Farmers that gives me the confidence to tell people about God's love for them, anywhere. I always carry several bracelets and pamphlets with me and watch for God's cues.

*Terry, IPM 2013, greeting people and inviting them into the FCF tent to hear the gospel message*



# We Remember the Red River Valley Manitoba Stampede and Exhibition

By Wayne Clark

***“Just remember the Red  
River Valley and the cowboy  
that’s loved you so true.”***

These are a couple of lines I remember from a song when I was a boy. At that time, the Red River Valley seemed like a foreign place to me.

Volunteering for the Fellowship of Christian Farmers has taken us to many towns across the Canadian prairies, but Hwy 75 heading south from Winnipeg along the Red River Valley toward the US border is a new experience. Morris is the site of the Manitoba Stampede and FCFC was there for the first time this year.



*Esther Loewen sharing  
the message*

Esther Loewen recruited a number of local volunteers, and Cornie Sawatzky of the Central Plains Chapter arranged a training session for them. They turned out at the Stampede to greet visitors, tell them the gospel story, and give them a walking stick or other gift. Weather played a role in attendance on the first couple of days but the Saturday crowd kept the volunteers extremely busy. We thank God for assistance from the Central Plains Chapter and for all who helped. We appreciate their enthusiasm! It is our prayer that Morris will soon have an FCFC chapter which will take the message of salvation to local events.

## ***FCFC Conference 2019***

**April 12-14, 2019 – Dalkeith, Ontario**

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## A Call to Roundup, Vankleek Hill, ON

The Ottawa Valley Chapter took on a new project in the Village of Vankleek Hill, ON on Labour Day weekend. This time it was FCF's event and space was offered to Christian groups to display their ministries, along with a petting zoo for children.



*The Clynes – Saturday Night & Sunday morning*

highlights were the speakers who challenged all present. Virgil Jones on Saturday night demonstrated the parallel between diseases we may have but are unaware of and only detected by the doctor, and God's diagnosis of sin in our life of which we are not aware. We need to go to God's word to discover the reality.

Toe Blake Roy on Sunday morning spoke concerning the biblical character Bartimaeus. Jesus had the answer to this man's problems but He had others bring the blind man to him (our job as volunteers in FCF to bring people to Jesus). Several responded to the altar call. Three hundred attended the weekend events. It was a blessing to have the opportunity to bring Christians from different churches together in Kingdom work.

Friday night was Youth Night and local youth groups participated, sharing testimonies of what youth are doing to minister to others. The Clynes provided a country gospel concert on Saturday night and worship songs for the Sunday morning church service. A meal was served on Saturday evening and there were enough leftovers for Sunday afternoon.

However, the



*Toe Blake Roy - Sunday Morning*

# Sharing the Blessings of Red River Valley Chapter, MB

By Henry & Susan Martens, Rosser, Manitoba

*... which we experienced by the power of God through God's grace – "so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory." Eph 1:12 (ESV)*

On May 8, 2018, we set up our own 10 x 10 tent at the Swap Meet at the Assiniboia Downs in Winnipeg Manitoba. We gave away 120 walking sticks presenting the bead story 120 times and prayed with a number of people to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Praise the Lord! We were blessed to have Gideon Bibles and gave them to everyone who didn't have one.



Our second outing was at Stonewall Quarry Days in Stonewall. We were blessed to have help to present the Gospel bead story. In the two days that we presented, we shared the bead story 800 times and gave away 800 walking sticks. We prayed with many people to give their hearts and lives to our wonderful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. When we were almost finished and ready to take down our tent, a lady came with tears in her eyes to thank us for coming to Stonewall because her 19-year-old son had come to our tent and asked for a walking stick and had received Jesus as his personal Saviour and was now a Christian. We all rejoiced with her and were blessed with hugs before she left. She saw us faithful servants who had accomplished much in HIS name.



*Morden Corn & Apple Festival*

For the third year we worked with the Fraser Valley Chapter in their 10x 20 tent and with the Central Plains Chapter and our chapter, the Red River Valley Chapter, at the Morden Corn and Apple Festival. Here we gave away 5,500 walking sticks and had the privilege of praying with those who wanted to receive Jesus as Saviour. God blessed us so very much and it was worth all of the efforts because God was glorified through it all. Praise the Lord!



# Quebec: Overview of 2018

By Sylvain Couture,  
Quebec Fieldman



Sylvain Couture & Emilie  
Chartier

Each fall as I reflect on the year which has ended, I find there is a particular lesson to be learned. This year was marked with God reaching out in a special way to the youth. Each year several thousand children come and hear the Gospel message and then receive a free gift. There is always a certain proportion that comes back year after year. This tells us that God is not short of strategies to reach this difficult population as society becomes more and more secular. Actually, it is forbidden to talk about God in most of our public institutions. Moreover, we talk little or not at all about God within our Quebec families, and very little or very poorly in social media.

## 2018 Statistics

There are still events to come but it appears that the final statistics will be similar to that of 2017 that is: 400 volunteers from 100 churches meeting with 60,000 people in FCF booths across Quebec.

## New Events:

Among the number of new events were the following:

## Outaouais en Fête

Many young people visited the booth searching for a meaning to life. They asked questions about different religions, why there is so much suffering in the world, etc. others commented on the joy that dwelt in us. A young person said, "Do you know why so many people come to your booth? It's because of the energy coming out of here."



Outaouais en Fête  
(St-Jean Baptiste weekend)

## Festival du Cowboy, Chambord, Lac St. Jean

Interesting anecdote: During the setup of the booth, the volunteers who were helping me noticed that I had New Testaments in Arabic among my supplies.

As these volunteers were local, they let me know that there was no one who spoke Arabic in Lac St. Jean and therefore no use for what I had brought. I said I would take them back and use them elsewhere where they were needed.

Just as we finished the setup, to our surprise a Muslim family arrived at the booth. After sharing the gospel and giving them their gifts, I offered them a New Testament and a NewLife app card in Arabic which they accepted with joy. Not only in large centres, but more and more in the outlying regions we meet people from different ethnic backgrounds.

### Vision 2019 & Beyond:

Already we are planning for new events to come in 2019. In addition to the 10 chapters currently in operation in Quebec, we plan to add another 5 in the next 2 or 3 years.

## God Provides Help

By Emilie Chartier  
Assistant co-ordinator  
Quebec Field



As field personnel, our first mandate is to spread the ministry of FCFC throughout Quebec. This means presenting the ministry in churches, recruiting and training volunteers, contacting the organizers of public events, establishing chapter boards and helping with their meetings as well as ordering required supplies and literature – all this in preparing and organizing an annual plan for outreach.

Seeing that the task does not cease to grow, we asked God for help. God heard and responded in sending Jessynia Théagène, a young Montrealer, 24 years of age. Her testimony demonstrates the astounding manner in which God called her: “During this time I clearly felt the call of God to get involved as an evangelist. Then I asked God, ‘How can I combine my passion for both agriculture and evangelism?’ In response to my prayer God revealed to me that I was an ‘agrochristian’. ‘Agro’ in Greek means ‘fields’. God has called me to be a sower of seed in his missionary field.”

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Camp de jour, Victoriaville 2018

## Bélinda Labbé says “Yes” to God’s Call



Last May 5<sup>th</sup> I had it in my heart to invite a friend to a training session in Valleyfield. This young lady of 20 years, Bélinda Labbé, was familiar with FCFC as at the age of 15 she had spent a summer travelling with us to different activities. However, due to work and education (including a year at “Word of Life” in Hungary), she had dropped out of sight.

As we travelled to the training session I sensed that God desired me to ask her to become involved full time with FCFC this summer, at her own expense. The next day she responded and wanted to go with me to the Dominican Republic (1 month) and would resign from her job, dedicating her full summer to the Lord’s service. Wow! As you know, the harvest is great but the workers are few, so this news pleased us enormously. Her help was greatly appreciated.

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### BRITISH COLUMBIA EVENTS

#### Fraser Valley Chapter

- **West coast Christmas show and Artisan Marketplace**  
Tradex Arena Nov 16-18
- **Touch of Sault Spring Christmas Craft Show**  
Saanich B.C, Vancouver Island  
November 30, to December 2
- **Pacific Agriculture Show**  
Abottsford Airport Tradex  
Arena Abootsford Airport  
Jan 24 -26, 2019

### QUEBEC EVENTS

- **Salon National de la Femme d'Ottawa,**  
Ottawa: 20 au 21 Octobre
- **Salon de la femme de Québec, Québec:**  
17 au 18 Novembre
- **Salon au Coeur du Mieux-être et de la Spiritualité**  
Chicoutimi:  
27 au 28 Octobre, 2018

### ONTARIO EVENTS

- **Royal Agricultural Winter Fair**  
Toronto, November 2 – 11, 2018

## News from New Brunswick- Standing in the Gap

By Chris & Art Gilmore  
Grand Lake Chapter



Our team at the St. Stephen County Fair: Colleen, Chris, Gerry, and Ron pose with a tall friend.

We had a great opportunity in Sussex Flea Market in August. The Lord sent us a downpour of rain ... and the Lord highly favoured us sharing His Good News with so many folks and it was wonderful! We love sharing with people, and people love our ministry. The story is so easy to understand, and the LORD makes the message REAL to them.

We also had an awesome time at St. Stephen County Fall Fair in September. Folks were so easy to share with and accepting that we praised the Lord for His Presence with us - what joy! One

man came to us and thanked us for standing in the Gap for our Lord Jesus, and prayed for us. Wow! We are always told that we are a bright light in shows - so humbling that we have this precious opportunity. We give all praise to our Precious Lord Jesus. The angels are rejoicing in heaven.

I give thanks for all who worked with us and were such a blessing: Pastor Gerry Nickerson, Colleen Grant, chapter president Ron Hunter, and myself Chris Gilmore. Cara Matheson, Colleen's granddaughter, just 12 years old helped us as well - so special to us all. We planted a lot of seeds, and we KNOW God our Father will water them all. What a joy to be a part of this Ministry!

***"I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap ..." Ezekiel 22:30 NLT***

# Musings of a Chapter Leader

By Bert Visscher, Trillium Chapter



Our Trillium Chapter here in Exeter got started after the Teeswater Plowing Match. Wayne Clark as director challenged the audience that two people could start a chapter, it doesn't take a whole crowd. So my brother-in-law, Henry Post, and I decided we could do that. We did have a chapter going for about 4 years in the early 90's but disbanded because we didn't seem to have an effective way of reaching out to people in regards to presenting the Gospel. I was not exposed to the bead presentation till the Glencoe Plowing Match in 2002 and witnessed some miraculous conversions with people accepting the Lord. I saw that same thing happen a few years later at the Peterborough IPM. Why it took us till 2008 to start a chapter I will never know. Sometimes we just

need to be challenged and then we just have to say yes. Lots of times when the impossible comes along that's where God shows up.

The advantages of a chapter are that you spur each other on and you keep each other accountable. I wish I could say our chapter is healthy and well. We sure could use fresh blood, more workers, and fresh ideas. I think part of our problem is that we don't do the fellowship part well. My earthly family often gets priority over my "Christian family". But then I think what about those that have never heard about Christ. Lord help us get our priorities straight!



Bert Visscher and Henry Post taking a break from stick making

Four of us get together a couple of times a year and discuss which shows we are going to attend, our finances, who does what, stick making night and we bathe this in prayer.

This year we were challenged to take on some shows by Chatham, a two-hour drive for us to partner with the Gideon's in presenting the gospel. I must admit it stretches us and we often wonder where the help is coming from. Lord give us more faith!

## Renfrew County – Getting in tune

By Terry Johnston

This story begins in 2017 when the Renfrew County chapter was invited to check out a new event coming to Renfrew – *The Saw Tech Log Expo*.

***I did as asked and found upon checking that the cost was about three times as much as we had in the bank! And that was without supplies. I could not see how this would be possible BUT GOD continues HIS plan even though we are stumbling blocks***

Later in 2017 we received two generous donations of \$500 each.

Fast forward to 2018. I received an email from head office asking if this chapter could participate in this event- Saw Tech Log Rural Expo or if they should ask another chapter. I again took a look at the info and still found it expensive.

This time upon pondering the situation I felt GOD's prompting to check further. I phoned the contact person and had a discussion about the cost. I was asked what I thought we could afford. I was reminded of the donations of the previous year so I said we could afford \$500. I was asked to hold for a minute and when the person returned he told me that would be acceptable. PRAISE the LORD. I was told that they expected 10,000 visitors at the event WOW!!

This meant that we would need more supplies so a phone call and a trip to Alexandria were made.

As we prepared, a cheque came in the mail which more than covered those costs.

Event day came and the event people were caring and gave us all that we asked for and a great location. Praise the Lord.

Although the event did not achieve the expected attendance, the Fellowship of Christian Farmers booth was sometimes overwhelmed with people so much so that the Renfrew county representative came to find out where the Sticks were coming from.



The Team was privileged to lead many people in the sinner's prayer. This was a two and a half-day event.

When we get in tune with GOD Great things Happen!

# Niagara Chapter News

By Kelly and Bob Foster  
Niagara Chapter



Evelyn serving the Mexican migrant workers

We thank the Lord for giving us new opportunities where we had the privilege to share the gospel this summer! Through much prayer God opened the door for us to be at Canal Days in Port Colborne. We are thankful to OM for allowing us to put up our tent on their property.

We also had an invitation to join a group of individuals who minister to Mexican migrant workers on Saturdays with a BBQ supper and preaching. It was a fun and memorable evening! A couple of our ladies brought tacos with all the authentic fixings to add to the meal! And with the help of an interpreter we were able to give a testimony and gospel message as well as hand out bracelets and Spanish Bibles! We don't know how the

Spirit of God may be working in the lives of individuals, but we do know that God has called us to be faithful to answer His call to "Go" and "preach the Gospel".

The following is a testimony from our chapter member, Ken Pridham, who did just that!

*"I used to share the Gospel years ago and was getting away from it. I had lost my confidence! The Walking Stick Ministry was an icebreaker for me. I was invited to the Friendship Festival to try it out. After the first person I witnessed to prayed with me, I was hooked! My confidence and walk with the Lord were restored! I returned to my First Love through the Walking Stick Ministry and am continuing in it. I have joy as the Lord has encouraged me that I could again be used by Him!"*

God blesses obedience! As we look to Him for boldness in our witness, may our prayer be that the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us complete in every good work to do His will, working in us what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen! (Hebrews 13:20-21 NKJV)



Ken Pridham sharing the Gospel

# News of the West Field

By Henry Janzen,  
President of Fraser Valley Chapter  
& BC Fieldman for FCFC



## Chilliwack Heritage Days

This was our third year in Chilliwack and once again, FCF was the only booth with an Evangelical message allowed in this fair in spite of a no politics nor religion policy. However, we know our God can make a way where there is no way! Volunteers came from Abbotsford and Chilliwack.

Among the folks who made decisions to follow Christ was a gal from a neighbouring booth. She claimed this simple Gospel story was something she could finally understand and quickly made her decision to receive Jesus, changing her life for all eternity. The following day she was still thanking us for being there and for making the Gospel so plain that she could understand. She said she found herself just singing in the morning and talking to God all day long!

Another lady said her husband and her mother-in-law had been trying to convert her to a cult for many years, but there was something about their style of belief and the message they had that just seemed to push her away. Now for the first time she told us she felt so deeply convinced and convicted that right there in our booth she received Jesus as her personal Savior. She now had so many more questions and gladly received a copy of our booklet, "What the Bible Teaches".

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## The Williams Lake Stampede



Henry Janzen at Williams Lake Stampede

The Williams Lake Stampede (June 29 – Jul 2) is the largest and longest running stampede (98 years) in the interior of B.C. This was to be just a scouting mission for the Fraser Valley Chapter for 2019, as we had no idea of what to expect when we arrived with our Free Walking Stick booth. However, the reception we received from John Nobel (of the Shantymen) and his friends from the Evangelical Free Church of Williams Lake, was overwhelming!

When we offered to run a short training session, they booked the Conference Room with catered refreshments at the Ramada for us, and had 14 volunteers show up to take the training course!

We were able to set up a stand-alone booth high up on the hill, alongside the Cowboy Chapel for much of Saturday. On

Sunday morning. John always runs a Cowboy Church service in front of the grandstand. We were invited to make a short walking stick presentation as part of that service and to invite folks to visit our booth.

Among our guests and those who accepted our invitation to receive Christ as Lord and Saviour were folks from as far away as Richmond, Vancouver, and Squamish, B.C., and from all over Alberta.

Among many various reasons why people think they are going to heaven, here was one that none of us had ever heard before:

When a middle-aged fellow was asked our standard closing question; "If you were to pass away tonight, do you know where you will spend eternity?" this was his very serious unique response:

*"I just had my criminal check done and it was all good, so I know I'm going to Heaven!"* Needless to say, a short conversation followed that comment.

We are so very grateful and our sincere thanks go to John Nobel for his tremendous accommodation shown to us; to Andrew for all of his help in setting up, take down, and unselfishly serving us; and to all the volunteers who helped us all week-end. And to Rose, who phoned us to ensure we made it back and to express her personal invitation for us to return again in 2019.

May God bless each and every one who shared their friendship with us in Christian Love. Carol & I now have a whole new group of friends in B.C.'s interior that we can't wait to meet again next year. Hopefully God will place His call on someone's heart to start a new "Fellowship of Christian Farmers" Chapter in Williams Lake next year.



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### **FCF Mission Trip Opportunities**

## **12th Annual ECHO**

**Educational Concerns for Hunger  
Organization**

Jan 26 –Feb 2, 2019

Ft. Myers Florida,

Includes food and lodging

\$320 US per person

ECHO - Ron and Deb Herrold  
(219) 916-3535

## **9th Annual Reality Ranch**

November 4-9 2018

Zolfo Springs, Florida

includes food and lodging

\$320 US per person

Contact Bill & Kathy Brown:  
(315) 736-5964

### **Work projects include**

- Landscaping, Mulching
- Irrigation, Ditch digging
- Washing, Cleaning, Building
- Construction, Repairs
- General maintenance

### **Want more information?**

Fellowship of Christian Farmers International

315-736-5964 or 315-749-6823

[www.echonet.org](http://www.echonet.org)

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## The Bead Story:

This is the Good News that the Fellowship of Christian Farmers shares with everyone.  
We use five colours as a reminder.



Gold: Gold reminds us of heaven, a beautiful place with no sin, pain, or sorrow. A place where Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." God wants us to go there too: "God so loved the world (us) that he gave his only begotten Son ..." John 3:16



Dark: But we have a problem! Sin separates us from God which separates us from heaven. The bad news is that we are all guilty. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23



Red: What is the solution?  
Red – the blood of Christ. Two thousand years ago Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came into the world. He led a perfect life and he was crucified for us to pay the penalty for our sin.



White: If we believe this in our hearts, admit we are sinners and sincerely ask for the forgiveness of Jesus, God has promised to forgive us. Then in His sight we are now pure as the white colour represents. This is the Good News! This is a free gift and, like any other gift, if we don't take it we don't get it! Jesus Christ offers salvation to everyone but only those who accept Him as Saviour and Lord receive the gift of salvation.



Green: Spiritual Growth. If we believe, we will want to grow to know God better. We can grow by praying, reading and studying the Bible, being good neighbours, worshipping with others and telling others the good news.

**What about you? Have you accepted God's gift of salvation?**

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