

Ministry Program Updates

Eastern European Nazareans Europe Committee

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. Genesis 8:22

"Sowing the Seed"

With your donations, HarvestCall has been able to provide assistance to the brethren in Ukraine in purchasing agricultural equipment to help them more efficiently sow the seed and harvest the crop that our Heavenly Father provides. It is always touching to hear the tearful words of thanks from the brethren who use this equipment and the wives who witness the benefit of less physical hardship.

The brothers on the European Board of HarvestCall are continuously looking for ways to assist these farming brethren in Ukraine to increase the productivity and effectiveness of their farming operations. Based on a desire to help them with their farm management, a farming couple from Ukraine was invited to come to the United States to observe US farming operations to let them see what we have learned in the USA that could possibly benefit the farming brethren in Ukraine. This visit took place from May 23 to June 10, and we are very thankful to God for a very successful visit.

As a follow-up to this visit, during a trip to Ukraine by four brothers from the European Committee in September, a presentation and discussion was held with Ukrainian farming brethren about things that were shared with the couple when they were in the USA. There were approximately 30 people in attendance, and the presentation/meeting lasted over seven hours.

Topics discussed included the following:

- 1. Planting the seed with the critical concept being that the seed must be planted the correct depth in the ground.
- 2. Dairy cow management with the critical concept being the four things that cows need for maximum milk production.
- 3. Effective techniques for making quality hay.

Talents and Interests Combine at Good Vision Farm Haiti Dairy Committee

The activity over the past year at Good Vision Farm, home of the HarvestCall Haiti Dairy Program, is a testimony of cooperation from our precious brotherhood. This ministry program is currently being served by Les and Christine Kaeb from Francesville, IN.

Where we saw mostly bare farm ground a year ago, the Good Vision Farm now houses a shop/depot, a missionary home and a feed center that are both nearly finished, and a milking center that is just getting a good start. Livestock holding areas and animal handling equipment are in place.

While the masons that have worked nearly every weekday over the past year are native of the Torbeck area of Haiti, many other skilled workers came from our brotherhood. Here's a partial list of contributions for which we are very grateful:

We've had missionary house cabinets built and installed by Ted Habegger from Bluffton and trim by Chris Huber from Francesville; electrical services from Dan and Aaron Kilgus from Remington, as well as Rob Luginbuhl from Roanoke; and plumbing help has been contributed by Elgin's Tom Schambach.

Dennis Wulf and Lloyd Fehr from Morris visited the farm and helped design and coordinate the feed center and mix mill, and Cissna Park brethren helped with the feed auger.

The Ukrainian farmers were given an opportunity to share what they would change if they could change anything about their farming in Ukraine. Some of their responses are thought provoking and are things all of us could benefit from. These included:

- 1. They need to get together and exchange information to encourage and assist each other.
- 2. They need to persevere.
- 3. They need better seed and a better knowledge of fertilizer and other things that can help their production.
- 4. They need a willingness to do better and to make changes where they are possible and even necessary.

Near the close of the meeting, a Ukrainian elder brother provided a spiritual aspect to the meeting that touched all of our hearts.

Some of his thoughts were as follows:

- 1. He told the story of the sower of the seed where some fell on good ground and some on bad ground and how that affects both our earthly and our spiritual journey.
- 2. They will see improvement in the farm

- production if brother helps brother and they talk to each other. They each have experience and skills that can help others.
- 3. Don't hide secrets.
- 4. It is very important to respect each other.
- 5. Pride will not work.
- 6. Listening ears and proper attitude will be blessed.
- 7. Work in faith when you plant the seed.

This meeting was a continual reminder that no matter what our station in life is, we can help each other through the seedtime and harvest of our earthly journey as well as our spiritual journey. Let us continue to pray for the brethren in Ukraine that they can increase the productivity of their farming operations such that farming can be a viable work option for the young brothers. From our perspective here in America, let us always be open to the messages of God's love that come forth from these brethren in Eastern Europe each time we interact. Finally, let us keep our hand to the plough so that someday we can all be together around that Heavenly throne.

by Bill Eisenmann



November work teams, including Bradford's Darl Knobloch and Graham League and Roanoke's Brent Hodel, provided much needed help and encouragement.

And then there has been extensive work and coordination of donated cattle and veterinary supplies from our brethren across the land, including Belvidere, LaCrosse, Lester, Rittman, Smithville, Minneapolis, Francesville and Bluffton.

This is just the beginning of what will be ongoing needs at Good Vision Farm. Do YOU have a desire to help build this farm and/or to serve as a temporary or full time missionary? If so, contact our Haiti Dairy US Administrator, Dewayne Dill at dewayne.dill@gmail.com.

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