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Focal Scripture. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of God. (Galatians 6:10. NIV)

Focal Thought. Of all the occupations from which gain is secured, nothing is sweeter, nothing more beautiful, and nothing more deserving of a free man than is agriculture. —*Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 BC) Orator, Lawyer, Philosopher.*

Report from One Agricultural Missionary. We cannot identify the location of some of our missionaries because they work in very sensitive areas where their lives would be in danger if it became known their ultimate goal is to win the lost to Christ while at the same time providing “a hand up” to help poor people meet their physical needs. This is especially true in regions of the world that are predominately Muslim.

One of the missionaries with whom we are working states he is initiating new projects involving cabbage, broccoli, potatoes, and greenhouses, as well as milk cows and milk goats. Another project involves providing firewood for widows. He further reports “the more the local people see we speak the truth about agriculture and food production, the more they listen when we speak the truth about the gospel.”

His wife is involved in teaching women how to preserve food for times when food is scarce. He expressed thanks to our members who have provided financial support for projects, and stated “you are making a difference.” Often, the people with whom he and his wife work are extremely poor and in desperate need of not only bread to eat but also “the Bread of Life found only in Jesus Christ.”

Please pray for missionaries who have accepted God’s call upon their lives to leave the comfort of living in the United States to suffer hardships as well as separation from family and friends in order to take the gospel to places it has never been before.

A New Paradigm for Giving. Some of our members no longer provide flowers when a friend or family member dies. Instead, they make a designated offering to our Fellowship in memory of the deceased. Recently, \$1,500 was contributed in memory of a person who had a heart for missions for the purposes of initiating a project involving a bred dairy heifer.

The understanding was that the animal would be provided to a deserving family where the missionary was confident it would be well treated and would provide an economic hand up to the family. It was also stipulated that the **first heifer offspring** would be provided to another deserving family with the understanding the **first heifer offspring** would be provided to yet another family. The goal was that this process would continue for years into the future. Thus, the original gift would become “a gift that keeps on giving.”

Second and subsequent female offspring would remain the property of the original owners, as would be the case with all male offspring. Thus, the original animal would provide milk and other dairy products, as well as meat and modest income to help lift the poor families out of poverty, while pointing them toward the God of eternity and His Son, Jesus the Christ.

Annual Meeting Plans. An outstanding program is being developed for our annual meeting to be held Saturday, January 27 at Bethel Baptist Church in West Monroe. We will provide details in our next Newsletter. Please plan now to attend that important meeting.

Project Support. Following are examples of projects individuals, classes, or churches can support to provide a helping hand to those who are poor, hungry, and in need of Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord:

Egg incubation facilities for a family or village.

Rabbit project for a family.

Chicken project for a family.

Goat project for a family.

Sheep project for a family.

Dairy heifer project for a family.

Vegetable garden project for a family.

Drip irrigation for a family.

Small greenhouse for a family.

Water filters to provide pure water to families.

Please help us help those in desperate need to help themselves by making your check payable to Louisiana Baptist Foundation and sending it to P.O. Box 120, Homer, LA 71040. Indicate the funds are for Ag Missions. All donations are tax deductible and 100% of your contributions go directly to the mission field because the Executive Committee pays all expenses for operating the Fellowship.