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Focal Scripture. *For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink...*
Matthew. 25:35

Focal Thought. *“The war against hunger is truly mankind’s war of liberation.”*
John F. Kennedy

Progress Report from Eastern Europe. The missionary our Fellowship supports in Eastern Europe recently reported that one of their most successful projects is done in partnership with an organization called Missions without Borders. They currently run two soup kitchens. The funds we provided this year helped purchase seed and fertilizer for potato production in one of the mountain villages where many older people live alone on very low fixed incomes. The soup kitchen serves over 100 people a hot noon meal five days a week. A local farmer supplies the land and equipment and the elderly people from the kitchen supply volunteer help. The potato production is split 50/50 between the farmer and the kitchen. The missionary spoke of the joy he had just a few weeks ago in joining in on the potato harvest. It was a dry year, but they were very pleased to dig around 14,000 lbs of potatoes from a little over one acre of land. The missionary spoke of the privilege he has to share the gospel in word and deed with this group of people.



Potato Harvest in the Mountains

The ultimate goal of any ag project is discipleship. ‘D’ is someone the missionary has been working with for a while (see picture below). Earlier in the year, his wife was baptized. ‘D’ professes Christ but has yet to see the need for baptism. They continue to pour into him

and through these type projects, they not only help the needy, but also bring along those they are discipling in the ‘harvest’ for Christ.



‘D’ drove the tractor as potatoes were loaded



Our Fellowship’s funds continued to be used for several small projects related to the community garden (see pictures below). The garden provides a great opportunity for contact with people, and children’s camps are hosted there in the summer. A joint worship service with four area churches was held there, and it was a wonderful time of worship and proclamation in a community that has no evangelical church.



The missionary expressed how full his heart is because of God's faithfulness. After many years of service, he and his wife are beginning to see a harvest. Examples are 'Z' and 'B', a husband and wife who showed up at the new Baptist Church plant. They had been reading the Bible for years and began to see that their 'religion' was lacking when compared to scripture. The missionary spent a lot of time with 'Z' in the garden projects our Fellowship supports. While 'Z' and 'B' had already professed faith in Christ, they came to realize their need to follow Him in believer's baptism.



'Z' being baptized

The missionary explained how important this is in the culture there. Regardless of whether the people are from an Orthodox, Catholic, or Muslim background, baptism is a public profession of faith that many times separates them from family and friends. The missionary praises God for their obedience and asks us to pray for them as they become a vital part of the local

church. This missionary couple our Fellowship supports expressed great appreciation for our participation with them in the 'harvest'. Our gifts are making a kingdom difference and it is a great privilege to be a part of what God is doing in Eastern Europe.



'B' being baptized

We Must Help the Poor. The average American enjoys a standard of living that has been unimaginable for most of human history. Fortunately, God is changing paradigms of how churches and ministries can work in more empowering ways with people who are poor. Jesus took particular delight in spreading the Good News among the hurting, the weak, and the poor, and He calls us to do the same.

Project Support. *The greatest need of your Fellowship is always for additional funds with which to help the poor help themselves.* Following are examples of projects individuals, classes, or churches can support to provide a hand-up 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.*