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**Focal Scripture.** *Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his deed.*

**Proverbs 19:17**

**Focal Thought.** God comes in where helplessness begins.  
*Oswald Chambers (1894-1917)*

**2022 Report from Eastern Europe.** God is working through this agricultural missionary couple we support, and we should thank the LORD for the small role we play in the work there. In his report, the missionary included the following words: *“your support of these projects is making a HUGE difference in the lives of people and in the advancement of the gospel. I can’t begin to express how thankful we are for your support, both through finances and through prayer. We could not minister in the way we do without you. May God continue to bless our partnership in Eastern Europe.”* These are wonderful words to hear, and the content of the missionary’s report speaks to how dedicated he and his wife are to God’s work there.

The main spring crop is potatoes. In the mountains, carrots and onions were grown as well as potatoes. With the funds our Fellowship provided, they purchased seed potatoes, fertilizer, and drip irrigation supplies. Our dollars allow the gospel to be shared in word as well as deed. The pictures below show the bountiful potato harvest for which the people were so thankful. Unfortunately, the onions and carrots did not produce because it was very hot and dry. So as the missionary said, they labor but don’t always see the harvest that is desired. That is true with vegetables and people. But they trust in the LORD who promises in 1 Cor. 15:58 that in Him, their “labor is not in vain”.



Even with irrigation, the heat and drought caused stress. They were able to keep the plants growing, but production was greatly reduced.



*Local volunteers learn to work with drip irrigation*

The missionary reported that a dear friend there, who is not yet a believer, facilitated work in the mountain village where the potatoes were grown. This man donated his land for the potato project but was not able to participate in the harvest. Still, friends came from all over to help.



Ethnic divide runs deep in that region, but the picture above shows Orthodox, Catholic, Muslim, Baptists, and Evangelicals working side-by-side. The missionary expressed how this touched his heart, and he prays that as barriers begin to fall, barriers to the gospel also will fall. Let’s join him and his wife in praying for this very thing for God’s glory.

The main fall crop in Eastern Europe is cabbage. Despite the early dry weather, God provided late

summer rains and the cabbage crop produced well as can be seen in the pictures shown below.



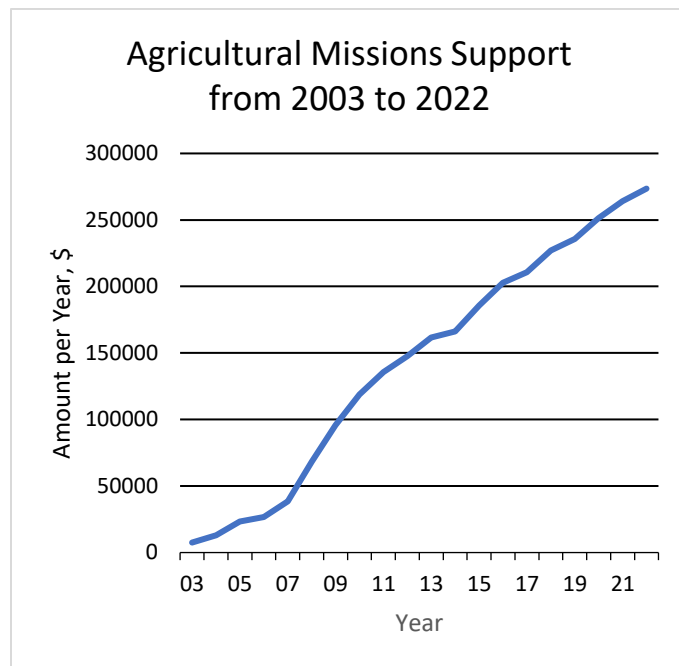
The Community Garden continues to provide excellent opportunities to build meaningful relationships. God places people in the missionary couple's path when they come to the garden to learn simple ways to improve their own home gardens. This enables the missionary couple to begin to do life with people, to show them love, and to share with them the hope that is in them. So, the garden provides a crucial gospel touch into the community. The fruit of that was seen this year as "J" and her husband "M" were baptized and plugged into the church along with their 3 children.



In last year's newsletter, there was a picture of "D" driving the tractor for the potato harvest. He also was baptized this year and now there is a new smile on his face after meeting Jesus. He is learning songs and playing the guitar in their little Baptist church services.



**Historical Giving:** To conclude this newsletter, please find below a chart showing the dollars supporters of this Fellowship have provided during the past 20 years. The total = **\$273,811**, according to our contact at the Louisiana Baptist Foundation. That is an average of over **\$13,500 annually**. Each of our members and donors should be both proud and thankful that God has used us as He has to provide a hand-up for needy people in Mexico (in the early years) plus Haiti, Thailand, Myanmar, and Eastern Europe (in recent years). It is a joy to support missionaries in many parts of the world as they spread the gospel using agriculture.



**Project Support.** As always, the need for project support continues. The 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 others 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% go directly to the mission field.*