



# NEWSLETTER

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**Louisiana Baptist Agricultural Missions Fellowship**

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**Focal Scripture.** *The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.*  
(Proverbs 22:9 - NIV)

**Focal Thought.** *"The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread."*  
(Mother Teresa)

**Thank you.** On behalf of the Executive Committee, please accept our sincere appreciation to all of you who donated to our Fellowship in recent months. Due to your generosity, nearly \$12,000 was received by the Louisiana Baptist Foundation to be used in 2025. If we add that to the carry-over funds from last year, our balance exceeded \$16,000 at the end of February. Most of these funds have again been distributed to continue the work an IMB agricultural missionary couple began in Eastern Europe many years ago. They remain extremely grateful for our continuing partnership. As in past years, your donations will be supporting potato production, laying hens to support three families, honeybees for honey production, and drip irrigation systems for small gardens plus a few hand tools.

Several of you donated in-memory of Dr. Nelson Philpot, a founding member and past President of this Fellowship. Nelson passed away last fall and will be greatly missed. In addition, significant donations also were given as memorials to Joy Brown and Dan and Kevin Volentine. What a fitting way to honor these folks.

The missionary our Fellowship has been supporting for the past 8 years is working through two other on-site partners as was shared in the November newsletter. The local pastor whose name is Dalibor is overseeing most of what our Fellowship supports. In addition, Kostya, a Ukrainian Baptist missionary, provides oversight for and manages the honeybee production in two adjacent countries. All of this is to help families better provide food for their table and produce items to sell in the market. The recipients agree in the beginning to return 10% to 20% of what they initially receive to be shared with other families in need.

Please pray that God will bless these agricultural missions projects this year. Ask God to provide good weather, good health to all the families and workers involved, and a

bountiful harvest. Most of all, please pray that many opportunities to show the love of Christ and to share the gospel in Eastern Europe will occur this year so that many will come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

**ADF Update.** The Agricultural Development Foundation, which is the parent organization of our Fellowship, continues to actively fund agricultural missions projects in a number of countries each year. Two of our Louisiana Fellowship members serve on their Board of Directors. In 2024, ADF provided support for several projects at the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center in the Philippines. They also provided support for agricultural training in Cuba and for a village seed initiative in SE Asia. At their recent winter meeting in February, a project to provide vaccinations and training related to four major but preventable diseases of livestock in three villages in Pakistan was approved for funding. With all these, sharing the gospel of Jesus to the local people is a primary goal.

**Happy Easter:** We are nearing the most important day of the year for Christians – Resurrection Sunday. May all of us celebrate with joy the significance of our Savior's victory over sin, death, and hell this coming Easter Sunday. Jesus' victory on our behalf is a chief reason we are involved in agricultural missions.

**Project Support.** We want to continue to support this missionary couple in Eastern Europe both now and in future years as God allows. As always, the need for project support is great. They need continued funding for projects like those described above.

***Please help us help others by making your check payable to the Louisiana Baptist Foundation and sending it to:***

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***Indicate on the check that funds are for Ag Missions. All donations are tax deductible and 100% go directly to the mission field.***