



News From Foods Resource Bank

Fall 2012

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events and Trips!

Heart of the Hill: Washington D.C. Nov. 12-16, Dec. 3-6, Jan. 22-25

WINTER 2012/13	SPRING 2013	SUMMER 2013	FALL 2013	WINTER 2014
India: December 6-18, 2012	Work Learning trips to Central America: March/April, Possible destinations include Guatemala & Nicaragua.	Sierra Leone & Burkina Faso	West Africa: Possible destinations include Mali.	Asia: Possible destinations include Cambodia, Laos & Timor Leste.
Middle East: February 2013, Possible destinations include Jordan & Palestine.	Bolivia	East Africa: Possible destinations include Kenya, Uganda & Tanzania.	Dominican Republic	

Other trips are being planned for 2013. Please contact us for more information and check the Travel Page of our website for updates.

2013 Annual Meeting: Byron Center, MI, August 9-11, 2013

Harvest Time is Here! Are you Celebrating?

As the traditional harvest season approaches, we at FRB have many things to celebrate. This year 17 new growing projects joined the 200 current projects already supporting FRB. We had an inspiring Annual Meeting in Kidron, OH and we hired a new staff person, Alex Morse, on the East Coast.

In spite of the drought and economic challenges our farmers have faced in the U.S. this year, we are grateful to all people dedicated to agriculture and growing solutions to world hunger ! FRB has much to celebrate.

As they do every year, many growing projects are getting together for a harvest celebrations. These often involve meals, harvest activities, worship services, pie auctions, and more. Please join us at a celebration near you! A sample of celebrations are below. You can find the full list on our website. If you would like to have your harvest celebration listed, please send the details to admin@foodsresourcebank.org

A Few of the Many FRB Harvest Celebration Dates:

- Zionsville IN Growing Project Harvest Celebration: Oct. 7
- Silverton OR Growing Project Auction: Oct. 13
- Danvers/Carlock IL Growing Project Antique Plow Day: Oct. 27
- Fredericksburg IA Growing Project Harvest Celebration : Nov 11



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FRB & LWR's Uganda-Gumutindo Program to presented at a United Nations meeting hosted by Secretary of State Clinton.

On Sept. 27, representatives from the Uganda-Gumutindo program participated in a panel discussion regarding civil society's role in global food security. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the UN hosted this event in recognition of the many ways local, community based organizations, supported by NGOs like FRB and LWR, contribute to the fight against global poverty. Two events were planned: a panel discussion on Sept. 27 hosted by the United Nations and a reception on Sept. 28th in Washington DC hosted by LWR, FRB and the Alliance to End Hunger.

Supported by FRB growing projects from 2008-11, the Uganda-Gumutindo program supports the work of local partner, the Gumutindo Coffee Cooperative Enterprise. Gumutindo addresses low incomes among smallholder farmers who are primarily raising coffee. You can purchase Gumutindo coffee as well as other fair trade items through LWR's website.

Thank you for supporting FRB, LWR and the transformational work going on in Uganda and around the world!

Malawi Nkoma Program Staff Member to Visit U.S.

Beginning at the end of September, Nancy Hinga, staff with CRWRC/World Renew Malawi, will be visiting the U.S. for about two months. While here, she will be visiting with churches, volunteers and growing projects. Nancy is the program consultant for CRWRC/World Renew's work in Malawi, which includes the Malawi-Nkoma Program.

This program works in an area often affected by drought because of its location in a "rain shadow" in this long, narrow country alongside Lake Malawi. Program goals for the participating communities are: to improve health, to increase agricultural production, and to work together to care for orphans and other vulnerable children. Program participants have initiated community growing projects, crops and gardens, along with preschools to support families caring for the large numbers of AIDS orphans in the area.

Nancy will spend the majority of her time in the U.S. traveling in the Midwest. If you are interested in hosting Nancy, arranging a speaking engagement or would like more information on her schedule, please email kelsey@foodsresourcebank.org or call (708) 505-4034.

Visit our website for more information on the Malawi-Nkoma program.



Nancy and Arlyn Schipper, an FRB volunteer from Iowa, discuss farming in a Malawian maize field during an FRB overseas trip.



Overseas Program Stories Available on FRB's Website

All of FRB's 57 programs submit reports on their activities and finances at least twice a year. Our staff posts them on the corresponding program page on the website. In addition to these detailed and often technical reports, you'll find one-page stories in PDF format which offer personal testimonials from program participants and insight into the impact your financial support has on their communities. In PDF format, these are easy to print on 8-1/2 x 11 paper. We suggest you fold them in half and include them in church or organizational bulletins or newsletters, or share them at an FRB event (harvest celebration, spring, planting, collection, etc.).

Tee Shirts Available for Growing Project Events

Over the summer, FRB designed a tee shirt and tested it at the annual meeting. We have now made them available to the growing projects just in time for harvest. We think they would make a great fundraising item. If you would like to bulk order 12 or more please visit the bulk order form page found under US Projects on our website. Bulk orders take about 3 weeks to process so please plan ahead and order early!



For smaller quantities, please visit our new store where you can find other FRB items. This can be found on CafePress: <http://www.cafepress.com/foodsresourcebank>