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The Pies Take the Cake! Sold for \$425!

Four-hundred fifty people attended the joint Earlville-Somonauk (IL) Harvest Fest -- 100 more than last year, according to Randy and Judy Rosengren, who hosted the event at their farm. The two growing projects represented 17 churches -- Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Congregational, Baptist, Federated -- 14 located along U.S. Highway 34 corridor between Plano and Earlville and 3 in the Chicago suburbs.

City folk rode on combines, children milked cows, and young and old rode in wagons pulled by Clydesdale horses and enjoyed a number of farm-related exhibits and demonstrations. But the activity that took the cake was the pie auction! The average going price for one of the 42 pies was \$94. The loser in the auction for the \$425 pie had the successful bid on the last pie, winning it for \$300. All in all, the harvest fest raised \$6000 to support food security programs in some of the world's poorest countries. "With the economy as it is, it shows how people truly understand there are people worse off than they are," said Jerry Lundeen, coordinator of the FRB Somonauk growing project.

Those That Have Traveled with FRB to Give Testimony in Washington DC Have Shared...

"We became a close-knit group as we passionately shared "our story" --how we became involved in FRB, how we believe in FRB's mission of partnering with the hungry of the world to develop self-sustaining communities, and how we are working together in Christ's name to share the abundance we have been given... I was inspired by members of our group as we shared our "down-to-earth" knowledge, expertise and experience and encouraged those we met to give the farmers and rural people of our land a presence and a voice in the decisions made about giving aid." - Lois Kruse, Conrad, Iowa

"We were only a small voice in Washington, but a clear one with a hope and desire to make significant changes in agriculture around the world." -Deb Larson, Earlville, Illinois

"... thank you for a fantastic experience in DC. I enjoyed the whole trip...our meetings on the hill...getting a taste of the legislative process...meeting with CRS and LWR...learning about the other side of the FRB equation (abroad)...meeting other growing participants...staying at the hostel...meeting the diverse people staying there...spending time with FRB staff... I have a greater understanding of FRB's mission now." - Laura Anderson, Fort Dodge, Iowa

Three more *Heart of the Hill* trips to Washington, D.C. are planned for January 26-29, February 16-19 & March 16-19, 2009. Please contact us at 312-612-1939 if you would like to learn more and/or are interested in participating. FRB's *Heart of the Hill* Project is made possible by a generous grant from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

Overseas Travel Opportunities

January 2009: Malawi and Zambia

- Sorry, this trip is full.

February 2009: Nicaragua and other Central American countries

- February 1-8. In conjunction with FRB board meeting in Managua. One-day program visit within Nicaragua, meeting with the board, and 4-day program visit option. Airfare to and from ranges from \$385 to \$800 depending on option selected. In-country food, lodging and travel about \$100-\$120 per day. Contact Sharon@foodsresourcebank.org for more information.

April or May 2009: Haiti and the Dominican Republic (tentative)

- Contact bev@foodsresourcebank.org for more information.

Fall 2009: Balkans and Asia Trips are being planned (tentative)

- Contact bev@foodsresourcebank.org for more information.



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- ◆ We are now registered with **eBay**. Sell something and contribute all or part of your earnings to FRB!
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