



News From Foods Resource Bank

Winter 2012



Happy New Year from Foods Resource Bank!

Already 2012 is promising to be an exciting and event filled year. We hope that everyone can join us in growing lasting solutions to hunger in 2012. Perhaps this is the year to begin a new growing project, travel to Washington DC, take a trip overseas, like us on Facebook, or even submit a blog post. Who knows what 2012 will bring? Surely it will bring new opportunities, new friends and new callings for FRB and for you. We are looking forward to the 2012 journey with you.

Events

Heart of the Hill:

Washington D.C.
2012 Dates are now available

Regional Meeting

Strawberry Point, IA
February, 25, 2012
9:30 am — 3 pm

2012 Annual Meeting

Kidron, OH
July 27-29, 2012

Overseas Trips

Latin America Mission Trip Series - February 4-March 10, 2012 : During the above dates FRB will lead 4 trips, 2 trips each to Guatemala and Nicaragua, that are designed to be mission focused. Perfect for youth or church groups.

El Salvador– Lolotique - March 11-15, 2012

The Democratic Republic of the Congo and Angola - June 2012 This trip needs confirmation by March 31

East Africa - August 2012 : This trip may include visits to Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia, Kenya and Uganda

Eastern Europe and the Middle East- September/October 2012: This trip may include Armenia, the Balkans and countries in the Middle East.

India - December 2012

What is your FRB story and how are you going to tell it?

Recently, an exciting email arrived in the mail boxes of FRB staff regarding an TV interview with two FRB volunteers from Iowa. LeRoy and Marilyn Brocka were featured on their local news program regarding the “vacations” they take every year with FRB. You can see the clip on the travel page of the FRB website, <http://www.foodsresourcebank.org/overseas-trips>.

As with the Brocka’s, sharing your FRB story can be powerful and can reach many people. We invite everyone to share their FRB story with others. And since we don’t always get an opportunity to be on TV, there are other ways to do that. Write a piece for our new blog, send us your photos and we will use them on the website and post them on Flickr. If you like to meet people then we invite you to travel with us to Washington DC or overseas.



The Brocka’s discussing their overseas trips with FRB.

However you choose to tell your FRB message and story, we invite you to share it with FRB. We would love to hear what growing lasting solutions to hunger means to you!



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Church of the Brethren Board Member Retires

Long time FRB board member Howard Royer has recently retired from Church of the Brethren's Global Food Crisis Fund where he had been working since 2004. This retirement also brings his position as an FRB board director to a close. Howard has served on the FRB board since 2004. While he made IL and the Chicago suburbs his home for most of his life, Howard never forgot his roots as a farm boy from Ohio.



Howard Royer

FRB is very grateful to Howard for his role in recruiting support from Church of the Brethren congregations across the US. After spending his career working for the Church of the Brethren in various roles, he graciously shared his connections and experience with the Foods Resource Bank.

We will miss Howard's presence and experience shared with us during his 8 years with the FRB Board. FRB wishes him a happy and joy filled retirement.



An FRB volunteer in DC

2012, A Critical Year for Voices in Washington

2012 is going to be an important year for many reasons. But for people in Washington DC, 2012 is going to be a determining year for the future of many political issues. Never has there been a better time to visit your congressional representative and talk to them about Foods Resource Bank. Thanks to the grant from Bread for the World Institute, FRB has planned a trip to DC in almost every month of 2012. Please make 2012 the year to join FRB on the Hill for the first time or again. Grant money is available for travel costs.

2012 dates are : Jan. 23-26, Feb. 13-16, Mar. 19-22, April 16-19, May 14-17, Jun. 18-21, July 16-19, Sept. 17-20, Nov. 12-16, Dec. 3-6

The FOODS RESOURCE BANK Legacy Funds... *there is a time for giving*

FRB has established a gift program to provide a path for those who wish to make a legacy gift to FRB. Within their lifetimes, many arrive at a point where they will consider the future and what they may do with the assets that they have earned over their lifetime. FRB recognizes that as people plan for the future of their estate, many will have the desire and wish to provide resources for the ongoing work of FRB. In that spirit, FRB has established three legacy programs that offer potential paths for long term giving.

1. The **Time for Giving** Fund: a gift to this fund will be invested, following a conservative investment strategy, for a period of 7 years. The principal amount of the gift, along with any accrued earnings, will be used over the course of the seven year period to further FRB's work in ministry and mission in the developing world.
2. The **Endowment** Fund: a gift to this fund will be invested so as to ensure maximum long term benefit for FRB's programming and operations. The intent will be to maintain a perpetual fund to support future years of FRB's work in the developing world.
3. The **FRB Land Trust**: a gift of land to FRB is a very special gift. FRB recognizes the relational, livelihood and historic importance that farmland has to families and communities. The FRB Land Trust will work to honor the desires that people have for their land.



Please call or email Marv Baldwin for more information, marv@foodsresourcebank.org or (708) 505-4034.

JOIN FRB on the WEST COAST

Did you know that FRB is active on the West Coast? New and existing growing projects in Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho are looking for company. If you have contacts with farmers or churches that you would like to pass along, please contact FRB staff member Angela Boss. You can email her at angela@foodsresourcebank.org. For a map of all FRB growing projects visit www.foodsresourcebank.org/growingprojects

