



Crops for Hunger

November 2021 Update

The soybean crop of 1,952 bushels has been harvest and hauled to our buyer Weavers Toasted Grains and a check in the amount of \$29,600 to be sent to Growing Hope Globally in support of the MCC program Orocuna and Liure in Honduras. The roadside stand sweet corn sales generated \$562 and a check has been mailed. The combined Crops for Hunger proceeds total \$30,162.

At the Growing Hope Globally (GHG) annual meeting in July it was reported that the United Nations estimated 118 million more people globally were hungry in 2020 than the previous year largely because of the pandemic. The good news is that Covid-19 does not affect crops! The pandemic affected every organization's daily operations including GHG and MCC requiring adaptation to conform to pandemic regulations. But committed farmers continued, affected by COVID or not, to produce the crops that would provide resources for the agriculture programs striving to reduce hunger globally. GHG reported that they fully funded all programs they committed to support in 2020 and actually finished the year financially in the black in spite of the pandemic. Praise God!

Our 2020 Crops for Hunger (CFH) project was a wonderful blessing. To summarize our soybeans yielded \$32,166.79 and sweet corn \$1,333.00. The soybean sales was over 6 times the investment to produce and the sweet corn was zero expense from the DRE funds thanks to Dean Overholt and Joe Dise planting and harvesting (this season as well). Our inaugural crop exceeded our expectations.

This growing season 2021 the conditions were suitable to apply needed lime to the fields prior to planting and a different herbicide application was determined to be best this season, both additional expenses over the prior year expenses. Although the full accounting of the year is not complete we expect the soybean crop to generate 3.5 times the investment. With God's grace our crop again is a very generous contribution toward relieving hunger as well as a worthy stewardship of our land resources.

At the end of 2020 the CFH committee determined not to fundraise considering sufficient funds available to start the growing season and the many other financial needs as a result of the pandemic. The project was blessed with contributions throughout the summer and in October the Mission Commission designated a portion of the church budget surplus to Crops for Hunger. God has provided sufficiently to cover our expenses for the year and likely a portion to carry over to 2022, however not sufficient to fully fund another season. In December we will meet to finalize the 2021 season and begin planning for 2022. We already know our material expenses are rising.

Please prayerfully consider your generous support of this project over and above the Deep Run East budget. Remember to mark your envelope or check memo line with 'Crops for Hunger'. Also, share the purpose of this project with friends and neighbors. Thank you.

Committee members:

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