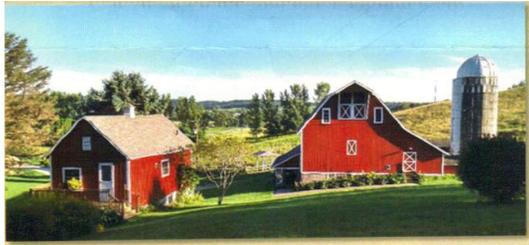


My FBC Missionaries

Missionary:

“Harvest Home Farm”
Whitehall, Wisconsin



Mission Statement/Goal: The mission of Harvest Home Farm is to strengthen families through shared experiences in a farm environment where the Word of God is used to help initiate faith and cultivate maturity in Jesus Christ.

How long has Harvest Home Farm been in existence? God put the concept of Harvest Home Farm on my heart while I was on my tractor raking hay in August of 2000. We set the idea aside many times over the next four years while serving at Forest Springs but God kept bringing us back to it and opening doors for its development. Harvest Home Farm was officially incorporated in 2004 and we moved to this farm in Whitehall in December of 2007.

With Harvest Home Farm situated in a small farming community, what is the range of your outreach? Harvest Home Farm has three distinct yet related aspects of ministry. First, we host community outreach programs that include Celebrate Spring at Easter, the Family Night at the Farm in September and the Living Nativity in December. These local events draw from our surrounding communities but also as far as the Twin Cities, Rochester, La Crosse, Rice Lake and Wausau. Second, the Farm School offers custom educational experiences that range from simple farm tours to advanced animal science classes. Public, private and home school groups come from as far as Medford, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Rochester, and the Twin Cities. This year we are working with the Whitehall School District's CLC program hosting monthly after school field trips for grades 3-8. The third facet of the ministry is retreats in the Granary Guest House. Families and individuals come to stay in the guest house from as far away as Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana and Michigan. In November we hosted two families originally from South Africa!

How did First Baptist Church come to support Harvest Home Farm?

In 2009 Pastor Greg and the FBC mission's committee were reviewing the missionaries and organizations that FBC supported. They made the decision then to include HHF as one of their missionaries.

By supporting Harvest Home Farm are we supporting Mike & Becky Poulos? No. Harvest Home Farm operates financially in part through income from farm products and program fees. Harvest Home Farm also receives monthly and annual donations from individuals and churches. Forty percent of Harvest Home Farm's annual income comes through year-end gifts. Our family's personal income is also support-based but it is separate from the ministry income. The donations from First Baptist are designated for the Harvest Home Farm general fund.

Does the “Farm” currently need more financial support? We are sincerely grateful that Harvest Home Farm is operating in the black. However, our board of directors has set up a reserve fund that we are currently tapping into. As we mentioned above, 40% of our annual donations come in these last four weeks of the calendar year. We are trusting God to provide these funds to replenish our reserve and provide for the needs of the ministry in 2017.

Do Mike & Becky currently need more financial support? In 1986 God used an accident to direct my (Mike's) life into full time camping ministry. This year marks three decades of full time service. As I look back and reflect, I see grace, manna and the faithful hand of God. My family and I have lived on support for our income over these past thirty years. People have faithfully invested in us and the ministries we served. Their resources have provided for our needs and they share all the fruit we have experienced in our lives, our guests, and our communities. We are so very grateful. While we have tried to steward our resources well, changes in our support team and the growing needs of our family (literally MJ grew over two inches this summer) leave us with a monthly deficit of \$600. We trust God to keep providing for the next season in our lives and sincerely want to be able to live within our harvest.

There are many Core Value Bible verses listed on your website:

harvesthomefarm.org Which one is the most significant to your mission?

The foundation of the ministry of Harvest Home Farm comes from Romans 1:20 where Paul tells us, “For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.” At HHF we have the unique opportunity for people to encounter creation and learn how it reflects its Creator.

Any current prayer requests? We are sincerely grateful for prayer on our behalf!

Please pray that God would give us the power to...

- Love Him and our neighbors.
- Know, love, pursue, and share truth.
- Shine bright in the darkness.
- Shepherd our family well.
- Provide for the financial needs of the farm.