

Greetings!

Today, I am asking one simple request: Please put our farmers on your daily prayer list. Here is what you can pray for:

- Pray that God will bless them with high market demand, miraculous yield, zero crop destruction, minimal equipment damage, and that they will be drawn to the Lord by His overwhelming outpouring of blessings. That they recognize the hand of God in their lives and on their farms.
- Pray for Bushels of Blessings and our board for wisdom and direction. There are many exciting opportunities that are being made available to us to expand our reach into communities that are in great need.

Also, I would like you to talk to your companies or employers about volunteering as a group at Bushels this coming season. Sign up on our website will be available February 1st. We need you on our team! Many hands make light work. Can't wait to see you in May.

The 2018 Season is in full swing already. Many preparations are being made, machinery repaired, parts purchased, bunk house preparations are being made....planning and planning and planning. I have visited two farms this month and I see their shop lights on and the sound of hammering on metal and welding going on...the work never seems to cease.

Here is a quick overview of the farmers schedule.

February: Generally speaking the end of the 2nd and beginning of the third week the farmers begin to plant seedlings in the hot houses, (pray for a miraculous yield, often times there is loss at this very early starting point; not all the seeds germinate, weather inside the greenhouse gets too cold, etc.)

March : In the beginning of this month (weather permitting), they begin to plow and prep the soil.....acres and acres and acres and acres of soil. (pray that this freeze has eliminated pests and caused the soil to be light and loamy in quality).

April: The hothouse plants are moved and planted in the fields, (pray for great weather and a bountiful yield)

May: The last week of May we see the first of the zucchini and squash. Now we can pray that the entire season be profitable beyond their

wildest dreams, so they can pay off the loans for equipment and structures, etc. Pray for their salvation and the farmers who are saved for the Lord to refresh their souls and renew their hopes.

BUSHEL OF BLESSINGS UPDATE:

Mark your calendars for the first Saturday in May, which is May 5th at 9:00 am for the Informational Breakfast that is mandatory for organizations so we can update you on the changes that have taken place, pick up your forms and fill them out, bring out your volunteers to sign up and fill out their paperwork. Look for your invitations to arrive in April. If you have had a change of address or change of lead person please notify Lisa or Coralea as soon as possible so we may update our files.

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First week of gleaning weather permitting is May 28th.

God Bless and look forward to seeing you in May

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