



## **“Farm Rescue Assists Faith Farmer”**

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Farm Rescue came to our area again this year. Last year they helped John and Marcia Samuelson after his farm accident. This time they are at Rodney and Mary Geisler’s helping with the hay. Rod was involved in a tractor/semi accident earlier this year. He was in the hospital several weeks, then on to Billings, MT for several weeks of physical therapy. Gieslers name was submitted to Farm Rescue for assistance. Rod and Mary were both so pleased to have their help. Rod was very grateful to these three guys and the entire organization.

Farm Rescue volunteers spent a week cutting and baling hay for Gieslers. This crew of three, Frank Schaler from Michigan, Dan Murphy from Houston, TX and John Vonda from Illinois expect to be done with their work today, Wednesday. Schaler said volunteers come from all over the US to help farmers and ranchers in need. “If more people would volunteer their time helping others, the world would be a better place.”

Since its inception in 2006 Farm Rescue has assisted more than 300 farm families! The non-profit organization provides planting, harvesting and haying assistance to farm families in Montana, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota that have experienced a major injury, illness or natural disaster.

One of the biggest financial drains on a family is an unexpected medical injury or illness and, of course, a natural disaster. It is even more pronounced on a farm where a family's livelihood depends on the ability to plant, harvest or hay a crop. Farm Rescue gives families a chance to continue their livelihood by providing the necessary equipment and manpower to plant, harvest or hay their crop, free of charge.

Assistance is limited to one planting and harvesting operation every three years per family farm.