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I am writing

I am writing to let you know that we have a union formed and it is called the Tennessee Freedom Labor Union. It is for anybody who do day labor and are not getting enough for their work, the reason for a Union is to get the people organized for a strike. The way it was organized was that a group of working men got together and talked about what they was doing and what they was making and wanted to do something about it. Most of the people was not making more than \$3.00 dolla rs a day and we a tired of working for nothing we had heard about the Missisippi Freedom Labor Union and some of the men got together and went to Missisippi. Where They was already on strike and talked to the people down there. we found out how they got started and we know that we could do the same thing so we came back to somerville and had a meeting at the West Tennessee Voters Project and decided to called it the Tennessee Freedom Labor Union. Each person what was at the meeting made themselves a committe to go around and talked to the people about the union. an got them interest in it. and we had a few meeting and then we organized a union work shop . To make more demand and rules about the strike. The reason strike is to make the land owners meets our demands. so we got some information from The West Tennessee Voters Project , And your address and we think that you might be able to help lots of help to the union as far as finance is concerned. Because, we will need your support while the people are on strike. We will appreciate any help you can give us . The way we will give it out to the people who are on strike is to have an issuing committee To issue food and clothing to the people. We plan on striking the middle of Sept. And the first of Oct. So we are going to need a lots of help for the strikers. We have about 300 hundred and 50 people in this union and most of them are ready to go on strike. and we will have more to strike a little later on because that part of the cotton corn , soy bean will not be ready to harvest the same time. This union is mostly for Tractors drivers, Gin operator, any kind of day labor. Send the money to the Tennessee Freedom Labor Union.

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