

# GLOBAL VILLAGE

NEWSLETTER FALL 2003

*"Gifts for a better world"*

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## GLOBAL VILLAGE SHOP

1308 E. Seiberling, Peoria Heights 61616  
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## HOLIDAY HOURS

**The Shop will be open for the Heights Holiday Walk Friday, November 28, 5-9pm**

We would also like to extend hours of the shop during December. Wed. through Friday 10am-6pm and Sat. 10am-5pm. Please consider volunteering a few hours and remember to shop for gifts responsibly.

*LOOK FOR THE  
FAIR TRADE LABEL  
ON FOOD PRODUCTS*



Dear Friends,

As I prepared to write this letter, the shocking figures of the latest UNICEF report on hungry and impoverished children filled my screen.

The report states that more than half of all children living in the developing world live in severe deprivation (lack one basic human need, such as food, safe drinking water, sanitation facilities, health, shelter, and education). 674 million are in absolute poverty (lack two basic needs). One third of all children in the survey lived in a dwelling with more than five people to a room. A similar percentage had no toilet facility, and one in five had no access to safe drinking water. Overall, the situation is worse than it was in the year 2000.

The report's authors make a direct link between life-threatening poverty and the globalization of trade. They explain that subsistence farmers in poor countries must compete for markets with heavily subsidized American "farmers" (often large farming corporations). Think cotton farmers in Africa, and rice farmers in Haiti. No wonder it was farm workers from Mexico, Korea and other struggling countries who led the opposition to the World Trade Organization meetings last summer!

Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find a report on the effect of NAFTA on the people of northern Mexico. Since NAFTA, 70,000 workers from the cities and rural areas migrated to work in sweatshops in the "free trade zone" along the U.S. border. Now about half of those jobs have been moved to China, where labor is cheaper and environmental protection policies are rare. Illegal immigration into the U.S. seems like the only solution to thousands of displaced workers.

Is there any good news? Actually, yes. Look for the Fair Trade Certified coffee and tea in local Kroger and Schnucks stores. Customer demand for fair trade made it happen!

Global Village is carrying more items than ever before, including an expanded collection of housewares—table linens, pottery, serving utensils—from several countries. Our clothing

## BORDERLINKS

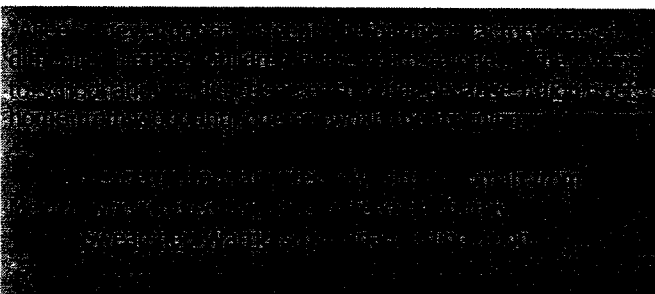
section now includes some wonderful children's jackets as well as hats, mittens and gloves for everyone. New shipments continue to arrive.

And for people who have decided to skip "stuff" altogether this holiday season, we have opportunities to donate cement floors to a Mayan community in Guatemala, and animals to poor farmers throughout the world.

There are two things we need to keep growing: volunteers and sales opportunities. If you like being in the shop, we'd love to see more of you! And if your church, workplace or other group would like a fair trade sale or program, please contact us. We would love to partner with you. We believe that Peoria-area people really do want a more just world, and we'll work with you to help that happen.

Peace,  
Nancy Long

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### GLOBAL VILLAGE NEEDS:

#### Volunteers:

1. For extended hours, and all hours at the Shop. Do you have 3 or more hours a month to share? Right now some people are working up to 24 hours a month!
2. Scheduler for the shop
3. Volunteer committee
4. Someone to press clothes from shop
5. Someone to shrink wrap posters
6. Education Board Member
7. Event workers

A Small Refrigerator  
Holiday Event Sales

On Friday October 17, Faye and John Buttrick reported on their experiences on their cross cultural trip to the Mexican-American border area with Borderlinks. The following is a summary by: Faye and John Buttrick

Crossing Borders... Bridging cultures... Building stronger communities... One step at a time. These phrases frame the work of Borderlinks, a non-profit organization in Tucson, Arizona. Their programs include immersion trips, community-based projects, and study for academic credit all centered on US Mexican border issues. John and I participated in a week-long immersion trip from Tucson, Arizona to Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

Brief background by Borderlinks on the issues: Since the creation of a free trade zone along the border in 1965, hundreds of US companies have opened manufacturing facilities in Mexican border towns. As a result, the populations of border communities have exploded as migrants, unable to support themselves in other parts of Mexico, moved north to take advantage of the newly created jobs. Today, significant health problems, massive poverty, disintegrating families and environmental degradation are the unintended and often unrecognized legacies of this "development."

The staff at Borderlinks has made contacts with various organizations and businesses on the border in order to provide a varied picture of the situation. We heard from church leaders (clergy and laity) involved in various projects on both sides of the border, social service providers, a spokesperson at a factory and one from the Border Patrol, Mexican police, and staff at Casa Misericordia (community center in Nogales, Sonora) where we stayed for three nights. In Alta we were hosted by families for meals and an overnight. Migrants from the south come to Alta on their way to the border about two hours to the north. The local economy now centers on their needs.

We, too, went to the border on the Mexican side at Sasabe and then drove into Arizona over a washboard road through a desert of sand and sparse vegetation. We had adequate water, reliable vans (though one began to leak oil once we arrived in Arizona) and knowledgeable guides.

Our situation contrasted starkly with the situation of the migrants.

Why do they travel through the desert rather than through the urban areas as they used to? Why do the migrants keep trying to cross even after being caught and sent back? What do the issues of agriculture in the south have to do with migrants heading north? What will the changing economy on the border whereby factories have begun to leave for China or Indonesia or even closed, mean for the workers? What are local advocacy groups doing to ease the everyday experiences of peoples' lives? The week only began to give us an understanding of border issues but now we read the newspaper and hear the news with more understanding than before we went.

Another trip is planned for February 9-13, 2004, sponsored by Illinois Maya Ministry of the United Church of Christ. There are flyers at Global Village with contact name and information. (The deadline for application is Nov. 15, 2003) For \$500 and plane fare to Tucson, you can meet the "faces" of border life, globalization, NAFTA, security and wavering economy. They have families, too.

### **NO SWEAT APPAREL (AND SERVICES)**

We have several sources for our beautiful fair trade clothing. However, sometimes our customer's needs are greater than we can meet in our small shop. There are many requests for information on sweat free clothing and services. Here is some recent news:

Graduate students at the University of Massachusetts have teamed with the database listing all goods and services produced by U.S. Union members. Currently that list can be found at [www.unionlabel.org](http://www.unionlabel.org). The new database will be a resource for sociological studies as well as a place where consumers can "vote with their dollars" by using the website to find goods made by workers earning a living wage with benefits and safe working conditions.

Here is a list of companies provided by the "Clean Clothes Campaign-Milwaukee" that buck the trend of union-busting and actively support the labor movement. Every purchase is a vote for more fair labor companies to develop and thrive.

[www.nosweatapparel.com](http://www.nosweatapparel.com) - clothing  
<http://unions-america> - internet services  
[www.powells.com](http://www.powells.com) - books  
[www.unionvacations.com](http://www.unionvacations.com) - travel  
<http://UnitedUnionInternet.com> - internet services  
<http://www.cingular.com> - cell phone  
<http://www.sweatx.net> - clothing  
<http://www.natchezss.com/boots.html> - boots  
<http://www.diamondcutjeans.com> - jeans  
<http://www.leathercoatsetc.com> - leather wear  
<http://www.unionthreads.com> - work wear  
<http://www.redwingshoes.com> - boots  
<http://www.unionmadeclothing.com>  
<http://unionplus.org> services

In the fall issue of REAL MONEY, the COOP America publication, there is a list of Ecological Attire Resources; companies that are socially and environmentally responsible:

Americanapparel.net 213 488-0226 knits  
artisangear.com 802 388-6856 accessories  
Coolnotcruel.com 646 221-6363 officewear  
Cottonfieldusa.com cottonwear  
Devalifewear.com 800 222-8024 casualwear  
accessories, home items  
EcoAmerica.com casualwear, home products  
Ecodragon.com 888 882-HEMP footwear,  
knits, gifts  
Ecolution.com 800 973-HEMP apparel, bags,  
footwear  
Ethicalwares.com shoes, accessories  
Gozagear.com 800 884-9994 sport shirts and  
oxfords  
Grassrootsnaturalgoods.com 800 226-0924  
clothing and accessories  
Hempstyle.com hemp clothing and accessories  
Jewelsofthetrade.com 727-528-9431 Jewelry  
Marketplaceindia.org 800 726-8905 clothing  
Oftheearth.com casual clothing  
Rawganique.com 866-RAW-HEMP casualwear  
[www.sandstonehemp.com](http://www.sandstonehemp.com) 877-222-2668  
businesswear and accessories  
Tomorrowsworld.com 800 229-7571 organic  
cotton and hemp casual businesswear  
Underthecaqnoy.com 888 226-6799  
Organic fiber office clothes, footwear, and more.

We also have a listing of sweat free uniform manufacturers. If you are interested in that, please contact our shop at 681-8180 and we will get back to you.

## TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE

Looking for an out of the ordinary travel experience? Want to learn more about countries that supply Global Village with fair trade products? Visiting a country such as Mexico with *Borderlinks* or Haiti with the *Center for Global Education* can provide you with the unique opportunity to experience a country on a more local cultural level. Called "reality" or "cultural" travel, the opportunities abound for you to participate and broaden your horizons. Here are some suggested travel resources.

### *Borderlinks - Mexico*

Offers short-term and semester-long immersion delegations that offer cross border relationship building and developing local and international strategies in response to the global economy. (520) 628-8263 [www.borderlinks.org](http://www.borderlinks.org)

### *Center for Global Education- various countries*

International travel seminars take learning adults around the world, introducing them to the peoples and situations of Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, Southern Africa and other sites. The Center's one-to three-week travel seminars bring participants face-to-face with people of other cultures, people working for justice and human dignity. A unique opportunity to examine the root causes of poverty and oppression, explore the dynamics of development, and discover the spirit of hope lived out by people working for social change in the struggling regions of the world (800)299-8889 [www.augsburg.edu/global](http://www.augsburg.edu/global)

### *Crooked Trails - various countries*

A non-profit, community-based travel organization working to help people strengthen their relationship with the planet and all of its people through education and responsible travel. They work in conjunction with indigenous people around the world facilitating cultural exchanges that allow visitors and hosts opportunities to share in each other's lives. (206) 937-3901 [www.crookedtrails.com](http://www.crookedtrails.com).

### *Global Exchange - various countries*

Organizes several types of socially responsible and educational study seminars; fact-finding, solidarity, and activist delegations; and customized tours for academic, business, and professional organizations. Reality Tours offer participants an in-depth look at the reality of destination countries through direct observation of the host society. Participants learn about the country's history, politics, economy, religion, government, health care, agriculture, education, and environment, all while participating in exciting cultural activities. (800) 497-1994 [realitytours@globalexchange.org](mailto:realitytours@globalexchange.org)

### *Servas - various countries*

An international network of hosts and travelers building peace by providing opportunities for personal contact between people of diverse cultures and backgrounds. Through mutually arranged individual visits, hosts and travelers share their lives, interests and concerns about social issues. These encounters help form the building blocks of peace in the spirit of mutual service and respect. (212) 2670252 [usservas.org](http://usservas.org)

### *Sharing the Dream- Guatemala*

Schedules trips periodically to help tourists experience the culture of Mayan weavers in Guatemala. This experience gives travelers a chance to see what fair trade does and does not contribute to these third world artisans. [info@sharingthedream.org](mailto:info@sharingthedream.org).

For more resources check out Co-Op America's Green Pages. A copy is available at our resource center in the shop or contact Co-Op America at (202)872-5397 [www.coopamerica.org](http://www.coopamerica.org). Global Village is exploring the idea of organizing a group from Central Illinois for a "reality" trip. If you think you might be interested in such a trip, or would like to help organize one contact Luan Railsback at (309) 493-5040 or email Global Village at [peoriaglobal@yahoo.com](mailto:peoriaglobal@yahoo.com).

All I Want for Christmas is....a CEMENT FLOOR?

*Global Village* in cooperation with *Sharing the Dream* is offering a unique opportunity to adopt a cement floor in Guatemala. A cement floor, instead of dirt or board floor over dirt, can greatly improve health conditions and cleanliness and upgrade the standard of living for the families receiving them. So, while you or I may dream of sunny beaches or big screen TVs, a woman's dream of a cement floor is common among the Mayan weavers assisted by *Sharing the Dream*.

It costs approximately \$400.00 to \$500.00 to provide a family with a cement floor. *Global Village* has created a way for you to help with all or a portion of a floor. Just drop by the shop at 1308 E Seiberling Ave. in Peoria Heights. Decide how much you would like to contribute. We will provide you with a certificate of your "adoption" in your chosen amount, as well as an informational card. Receipts for tax purposes will also be issued. For holiday gift giving that reflects the true spirit of the season, how about cement floor "adoption" along with a fair trade woven product from Guatemala available at the shop.

So dream big!!! Dream cement floors for everyone!!! We will keep you updated in future newsletters of the progress of our cement floor project.

**Sharing the Dream in Guatemala** is a project that promotes fair trade with cooperatives and small businesses in Guatemala. They are committed to providing fair wages and employment opportunities to low-income artisans, which will result in creating sustainable markets for their projects.

Weaving is an ancient and revered craft for these Mayan women. All of their fabrics are hand woven either on backstrap of foot looms.

When you buy your portion of the "dream", you not only are providing work for these women, supporting the following projects:

- Providing financial help to the orphanage Casa Guatemala located in the jungle.
- Providing educational scholarships for Guatemalan women and children.
- Starting a nutrition center in the mountains.
- Buying school supplies for Mayan children in the mountains
- Providing a medical school scholarship for a young Queqchi woman from the jungle
- Helping the women to buy cement floors for their houses.
- Many more...

All the people involved with **Sharing the Dream** are volunteers so 100% of the your dream purchases goes back to the people of Guatemala.

For more information contact [info@sharingthedream.org](mailto:info@sharingthedream.org)

### FAIR TRADE COFFEE UPDATE

Many people and organizations have been asking for fair trade products where they shop. Recently Sojourners conducted a calling campaign requesting that Proctor and Gamble, the largest producer of coffee consumed in the U.S., to carry a fair trade coffee product. As a result, they agreed to carry one fair trade coffee in their Millstone gourmet line. While Millstone is available at stores across the nation, P&G only agreed to have the fair trade coffee available on-line. If you want to take action to help get more fair trade coffee out to the general public and at the same time support impoverished coffee farmers, call the consumer line and tell them you want Millstone Mountain Moonlight Fair Trade Coffee carried IN STORES. So far this coffee is only available in whole beans on-line at \$8.99 with \$5.00 shipping charge. The # is 1-800-522-7894 and press "0".

Nancy reports that fair trade coffee and tea is now available at the Kroger and Schnucks in Peoria. We applaud all of you who asked for fair trade. Keep it up. It works! Even if Proctor and Gamble won't put their fair trade product in the stores, if we ask for it, fair trade will come! It is also available at Crossroads in Bloomington and down the street the health food store has Fair Trade Equal Exchange coffee. Let us know where you find it.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| November 7-8 | Great Rivers Presbytery Annual Meeting                                   |
| November 7   | Church Women United Brunch   |
| November 8-9 | First Christian Church   |
| November 10  | Sweatshop Awareness Presentation at University Of Illinois Newman Center |
| November 15  | Global Village Board Meets Lakeview Library, 11am                        |
| November 28  | Heights Holiday Walk 5-9pm   |
| TBA          | Salem Lutheran Church  |
| January      | Sweatshop Awareness Presentation at St. Thomas Church, Peoria Heights    |

# GLOBAL VILLAGE

*Invites your church/organization to participate in*

## **HOLIDAY SHOPPING NIGHT**

**November - December**

*We will open the shop for your members after hours and your organization will receive 10% of sales that evening. Artisans in more than 30 countries will also benefit.*

**Call 655-0515 to reserve an evening at Global Village**

*See our new inventory*

*Shop for a better world*

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