



GLOBAL VILLAGE

“Gifts for a better world”

May 2006

President's Letter...

Dear Friends,

Despite all the tragedy and suffering of the last few years, the Spring of 2006 is sure to go down in U.S. history as the season the Immigrant community found its voice. Spurred on by a Congressional bill that would have put millions of small businesses, churches and social service agencies at risk for helping undocumented workers, hundreds of thousands took to the streets. Labor unionists, day laborers, sweatshop workers, church leaders, recent and not-so-recent immigrants spoke up, or showed up, for marches and rallies. The May 1 labor boycott affected nearly every city and town in the U.S. The message that immigrants are people with hopes and dreams and votes and economic clout remains to be turned into reasonable policies. Not far beneath this important civil rights movement lies the harsh reality that many immigrants would have remained prosperous in their home countries were it not for the injustices of international trade policy. Mexican farmers, for example, would still be successfully raising and selling corn if NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) had not flooded their markets with cheap, subsidized U.S. corn for the last ten years. Instead of remaining in rural villages, they were forced to migrate nearer to border sweatshops where their teenagers worked to support families. When the factories relocated to China, former farm families naturally looked north for employment. Similarly, economic conditions are sure to worsen in developing countries that bow to U.S. government pressure to accept CAFTA, another agreement designed to help corporate farmers and manufacturers at the expense of Central and South American workers. Fair Trade products, on the other hand, give farmers, artisans and other workers in poor countries a way to improve their standard of living IN

THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. Read Clare Howard's story about the women in Ecuador who have hope because they have international markets for their quinoa. Then shop for Bob's Red Mill or Seeds of Change quinoa at local grocery stores, and enhance your own

health while you improve the lives of Ecuadorian families. Fair Trade is about justice. Justice is our only hope for world peace. We who have choices can make it happen! Si Se Puede!

-Nancy

Couple develops quinoa recipes

Midge and Bob Leventry retired from jobs in Peoria, joined the Peace Corps and went to Ecuador to teach. That, at least, was their plan. Now, a decade later, the Leventrys say they went to Ecuador and learned. What they learned is changing the way many Americans eat and think about the free trade versus fair trade debate.

Midge Leventry taught food nutrition at Illinois Central College. Bob Leventry was executive vice president at RLI Corp. With her knowledge of nutrition and his knowledge of business, they started Inca Organics in 1998 after completing their Peace Corps assignments. Today the company is the No. 1 importer of quinoa into the United States and England. Quinoa was the primary protein source for the ancient Incas. Spanish conquistadors perceived the strength Inca people got from quinoa and the invaders ordered the crop destroyed, leading to the fall of the Inca Empire in the 1530s. Today, small pockets of quinoa are cultivated at high altitudes. It is the only plant-based complete protein and was named one of the "15 super foods

for super health" by Environmental Nutrition. Because it is grown primarily on the equator, poor nations have a virtual corner on the market.

Midge Leventry researched and developed quinoa recipes, contacted chefs and natural food distributors. Her vision for quinoa in the American diet is strengthened by Bob Leventry's understanding of global trade.

"NAFTA only addresses tariffs, not internal subsidies. In France, 20 percent of the budget goes to farm subsidies. England subsidizes

exported wheat but not domestic wheat," he said. "With free trade, rich countries subsidize farm exports and poor countries can't compete."

Leventry said each time the United States and Europe force poor nations to

remove tariffs to keep out subsidized agriculture, it's another step toward elimination of the Third World's ability to feed itself.

Inca Organics works with indigenous farmer co-



Manuela Usca, 5, lives in Silveria high in the Andes Mountains outside Riobamba, Ecuador. Most of the men have left Silveria looking for work. The women have organized an organic coop and raise quinoa for Inca Organics. The sale of quinoa has increased living standards and lowered malnutrition among the children of Silveria.

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Global Mamas at Global Village

Global Mamas at Global Village: African Women Produce Baby, Children's Clothes We are proud to introduce a new line of clothing for babies and children. Global Mamas supplies colorful, fun handmade batik products from women's small businesses in Africa. The first shipment, which arrived in time for May purchases, includes onesies and rompers for babies, shirts and sundresses for young boys and girls, and sarongs (or tablecloths or wall hangings) for women and girls. Each of the small businesses producing a clothing design is headed by an African woman, and provides an opportunity for economic independence for women and girls. Eli-Emma Batik and Tye-Dye, for example, feature the work of two women in Ghana, Elizabeth Ampiah and Emma Myers. They also train younger women. Both are married. Elizabeth has four and Emma five children (including two taken in to the family). Through Women in Progress, the international Fair Trade organization that markets their products under the Global Mamas umbrella, they have expanded production, acquired business and computer skills, and started a local storefront to sell and teach batik to tourists. Gifty Saal, another wife

and mother of two, lost her job as a teacher and was struggling to keep her family housed when she decided to tie dye and batik children's t-shirts. Since affiliating with Global Mamas and the Progressive Women's Credit Union, she has increased her production ten-fold, paid off old debts, hired an assistant, and acquired account-

ing and computer skills to manage her business and plan for its future. Reasonably priced and produced with safe, sustainable dyes, Global Mamas products exemplify all that's good about Fair Trade. Stop by and check them out for yourself!



Bread for the World..

This year's campaign for anti-hunger legislative advocacy sponsored by Bread for the World (I am the District #18 organizer for BFW) is centered around increasing federal poverty focused developmental aid to impoverished countries. The campaign is titled "One Spirit. One Will. Zero Poverty." You can learn more about Bread for the World at www.bread.org.

BFW is a faith based hunger advocacy nonpartisan citizen's movement with a membership of

able to feed their families.

Still, more than 1 billion people struggle to survive on less than \$1 per day. In sub-Saharan Africa, one-third of the population suffers from chronic malnutrition, and more than 6,000 Africans die every day from AIDS.

The United States has joined other nations in a commitment to cut global hunger and poverty in half by 2015. The world has the financial and technological means to make poverty history.



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55,000 individuals and families who represent 45 denominations and church agencies. It was founded in 1974 by Arthur Simon, brother of former Senator Paul Simon of Illinois.

Since the mission of GV is to support impoverished peoples, this campaign is a way of encouraging our government to do the same on a much larger scale.

In recent years, a movement of the Spirit has rallied people of faith and conscience to raise their voices on behalf of hungry people around the world. People from many different religious traditions have come together to challenge our nation's leaders to end hunger and extreme poverty in God's world. These voices have been heard.

Our nation, along with others, has increased development assistance to reduce hunger in the world's poorest countries. With this increased assistance, Cameroon in central Africa has been able to implement a comprehensive national HIV/AIDS strategy.

In Uganda, the number of children - especially young girls - attending school has risen dramatically. With increased education levels, farming becomes more productive and hungry people are

What is needed is the will to do so.

President Bush has promised to double development assistance to Africa by 2010. Now we must translate our nation's commitment into effective anti-poverty measures that reach those most in need.

You and other members of your church or organization are invited to take part in Bread for the World's 2006 Offering of Letters, "One Spirit. One Will. Zero Poverty". You will be joining thousands of others who are writing letters to urge our elected leaders to fulfill their promises to the world's hungry people. This offering will seek significant increases in poverty-focused development assistance to Africa and other poor parts of the world. Developmental aid focuses on health, education, building infrastructure such as clean water and roads, and other programs that enable people to improve their livelihoods.

To learn how to hold an Offering of Letters, see www.bread.org or contact Mary Anne Michelet 657-2484 or maryannemichelet@hotmail.com

GV opens South Eden Village Booth in Hanna City

Do you live West of Peoria, but drive to Peoria Heights for your Fair Trade coffee? If so, Global Village has moved closer to you!

Global Village has opened a booth in the former school building in South Eden, an

eating/shopping mini-mall just west of Hanna City off Rte. 116.

The booth is stocked with an assortment of coffees, teas, chocolates, instruments, purses and other gifts.

Operated by Judi and Chuck Zilch, long-time owners of Bearly There Antiques in Hanna City, South Eden Village is full of craft and antique booths, gently used furniture, a florist, and a comfortable restaurant with a lunch and dinner menu. South End Village is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

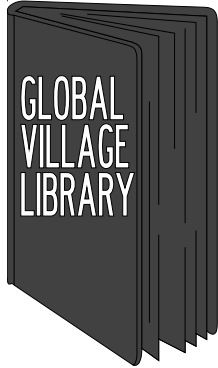
The Zilches and their children live in the school building, continuing a small-town business tradition. They hope to add an outdoor produce market in season. Already several groups of Red Hat Ladies have come for lunch and shopping. If you're in a hurry, the staff will be happy to show you the Global Village booth in the hallway.

If you have time, enjoy the delicious food and the whole shopping experience!

GV adds to library

Last month the Education part of GV added a new dimension.

This is 8 1/2 X12 colored construction paper picture boards of our artists that make many of the items we sell at GV. They are laminated and are part of the GV library. They ARE NOT TO BE GIVEN AWAY TO CUSTOMERS!



You will see one that is left, over by the soaps that are made by The Enterprising Kit-chens (TEK). Please read them to in-

form yourself about our many artists and what buying our products does for them.

WELCOME...

WELCOME to incoming Board members Joanne Fought (Secretary) and Ruth Bowden (Community Events Coordinator). Jim Sneed, who has served as Secretary, will move to Inventory Chair. World Fair Trade Day is Saturday, May 13. Enjoy Guatemalan music, coffee and displays.

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ops raising organic quinoa. Before 1998, malnutrition among the children in these farm families exceeded 74 percent. In order to sell to Inca Organics, the families must consume one-third of their quinoa crop and sell only two-thirds. Malnutrition among the children has dropped to under 20 percent. Before working with Inca Organics, these indigenous families averaged \$230 a year in income. The poverty level in Ecuador is \$360 a year. Now, these families earn an average of \$524 a year.

For more information and quinoa recipes, go to www.incaorganics.com. Inca Organics sells to Bob's Red Mill, Seeds of Change, NOW and Mary's Gone Crackers.

Fair Cup Award



We are proud to announce our Fair Cup Award. The following groups and/or businesses have made a decision to serve and stock fair trade coffee. The prize— recognition for helping to build a

more sustainable just world.

Dunlap United Methodist Church

First Christian Church, Peoria

New Church, Peoria

Salem Lutheran Church, Peoria

If you know of a group or business that serves fair trade coffee and you would like to nominate them for the Fair Cup Award email us at info@globalvillagepeoria.org.

GLOBAL VILLAGE Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements September 1, 2004 - August 31, 2005	
Cash in Bank, September 1, 2004	\$ 10,239
Sales	\$ 44,216
Less Cost of Goods Sold	<u>(28,925)</u>
Net Sales	\$ 15,291
Contributions	6,830
Donated Goods and Services	46,146
Total Cash Receipts	<u>\$ 68,267</u>
Donated Goods and Services	\$ 46,146
Occupancy Expenses	5,537
Operating Expenses	3,055
Gifts and Grants	16,979
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>\$ 71,717</u>
Net Profit (Loss)	\$ (3,450)
Cash in Bank, August 31, 2005	\$ 6,789

Calendar of Events...

May 7, Sunday - Open House/Annual Meeting 2-4 p.m.

May 13, Saturday - WORLD FAIR TRADE DAY Peoria Heights Art Fair
Guatemala Day at Global Village

May 20, Saturday - Fair Trade Fair at Knox College 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

June 13, Tuesday - GV Board Meeting, Lakeview Library 7 p.m.

June 17, Saturday - Moss Avenue Sale Global Village tables at Moss & Duryea

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Global Village is looking at sending out newsletters via e-mail to save on postage costs. If you would like to get your newsletter sent to you quarterly via your e-mail in a pdf format, please send your information to Sharon Williams.

Please e-mail her at: the-editor5@mchsi.com

You will get a confirmation once she receives your request...

Thank you!

Thank you...

THANK YOU —to the volunteers we missed in our last newsletter, notably Bruce Egbert, Gloria Egbert, and Leuba & Michael Tschirn for behind-the-scenes support. —to all our donors, known and anonymous. —to Clare Tschirn, Inventory Chairperson for the past four years.



Check this out...

There is a new web-site that features American made products...check it out. You can also sign up for e-mail updates and they will send you a featured product of the week.

The web-site is:

[BuyAmerican.com](http://www.BuyAmerican.com)

<http://www.globalvillagepeoria.org/>

