

GLOBAL VILLAGE

Newsletter Winter 2002

"Gifts for a better world"

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PURPOSE

Global Village is a local, not for profit, volunteer run corporation founded to partner with people in impoverished communities in the US and throughout the world. This is done by providing a Peoria area market for their artistic, craft and food products while giving consumers an opportunity to expand their cultural and political awareness. Our desire is to stimulate economic development and promote self-sufficiency without exploitation.

LOCATIONS

Crafts to You 617 W. Loucks at Sheridan, Peoria.
New hours: Mon-Tues 10:30a to 6p; Wed- Sat
10:30a-7p. Ph:679-9100 or 253-2289

That Cool Shop 1308 E. Seiberling, Peoria Heights
Open Wednesday through Saturday from 11am to
4pm until the end of February. Then M-F 11-4 and
Sat. 11-3. Ph.: 682-5030

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Global Village Members and Friends,

Greetings in this New Year! If the tragedies of 2001, and the creeping warfare that continues, have a bright side, it may be an increasing awareness in the U.S. of global economic and cultural issues. Places that were unknown have been located on maps, and the realities of war, refugees, and corporate greed have filled our screens.

The quieter, more hopeful stories have been harder to hear, but they continue. There are stories of farmers in Central and south America, and in Africa, forming local cooperatives to market coffee and tea themselves, at fair prices. There are stories of women in India using a Women's Bank for startup Capital to begin small businesses. Global Village has been part of the quieter news this year. We completed our second holiday season with sales of \$5,476 for the September-December fall/winter season. This was enough to support four and one-half third-world families for a year. It was double our sales from the same period last year.

We expanded our sales space in both shops. We were able to purchase inventory, pay rent, advertise, and publish a newsletter because of your generous donations of money, time, talents, and furnishings. We were also fortunate to have many successful spring and summer sales events in 2001. This kind of slow, steady growth can continue in 2002 with your help.

Please consider where you might spread the word about fair trade and Global Village. We are looking forward to meeting with several new groups in the next few months. If your group, school, or place of worship is not on our list, could you make a connection? Most concerned citizens are happy to learn what we do, and how they can help struggling people around the world.

Where to start? Bring a friend to one of the shops on February 9 or 10 for some slavery-free, fairly traded Valentine's Day gifts. Show them how much fun it can be to shop for justice!

In pursuit of peace,
Nancy Long

FOLLOW UP ON FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Last newsletter contained an article on fair trade and coffee. If you buy supermarket coffee, perhaps you have noticed the plummeting prices. Farmers of coffee beans throughout third world countries are suffering from the lowest prices in modern times. In Central America, the crisis is compounded by drought conditions followed by torrential rains. All of this is resulting in the loss of farmer's land, and even starvation. Today's price paid to farmers averages 40 cents a pound. Global Village sells fair traded coffee, meaning the coop farmers providing our coffee are guaranteed a fair price regardless of the current market prices.

CHOCOLATE AND SLAVERY

(From "Cooperative Trading News" published by Friends of the Third World)

The United States Government Report on Human Rights required by Congress, concluded that some 15,000 children between the ages of 9 and 12 have been sold into forced labor on Ivory Coast cocoa plantations in recent years. Ivory Coast supplies 43 percent of the world's cocoa. The U.S. House of Representatives proposed a voluntary "No Child Labor" labeling system to identify the origin of the cocoa. The Senate still has the bill on its agenda.

Bowing to all the negative attention the Chocolate Manufacturer's Association, an industry trade group, is conducting an investigation of their own, even enlisting an activist, Kevin Bales, author of Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy. If constructive action is taken, this will be the first time ever that an industry has taken responsibility for its product from harvesting to market. In fact, Larry Graham, President of the Manufacturer's Association, stated. "We need to be permanently concerned with where cocoa comes from, the impact of cocoa on the environment and how the workers are treated."

The agreement, brokered by the International Labor Federation and others was indorsed by such companies as Hershey's, M&M Mars, Nestle and World's Finest Chocolate. It states that the industry

will, by 2005, certify that no "worst forms of child labor - including slavery" will be used to produce chocolate and cocoa. This would be monitored by an industry funded marking program.

The plan is limited, however, in that it does not address what to do about children who are currently enslaved or abused, nor does it improve working conditions for adults on the plantations. Also the survey commissioned by industry which will begin the process of certified marking will not be finished until the end of the year. In addition, Fair Trade chocolate trademarks already exist in England and will soon be brought to the United States. These Fair Trade endorsements use a far stricter criteria for approval than the proposed voluntary standards imposed by the Chocolate Association. Given industry's typical response to negative publicity (promise and later ignore), it would be prudent to monitor the process of anti-child labor certification.

GLOBAL VILLAGE NOW HAS FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE

Divine Chocolate, produced by the Day Chocolate Company in England is now available in the United States. Day pays the fair trade price of \$1,750 per metric ton for the cocoa versus around \$1000 per ton paid by commercial companies.

Divine Chocolate is made from cocoa beans from the Kuapa Kokoo Cooperative in Ghana, Africa and is one third owner of the Day Chocolate Co. in England. This 35,000 member co-op is child-labor and slavery free.

SERRV International, one of our major suppliers, has been marketing Divine Chocolate for a few years now. According to Bob Chase, president of SERRV International, "building meaningful long term trading relationships with small cocoa farmers and providing them with a fair return for their product is exactly what fair trade is about. By purchasing the Divine chocolate bar, consumers here in the United States can be confident that they are taking a small step in improving the lives of cocoa farmers and their families in West Africa.."

Come to our Global Village shops for chocolate.

GLOBAL VILLAGE EVENTS

African-Peoria Friendships were developed in late December when three sisters of the Theresian order from Tanzania visited the two Global Village locations. The sisters are in Milwaukee studying Pre-Pharmacy, Biology and Accounting at Alverno College so they can better serve people in schools and hospitals. They also visited with several GV members, and asked about other products from their home community that GV might want to sell.

We depend on community events to get the word out about Global Village. And more sales means we can buy more products that support impoverished artisans, crafters and farmers.

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| January 26-27 | St. Bernard's Bake Sale |
| January 26 | Kick Off Dinner for Black History Month at Expo Gardens |
| February 9-10 | Slavery-Free Valentine Day chocolate/basket wrapping event, That Cool Shop and Crafts to You |
| February 16 | Global Village Board Meeting 10am St. Bernard's School, 510 E. Kansas, Peoria. Open |
| February 21 | Presentation/video at Serenity Neighborhood Meeting, 7pm |
| March 2 | St Paul's Episcopal Craft Show |
| March 16 | Roncalli Society Meeting, 9-2 at Westminster Presbyterian Church |
| March 23 | Global Village Board Meeting St. Bernard's School 10am |
| April 5 | Church Women United Meeting at First Presbyterian Church |
| April 9 | Regional Meeting of Church Women United at First Christian Church, Peoria |
| April 13 | Global Village Annual Meeting/Brunch/New Inventory Show 10am St. Bernard's School |
| April 21 | Earth Day Celebration, Peoria details TBA |

When you shop Global village, your \$25 purchase provides support to a family for one week. Your \$100 purchase supports a family for one month. Every \$1,200 in merchandise sold provides a year's support to an artisan's family.

OUR WISH LIST

As we expand in That Cool Shop and do educational programs, we need:

- Full length mirror
- Small TV-VCR unit
- Small round table
- Dining room chairs or small bench
- Folding wooden rack with pegs

ACTION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

There are many things we can do to become informed about social justice issues, and our individual imaginations can give us many avenues to use this information. The easiest is to exercise our right and duty as Americans and make our views known to our Congressional leaders. Here are a few ideas others have used:

Leslie Kretzu is one of about 11,500 people chosen to participate in the torch relay for the 2002 Olympics from Athens, Greece to Salt Lake City. The 27-year old social activist chose to run barefoot "as an act of solidarity with workers around the world who are consistently denied their human rights and human dignity while working in factories for U.S. corporations," she told National Catholic Reporter. In keeping with the International Olympic Committee's theme, "Celebrate Humanity," Kretzu said she wanted her participation to represent the millions of unrecognized persons around the globe who produce the uniforms and athletic equipment that will allow athletes to compete in the 2002 Salt Lake City games.

Kretzu wanted to make a statement with her actions. Of course, we don't hear a lot about these kind of actions from the major media sources.

Another action is contacting manufacturers or businesses about the products they make and/or sell. Simply asking about the conditions under which their products are made may be enough. It is their responsibility to know. If they know we care and want to know, things might change.

How can you use YOUR imagination for justice?

GLOBAL VILLAGE

*Invites you to come and see the expansion of our space
and enjoy a "Slavery Free Valentine's Day" Event*

NEW INVENTORY

NEW DISPLAYS

*A Basket of Chocolates
For Your Loved One
Saturday, February 9*

at our two locations:

*That Cool Shop
1308 E. Seiberling
Peoria Heights
11am - 4pm*

*Crafts To You
617 W. Loucks @ Sheridan
Peoria
10:30am - 7pm*

and Sunday, February 10 at Crafts to You 12 - 5PM

ENJOY FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE

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