



globalmarketday

Friday, October 15, 5-9pm

Arana Hills Church of Christ
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What is Global Market Day?

Global Market Day is an initiative of Arana Hills Church of Christ. It is an event which partners with organisations, businesses, community groups and people who are passionate about the poor. GMD is about creating an opportunity for people to buy goods and support projects that empower developing communities in Australia and overseas. All of our stallholders either buy from or support such communities and use ethical and sustainable practices. In addition we aim to increase awareness of how we can do more than simply give our money, but also use our voice to demand that manufacturers, retailers and governments work for a more just world. The church does not benefit financially from this event. Rather, it is run as an expression of our experience of God's love and commitment to serve others.

How does GMD make a difference?

- By encouraging the success of local businesses who support developing communities, ethical and sustainable practice
- By developing an awareness within our community about how we can make a difference in the lives of the poor
- Through the donation of our stallholder fees to a selected project benefiting a disadvantaged community
- By exposing our community to the overwhelming love of God and his heart for the poor



Who are we supporting at this Market?

This year our donation will go to Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a unique project of Samaritan's Purse that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes.

It provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple but hands-on project that has the power to transform children's lives.

In 2009, their teams in Australia and New Zealand delivered over 300,000 gift-filled shoe boxes to South East Asia and the South Pacific. Globally, Samaritan's Purse distributed an estimated 8.5 million shoe boxes to children in 105 countries. As each shoe box gift is delivered, it is treasured by the child that receives it, and is a lasting reminder that he or she is precious and not forgotten.

To find out more about the work of Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child, visit them at our market or go to www.operationchristmaschild.org.au

What's special about this GMD?

GMD goes FESTIVE!

This market is all about the joy of having a Fair Trade Christmas. You are not only delighting friends and family with gorgeous fair trade gifts, but you are directly changing the lives of people in developing communities who made your gift.

- ◆ **Heaps of new stallholders** including Kwetu Handmade, Fair Trade Connections, Last First Network, African Equity, Out From Africa, Global Kids Oz, Freeset, We Can Free Them, The Green Shop, One Coffee, Destiny Rescue, Jewels of Hope and Christians Against Poverty.
- ◆ Live **music** and performers all night
- ◆ Heaps of **kids** activities and interactive displays
- ◆ The **Shoebox** Family Challenge (we challenge your family to pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child!)
- ◆ The GMD **Chai** Tent - grab your fair trade spice chai tea, baked goodies, sit down at the tables and enjoy the chilled atmosphere and live entertainment
- ◆ GMD **Christmas** Wishing Tree
- ◆ Christmas **Wrapping** Station (buy your prezzies AND get them wrapped!)

5 Things You Can Do to be a Part of GMD

1. Take some flyers and posters and put them up at your workplace, school, university, community notice board or email a PDF copy to your friends
2. Collect all your old shoeboxes and leave in the box at the back of the church
3. Volunteer an hour of your time on the night—it's heaps of fun and really easy!
4. Come along and bring all of your friends and family!!
5. Pray, pray, pray!

Ring or email Kate for more info - admin@globalmarketday.org

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