



# globalmarketday News

## What is Global Market Day?

Just in case you are not aware, GMD is an initiative of Arana Hills Church of Christ. It is an event which partners with organizations, businesses, community groups and people who are passionate about the poor. Global Market Day is about creating an opportunity for people to buy goods and support projects that empower developing communities in Australia and overseas. All our stallholders either buy from or support such communities. In addition we want to raise awareness of how we can do more than simply give our money but can also use our voice to demand that manufacturers, retailers and governments to 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.
- By developing an awareness of our market goes of how they can make a difference in the lives of the poor.
- Through the donation of our stallholder fees to a selected project.

### Who has benefited from GMD in the past?

- Community building for the Kamashi churches, Ethiopia (\$650)
- Dhiyaan Indigenous Leadership program, Keperra (\$1000)
- Thai Trafficking Project (World Vision) (\$430)

### Who is our project for this GMD?

**Heal Africa** will be the recipient of our donation this time around.

This organisation seeks to bring hope to the people of Democratic Republic of Congo. In particular, it has a hospital to which a Brisbane team of doctors and nurses (including our own Cheryl Brooks) visit each year with the aim of bringing training and support to this war-torn land. The hospital is run by the Congolese with international teams coming to offer additional training and support.

David and Heather Kelly head the team. David is mentoring the Hospital Administrator and Heather teaches English to the Doctors. This hospital in particular seeks to assist women of sexual violence and has a holistic approach that includes physical, social and spiritual support. We are excited to support an international project that has a personal connection with Arana Hills Church of Christ.

### What is Fair Trade?

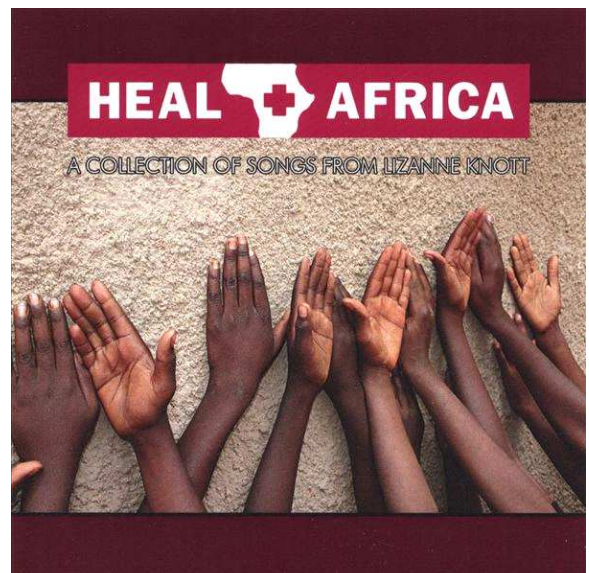
Fair Trade is about ensuring that producers in the developing world are paid better, and are living under decent working conditions. It guarantees a better deal for them through:

- a fair and stable price for their product
- long term trading relations and advance payments
- investments in local community development
- support in gaining knowledge and skills needed to operate in a global economy
- environmentally sustainable farming methods.

For more info go to [www.fairtrade.com.au](http://www.fairtrade.com.au)

### Why would I choose Fair Trade products?

Because fair trade is an alternative model of international trade which aims to share the benefits of trade **more equitably** between consumers, producers and the environment. It is one small way we can actively be involved in working towards a more just world.



**GMD Team:** Anne Simpson (co-ordinator/stallholder co-ordinator); Kate Chambers (Advocacy); Peta-Maree Robinson (promotions/stallholder liaison), Cameron West (site co-ordination/grants); Xanthe Sansome (Children's activities)

**Did you hear.....**



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is going  
**GREEN**

### Why is GMD going green?

Fair trade practices are closely linked to issues of **environmental sustainability**.

In addition, the way we live in our local community, ultimately affects our whole world, so in October, we are inviting businesses and organisations who are passionate about issues of sustainability.

### Who is coming to our next GMD?

Many of our favourite stallholders are planning to come back. Already we have confirmed:

- The Dharma Door: *stunning homewares*
- One Colour: *ethical clothing*
- The Leprosy Mission: *handcrafted gifts*
- Ibutrade: *homewares and gifts*
- Small World Market: *toys and books*
- World Vision
- Vision Generation
- Tear Australia
- Compassion
- Oxfam: *fair trade food products*
- The Trading Circle: *clothing, gifts and homewares*
- Siham Craftlink: *handcrafts*
- XS project: *recycled bags*

### Other Fair Trade Events

#### **Queensland Fair Trade Collective Christmas Market**

Sat, December 5 & Sun, December 6, 10am-4pm both days.  
The market will be held at Mary Mac Community Hall, 616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley. This event attracts a wide range of fair trade businesses from interstate and around Queensland. It is a must-do event for Fair Trade Christmas shopping.

### What else will be happening?

**UN Millennium Goals:** we want to help people make a difference so we are putting together an interactive space where you can learn about key issues in our world and how you can make a difference.

**Ethical Supermarket:** Want to know how you can shop for fair trade products as part of your regular weekly shopping. We will be showing you just how many fair trade products are right within the reach of your shopping trolley.

**Exhibition:** We will be featuring artwork from Art 4 Food, a community project in Bangladesh that has been building a school through selling the artworks of local children.

**Recycled Store:** a range of products from Australia and overseas that recycles everyday products into practical and beautiful new gifts.

You might be asking.....

### What Can I Do?

Here's a bunch of ways you can offer to help to make Global Market Day make a difference in the life of the poor:

In September:

- Grab some Global Market Day flyers and posters and put some up at your workplace, school, community notice board or email a PDF copy to your friends.
- Join a beading group to make bracelets from beautiful recycled beads from Uganda for our "recycled store"
- volunteer to help set/pack up, spent time serving on a stall, assisting stallholders

### Positions Vacant

- **BBQ co-ordinator:** This is a major fund-raiser for GMD. They need to be willing to put together a team of people to cook and serve.
- **Children's Corner:** We have some awesome kids stuff happening and would love some volunteers who would help kids have fun at GMD.
- **Advocacy:** Kate Chambers is heading up this very important team and is looking for some assistance.

### Out and About with the GMD team

This year the GMD team have been out and about telling people about our upcoming market and promoting Fair Trade. All the money we raise at these events offsets our running costs and enables us to generously give to GMD projects.

#### **Fair Trade Fortnight Market (May 30), West End**

GMD is an active member of the Queensland Fair Trade Collective – a group of local business people who are passionate about Fair Trade. GMD ran chocolate tasting and sold Artisan House stationery.

#### **Chocolate and Coffee Festival (July 12), Portside**

GMD was invited by World Vision to partner with them in promoting Fair Trade at this huge event. We were the only business selling fair trade and were able to share with many people about how their purchasing power can make a difference in the lives of the poor.

#### **Sustainability Day (Aug 23), Enoggera**

Another chance to promote GMD and Fair Trade at this hands-on sustainability event.

**For information regarding anything to do with GMD, please contact Anne Simpson**

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