

## Gifts for Christ Market 2008

It was **joyful**, it was **busy**, and it was a great **success!** Despite the dire economy, this year's Gifts for Christ Market took in over \$11,500. GPC members and guests celebrated Christmas by purchasing gifts that provide fair wages to artisans and farmers in Third World countries, provide livestock to poor families seeking to improve their lives, help people in disasters here and abroad, and provide help for the homeless and less fortunate here in the Washington area.

SERRV handicrafts	\$1,405
Heifer Project	6,005
Children of Uganda	2,135
Equal Exchange	319
Georgetown Ministry Center	223
Central Union Mission	690
Presbyterian Disaster Asst.	649
Note Cards	71
GPC Mugs	39

Gifts come in many forms. For some, it came in the form of a warm blanket on a cold and windy night. For others, it was a flock of chicks or a lamb that signal the beginning of a new life of adequate nutrition and much needed income. These are gifts of life -- given by those who seek to follow in Christ's footsteps.

As Elder Sharon Brooke told the congregation before the market: "If times are tough for us, think how hard things are for those less fortunate. Spreading the love of Christ through word, deed and pocketbook is a marvelous way to celebrate Christmas."