

CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY

Global Women's Project acknowledges the invaluable roles that women play throughout the world. As Mother's Day approaches, we recognize those women who have given birth to and/or helped to shape future generations through their love, care and mentorship. Our deepest gratitude is extended to each of you.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the life-giving and nurturing women in your lives by participating in our Mother's Day Gratitude Project.

MOTHER'S DAY GRATITUDE PROJECT

"In honor of a woman you know and love, and in solidarity with mothers around the world."

Global Women's Project announces the annual Mother's Day Gratitude Project. Rather than buying more material gifts for your loved one, express your gratitude with a gift that helps other women around the world. Your donation allows us to fund projects focused on women's health, education, and employment. In return, your chosen recipient will receive a lovely, hand-written card indicating that a gift has been made in her honor.

**To participate, send a donation to:
Global Women's Project
c/o Nan Erbaugh
47 S. Main Street
West Alexandria, OH 45381-1243**

Remember to include your name(s) and recipient's name and address. You may also make memorial donations, which will be honored on our website: www.globalwomensproject.org.

Gratitude cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day if you send your request to Nan by May 5. After the 5th, we will mail them as soon as we receive your request.

This Mother's Day, share a gift in honor of a woman you know and women in Indiana, Palestine, Rwanda, Uganda, Southern Sudan and Nepal, working to improve the lives of women in their communities.

Global Women's Project seeks to raise awareness of the poverty, oppression and injustice suffered by women around the world; to recognize how our over consumption and misuse of resources contributes to that suffering; to change our way of living; and to support self-help community projects that are led by, empower, and benefit women.

Additional information can be found at www.globalwomensproject.org.

A REMINDER TO SEND IN LENTEN GIFTS

Global Women's Project would like to thank all of you who faithfully followed our Lenten Devotional Calendar this year and collected money to support our women-led partner projects

around the world. We hope your experience with the daily devotions was a transformative one as you reflected on the lives of those who subsist much more simply and under infinitely worse conditions than the majority of us here in the United States. Please send the money gathered in the form of a check made payable to Global Women's Project (indicate "Lent" in the memo line) and mail to:

Church of the Brethren General Offices
1451 Dundee Avenue
Elgin, IL 60120

Remember to keep your calendars to be used again next year. We encourage you to make the Lenten Devotional Calendar a part of your annual personal Lenten reflections.

UPDATE ON UGANDA

At our spring Global Women's Project Steering Committee meeting held March 12-14, 2010, at the Northview Church of the Brethren in Indianapolis, IN, we had the rare opportunity to meet face-to-face with one of our project contacts, Sister Stella Sabina, who is the Director of Shifting Ideas Through Education for African Women (SITEAW), Inc.

Through a power point presentation as well as informal talking with committee members over lunch, we learned of continued abusive, sometimes deadly, practices being perpetuated against women and girls in some of the tribal villages in Uganda. Sister Stella told of how oppressive traditions such as female genital mutilation, sexual abuse, domestic abuse and the voicelessness of women begin and how they become accepted as the norm unless they are challenged through education. She says, "Education is the key to opening and liberating the mind." She described how funding from GWP helps to pay for schooling for Ugandan girls and for training and materials used to teach women to weave, make baskets and use the computer. She notes that, as girls and women become more educated and self-sufficient, they begin to think more critically and question some of the oppressive traditions practiced in their villages. Many of them, she states, are becoming "advocates" to help educate other girls and women. Sister Stella says, "If you are helped, you learn to help others."

Due to safety and security issues in eastern Uganda precipitated by current war in the area, Sister Stella reports that she is hoping to relocate SITEAW, Inc. to central Uganda. Here, she would like to build a center where she can house girls who have run away from their families, battered women, circumcised women and elderly women.

We are grateful for the important work to which Sister Stella has dedicated her life and are glad to be supporting SITEAW, Inc. as one of our partner projects.

SESAME NOODLE RECIPE

At our spring meeting, Carrie Eikler made a tasty, easy-to-prepare sesame noodle dish which we all loved and wanted to share with you. Enjoy!

Serves 4

1/4 c. soy sauce or tamari

2 T rice wine vinegar
1 T toasted sesame oil
1/2 t dried red pepper flakes
3 T tahini
1 clove garlic (minced)
2 t fresh ginger (peeled and minced)
3/4 lb. linguine (or rice noodles or other pasta)
1 c. shredded carrot
3 scallions (thinly sliced)
2 T toasted sesame seeds

Whisk together soy sauce, vinegar, oil, red pepper flakes, tahini, garlic and ginger.

Cook linguine in a large pot of boiling, salted water until just tender, then drain and rinse under cold water until cool. Toss with dressing, carrot, scallions and sesame seeds.