

*"... good news of great joy  
for all the people..." (Luke 2:10a)*



# From the Manger to the World

**Each and every day of the year, the Church of the Brethren General Board shares the good news of Jesus through ministries of justice and shalom. In 2007, your gifts helped make possible:**

- a Congregational Life Team staff position for inter-cultural ministries of education and reconciliation – to build the realm of God among us;
- “first stage” staffing and “fact-finding” for the new Sudan initiative - ministries to help peace and reconciliation take root within a people traumatized by years of war;
- Jr. high and Sr. high work-camps that exposed young people to the power of shalom as givers and receivers through participation in justice education and service projects;
- increased numbers of bilingual resources in many areas of ministry, fortifying our commitment to become a stronger inter-cultural church;
- a Christian Citizenship Seminar which challenged young people to consider how their faith informs their political views and actions;
- support for a peer group of pastors who studied questions of peace and justice through the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence program;
- training and placement of Brethren Volunteer Service workers who share Christ’s love through service to others.

What will God challenge us to do in the coming year? Help us be ready to meet those challenges with a gift to the General Board Christmas offering. May the presence of Christ be with every one of us during this season and always.



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## Christmas Offering 2007