

Mission

Faith Church Supports Heifer Project

Again this year the Mission Committee has used some of the member contributions and support of its budget to help Heifer Project International, based in Little Rock, Arkansas. At the year-end 2011, we were able to contribute on behalf of the members of Faith Presbyterian Church ... and it provided 2 goats and a flock of chickens.

Heifer Project works with local communities around the world to end hunger and poverty by giving families local produced livestock. It is a tried and true method for empowering people to be more self-reliant and to have hope. With gifts of livestock and the proper training, families improve their nutrition and have a source of income. In exchange for the livestock and training, the families agree to give one of its animal's offspring to another family in need.

Families who for generations knew only poverty will be building new homes and starting businesses. Children who once headed out to the fields to do backbreaking work will be heading into schoolrooms to learn to read. And people who never thought they'd be in a position to help someone else will be experiencing the joy of charitable giving with Heifer's proven approach – more than 65 years in the making – to helping people obtain a sustainable source of food and income.

The gift of two dairy goats represents a lasting and meaningful way for our church to help a family in a more extreme climate where goats thrive. These goats will supply a family with up to several quarts of milk every day and maybe enough milk that can be sold to make cheese or butter. Families also learn to use goat manure to fertilize gardens.

A flock of chicks can help families add nourishing, life-sustaining eggs to their inadequate diets. The protein in just one egg is a nutritious gift for a hungry child. Protein-packed eggs from even a single chick-



en can make a life-saving difference. Heifer helps many hungry families with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks. A good hen can lay up to 200 eggs a year - plenty to eat, share or sell. With Heifer recipients' commitment to pass on the offspring and training, the exponential impact of adding chickens to communities in poverty is truly a model that helps end hunger and poverty. Because chickens require little space and can thrive on readily available food scraps, families can make money from the birds without spending much. And, chickens help control insects and fertilize gardens.

The Mission Committee is most grateful for your regular support of the Annual Budget at Faith Presbyterian Church ... and a portion of your gifts in 2011 went to support the wonderful work of Heifer Project International.

Submitted by Ray Primas