# Shopping here will spread a little Christmas spirit

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pointed to several small wood tables - each finely handcarved and decorated - selling at low prices under \$10 and \$20.

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And the brass items are just that - solid brass,

The name of the country where the item originated is placed on each, "The reason for this is twofold. We're interested in you knowing where your purchase is from, and second, it's a legal requirement in our country."

"We're interested in selling as much as we can at as low as we can so the folks we help can buy food for their families. We also, therefore, can offer good gift and items-to all of you at a low price. We want to use this shop as a means of building bridges between countries and to build the relationships of the people. This helps promote an understanding between the cultures." How is that for Christmas spirit, year-round? And yet that isn't all. When you go to the shop, all you will see is bargain after bargain neatly displayed on rows of shelves. What you don't see is the batch of volunteer workers who come on a regular basis or just once a week to unload, price, and prepack these items for shipping to the other stores in the country. This is all done in the large warehouse behind the shop.

The warehouse is also the site of another branch of the MCC: the Material Aid program. Large barrels filled with teaching kits, food, clothing, bedding and bandages, all donated, are ready to be shipped out as the crafts are shipped in.

There is also a quilting room where volunteer quilters come to work everyday. According to Leatherman, these quilts are then sold at the Pennsylvana Relief Sale at the Farm Show in April

Virtually unrecognized for their contribution to the MCC are these ladies who come on a regular basis to sit and sew quilts which are then sold at the Pennsylvania Relief Sale.

They have made 110 quilts since last November.

every year. This money then goes to the MCC for work overseas. Since last November, the volunteers have made over 110 quilts.

The Self Help Crafts Shop may just be the place for you to funsh your Christmas shopping; not only will you be buying a gift for a friend, but you'll be helping to feed a family over seas. That's true Christinas spirit.



These large barrels contain food, clothing, bandages, and bedding - all to be shipped overseas to needy families. The work is done through the material aid program, a division of the Mennonite Central Committee, in the large warehouse behind the gift shop.



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