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Annual Impact Report  
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*“All this from God, who reconciled himself to us through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...”*

—2 Corinthians 5:18  
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# A century of faithful service

One hundred years ago in war-torn Russia, a humanitarian crisis captured the attention of Anabaptists in North America. In 1920, Mennonites in Canada and the United States compassionately reached out to their struggling brothers and sisters who were facing hunger, disease and conflict, and MCC was born.

For 100 years, the legacy of that monumental decision and incredible generosity continued to grow through the compassion of people like my grandmother, Margaret. After escaping hunger and violence in present-day Ukraine and settling in Manitoba, Margaret spent much of her time knitting and crocheting items for the Winkler MCC Thrift Shop so that shoppers could clothe their children in the harsh winter. She never stopped using her skills and resources to give back and support others in need.

Margaret passed away a few years ago, but her story continues to inspire my own service. And I am unceasingly encouraged by Manitobans like you who also faithfully share your prayers, worship, volunteer time, financial gifts, hospitality and other resources in service to needs locally and globally. Even as the pandemic began, you were generous beyond expectation.

Through a scripture card that sits on my desk, I am reminded daily that the relief, development and peacebuilding work of MCC is part of God’s call to reconcile ourselves to the peoples of this world and to God who reconciles us. I am grateful for the ways this ministry of reconciliation is carried out by people like you, people like my grandmother.

Thank you for making this work possible!

Joyfully in Christ,



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# 2019–2020 Annual Highlights

**RECONCILIATION** MCC continues to be committed to building right relationships with one another, God and creation. MCC’s work and relationships extend into all five numbered treaties that cover the province. We acknowledge the harms that have been committed to the Indigenous peoples of this land by those of us who have settled here, and we strive toward reconciliation in our words and deeds. MCC Manitoba seeks to prioritize equity, justice and Indigenous self-determination according to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. **Thank you for walking with us through events like the We Are All Treaty People Celebration and by hosting Blanket Exercises with your community.**

**COMMUNITY GIVING** Your generosity helped exceed our goal for Grow Hope in 2019. A remarkable 360 acres were sponsored! These gifts of \$300 per acre helped raise more than \$160,000 which, through government matching, could grow up to four times! Every dollar makes a difference in the lives of people who are hungry and have no other support. **A huge thank you to the kindness of our donors and dedication of our farmers!**

Every year we are reminded of how incredibly fortunate we are to have such an amazing community of volunteers and supporters. Last year, volunteers helped organize four amazing community fundraisers to support the needs of vulnerable and displaced people around the world.

We are so grateful for the many ways you engaged in acts of giving and participation whether by hosting a fundraising event, spreading the word about MCC or by inviting us into your church or faith community to speak about relief, development and peace. **Thank you for joining us in our mission toward a just world.**

**\$24,057\***  
raised at Spring Fest

**\$41,488**  
raised at Cycle Clear Lake

**\$30,831**  
raised from the MCC  
Golf Tournament

**\$67,264**  
raised through the  
Brandon Relief Sale

\*all community and third party event totals are reported as net proceeds.



Doris Mayham (left) and Cynthia Broadfoot (right) attended the We Are All Treaty People Celebration on Sunday, September 15, 2019 held at the Forks, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. (MCC photo/Allison Zacharias)



Linda Enns (left), Janelle Waldner (center) and Jessica Mandel (right) at a Grow Hope Harvest Celebration held at Silverwinds Colony in Sperling, Manitoba on August 25, 2019. (MCC photo/Matthew Sawatzky)



William (left) and Juanita Kroeker proudly display items from a relief kit that they put together with the help of their parents at the Brandon Relief Sale on September 27, 2019. (MCC photo/Emily-Ann Doerksen)

**GREAT WINTER WARM-UP** In January, celebrations of MCC's centennial year kicked off with a blanket-collection event called the Great Winter Warm-up. Volunteers at approximately 14 locations across Manitoba picked up a needle and thread to sew more than 3,200 comforters of the 9,400 collected across Canada and the U.S., setting a new record for MCC.

Many of the volunteers who sew MCC comforters can only imagine the lives of the people who might receive the blankets they stitch. People who have fled their homes because of conflict or disaster. But Tina Schulz knows first-hand what it's like to receive a handmade blanket in a time of need.

As a teenager, Schulz's family fled Berlin for Paraguay aboard the ship Volendam where they received a handsewn blanket, not that different from the blankets MCC continues to distribute today.

"To think of the blankets that were shipped overseas and given to us because we didn't have anything. It was not just a small thing," said Schulz. "There were thousands of passengers on the ship and all the families got it. There were not only blankets, there were clothes and shoes, and MCC provided all that."

Because of our caring community of supporters like you, more people displaced from their homes due to conflict, disaster or poverty will receive comfort and care. **Your support of events like the Great Winter Warm-up and donations of supplies like relief kits, hygiene kits, and school kits are a tangible message that people's needs are not forgotten —thank you!**

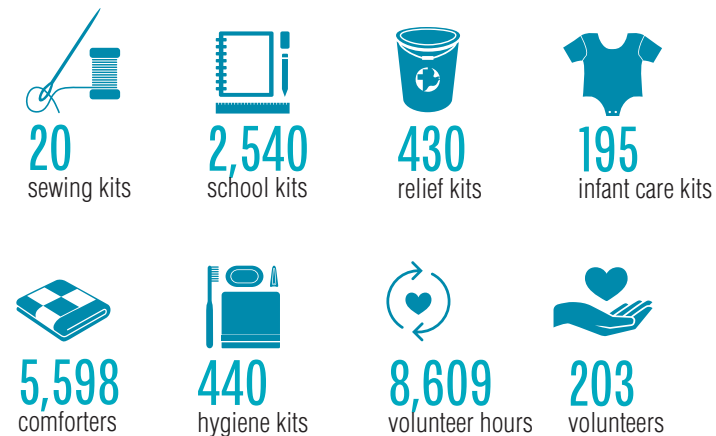
**Then + Now** Twenty women of the General Conference Mennonite Church in Steinbach, Manitoba pack Christmas bundles on May 9, 1961. These bundles contained clothing, hygiene supplies, a game or toy and other items, all wrapped in a towel and fastened with safety pins. (MCC photo/Lydia Warkentin) Tina Schulz and her three daughters (from left to right) Irene Derksen, Elsie Ginter and Karen Dyck, tie knots in a nearly-finished comforter at the Great Winter Warm-up event in Winnipeg, Manitoba on January 18, 2020. The comforters were part of a Canada- and U.S.-wide collection effort as part of MCC's centennial celebrations. (MCC photo/Allison Zacharias)



**Because of volunteers like you, more than 3,200 comforters were handsewn and donated to MCC in Manitoba.**

### Gifts of hope donated by you

\*reflects activity and kit collection in Manitoba between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020.



**Great Winter Warm-up highlights**

**14**  
event locations  
across Manitoba

**3,200**  
comforters gathered  
in Manitoba

**9,400**  
comforters gathered  
across Canada and  
the U.S.

**47,830\***  
comforters distributed to eight  
different countries, including  
Ukraine, DPRK/North Korea,  
Jordan, Syria and Lebanon

*"To think of the blankets that were shipped overseas and given to us because we didn't have anything. It was not just a small thing."*

Tina Schulz, Winnipeg

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1979

## Then + Now

Esther Dick (left) assists Sophin Chau, a recent refugee to Manitoba, Canada, with English lessons while her children Buntha, 3, and Bunthuy, 7, watch. In response to the refugee crisis following the end of the Vietnam War, in 1979, MCC signed the first private sponsorship agreement with the Government of Canada. (MCC photo)

The Teklemichael and Debesay families (pictured above right) were sponsored to come to Canada from Eritrea by the Boissevain Resettlement Committee in 2016 and 2018, respectively. (MCC photo/Allison Zacharias) The sponsorship group helped reunite the Debesay family with their immediate relatives Almaz Gebresilassie and Hermon Ashebr (pictured right) who arrived on March 17, 2020. (Supplied photo)



2020



2020

Because you care for our global neighbours, an Eritrean family was reunited in Manitoba this spring.

## 2019–2020 Local Program Highlights

**300** people attended abuse response and prevention training sessions

**950** people attended a Blanket Exercise or speaking engagement about reconciliation

**8** young adults volunteered in Manitoba through IVEP and Summerbridge

**124** newcomers came to Canada thanks to support from sponsorship groups in Manitoba

**2** new domestic abuse support groups were formed, including a Low German speaking group

**12** peacebuilding and advocacy presentations and engagement events were held, including Palestine Land Exercises

**4** relationships strengthened between MCC and First Nations communities in Manitoba

**7** engagement events held to support newcomer families and build cultural awareness

**MCC'S WORK IN MANITOBA** On March 17, Almaz Gebresilassie and Hermon Ashebr (pictured left) arrived in Manitoba mere hours before the federal government announced international travel restrictions due to COVID-19.

Although physical distancing meant there couldn't be a group of smiling Manitobans at the bottom of the escalator as initially planned, Almaz and Hermon still had a warm welcome from their brother-in-law and uncle Biniam Debesay (pictured above, second from right). Biniam's family was sponsored by the same community group – the Boissevain Resettlement Committee – three years earlier. Your heart for the plight of refugees means MCC can walk alongside sponsorship groups who help reunite families.

Your faithful commitment also means MCC can be active right here in Manitoba. MCC works towards peace and reconciliation in all aspects of our work, partnering with local agencies to build stronger and safer communities. Together, with your support, we help those impacted by abuse, educate church communities on how to prevent abuse, and help youth and young adults gain employable skills. **Thank you for your ongoing support!**

*“I don't know how we would have done it without MCC. Having that strong connection over generations, through the Mennonite folks that originally came here and now to see that come full circle, it's pretty amazing.”*

Casey Guenther,  
co-chair of the Boissevain  
Resettlement Committee

**Thank you for your gifts of secondhand goods, time and talents to MCC Thrift!**



2019



1970s

**Then + Now** Charles De Silva holds up Polly, the polydactyl kitten, at the MCC Furniture Thrift Store in Winnipeg where he volunteered while studying at Steinbach Bible College. (Winnipeg Free Press/Daniel Crump, republished with permission) A woman browses inside the Altona MCC Thrift & Gift Shop in the 70s, exact date unknown. (MCC photo)

*“This is unbelievable—our mustard seed has turned into a big tree and it is still growing.”*

Line Friesen, one of four founders of the first MCC Thrift shop in Altona.

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## 2019–2020 MCC Thrift Highlights

**16**  
locations across Manitoba

**365,000**  
volunteer hours donated to MCC Thrift shops in Manitoba

**1,800**  
annual volunteers donating their time and talents

**\$2.9 M**  
contributed to MCC's local and global work toward relief, development and peace

**MCC THRIFT** There's always something special to find at an MCC Thrift shop. In Winnipeg, shoppers are greeted by a unique volunteer at the MCC Furniture Thrift Store. Her name's Polly and she's a rare polydactyl kitten who has six toes on each paw. Polly and her co-volunteer Charles De Silva (pictured left) help customers find great items during their visit.

Manitobans hunting for a good deal at an MCC Thrift shop helped raise an incredible \$2.9 million towards MCC's local and global relief, development and peace work and helped thrift shops give back additional financial support to local organizations in their communities. **Thank you to the dedicated and passionate volunteers, managers, donors and treasure hunters who make a difference daily in our thrift shops!**

**SAM'S PLACE** More than **75** youth and young adults gained employable skills through MCC's social enterprise located in the Chalmers/Elmwood neighbourhood of Winnipeg. Thanks to external grant funding, Sam's Place was also able to hire three program participants in paid supervisor positions last year.

Kamryne Maytwayashing (pictured right) participated in the program last year, and it was her first experience in a workplace. "I love it here," says Kamryne. "It's a happy place to be. The volunteers who work here are very nice and welcoming."

To learn more visit [sams.place](http://sams.place).

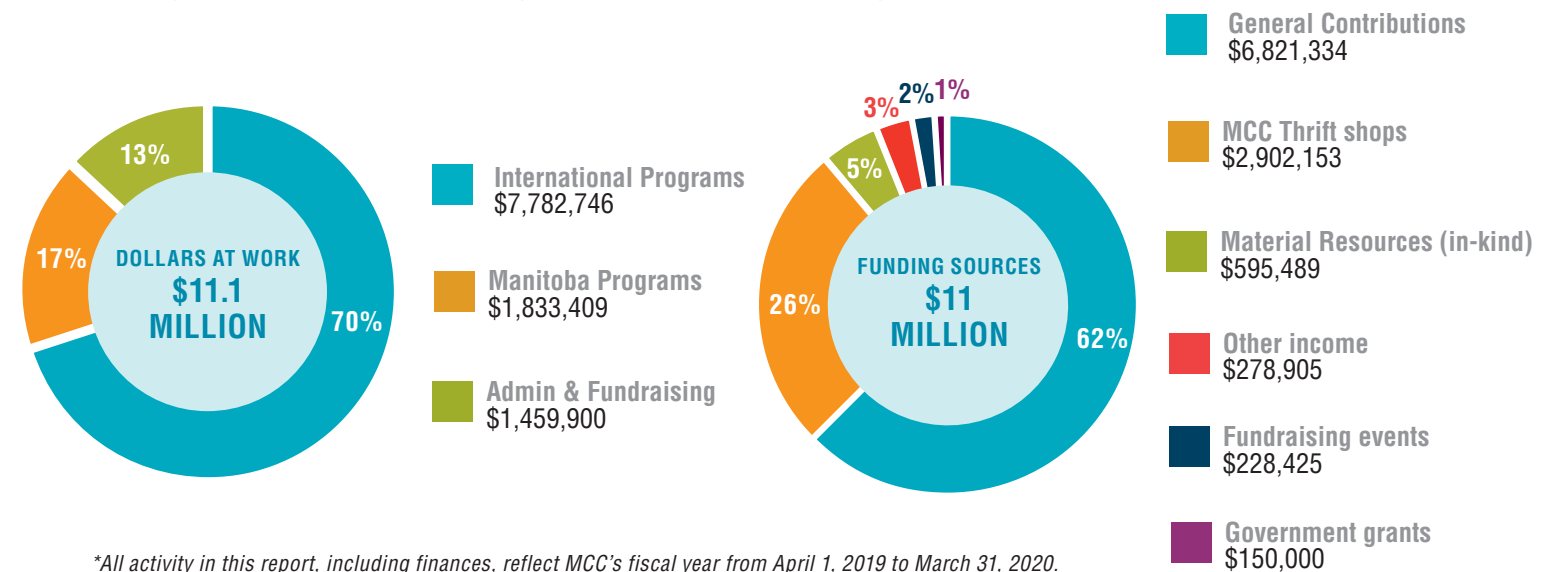


2019

Kamryne Maytwayashing is a Grade 10 student who participated in Sam's Place's youth and young adults engagement program after a teacher recommended it to her as a way of pursuing her life goal of owning a restaurant. (MCC photo/Emily-Ann Doerksen)

## 2019–2020 Financial Highlights

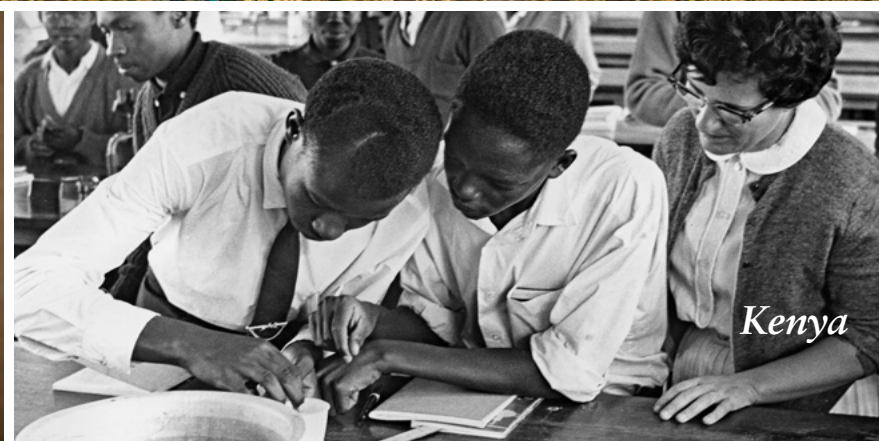
For complete audited financial statements, please visit [mccmb.ca/AnnualReport](http://mccmb.ca/AnnualReport).



\*All activity in this report, including finances, reflect MCC's fiscal year from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.



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Staff members\* from an MCC partner, Popular Aid for Relief and Development, distribute MCC comforters and relief kits to people in a low-income neighbourhood in Tyre, Lebanon. The majority of the recipients are Palestinian and Syrian refugees who face increasingly difficult times due to the economic crisis in Lebanon. \*Names withheld for security. (MCC photo/Evangeline Hammond)

**In 2020, MCC is celebrating its centennial. At the start of our next 100 years, we want to renew our identity and our mission to see communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation.**

**The MCC Canada board of directors has decided that over the next five years the organization will focus on these four strategic directions:**

1. Increasing the capacity of our partners to help uprooted and vulnerable people
2. Improving communication with churches and constituents
3. Increasing peacebuilding and justice work
4. Caring for God's creation and supporting communities harmed by climate change

To read an online version of this report visit [mcccanada.ca/annual-impact-report-2020](http://mcccanada.ca/annual-impact-report-2020)

## A THANK YOU FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

One hundred years ago, MCC began in response to drought, hunger and violence. Canadians were quick to respond even while they were recovering from a flu pandemic.

Now we mark our centennial in the midst of another pandemic with the world on the brink of a food shortage due to COVID-19. This 100-year comparison reminds us that the world continues to be haunted by disparity, with many people vulnerable to disease and hunger.

At the same time, I am so thankful for generous supporters like you who reach out with God's love to these neighbours. With your help, our vital, Jesus-following ministry continues into another century.

When the pandemic shutdown began in Canada, we were within days of approving a new strategic plan. It was a strange time to look into the future. But I believe the strategic directions (on the opposite page) will be a strong guide.

This is the MCC I see moving into our next century: **Deepening our gospel roots. Strengthening Anabaptist communities. Communicating with supporters with excellence and transparency. Supporting the uprooted with fierce commitment. Responding to climate change. Pressing for the peace of Jesus Christ.**

Thank you so much for helping us come this far. I hope you will feel invited into a second century of MCC ministry, rooted in the peace Jesus gave us.

  
**RICK COBER BAUMAN**  
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MCC CANADA



*“God is our refuge and strength,  
 a very present help in trouble.”*  
 —Psalm 46:1 (NRSV)

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# FOOD

Living in rural Cambodia, Chim Yean\* had an empty fishpond, a handful of chickens and no hope for things to improve.

During the rice growing season, he could harvest enough so his family wouldn't starve. But during the dry season, there were many days where his family didn't have enough food.

But your act of kindness planted a seed of hope for Yean. Through MCC's account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, you've enabled our local partners to form and support farm co-operatives. For \$120, one family is equipped with all the seeds, tools and materials they need to farm. And \$360 can provide a new fishpond.

Yean's fishpond allows him to both raise and sell fish and keep a supply of water for his crops during the dry season. He now has a busy and full chicken coop, a stocked fishpond and a healthy garden year-round. He has enough food for his family and enough to store up and sell too.

"If people want fish, I will catch fish for them," he says. "If people want vegetables, I will bring vegetables to sell to them. Sometimes people want chickens. So, I will sell the chickens."

\* In Cambodia, family names are written before first names.



Your donations helped Yean grow enough food to feed his family.



1948

## Then + Now

Children at Lohfelden refugee camp in Germany in 1948 play with grain sacks from different international relief agencies. In addition to MCC (right) are CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe) and CRALOG (Council of Relief Agencies Licensed to Operate in Germany). (MCC photo)

Chim Yean and Reach Koeun with chickens at their farm in the village of Prey Toun, Cambodia. Your support has allowed them to purchase the tools, seeds and other necessities to build a thriving farm. (MCC photo/ Matthew Lester)

*"I bought everything at market before, the vegetable, fish and chicken. Now I grow everything."*

Chim Yean, Cambodia

Food program highlights: **58,075**

People attended agriculture and animal production training

**22,302**

People received agricultural supplies including seeds and tools

**79%**

Of women in a farming group in Burkina Faso were able to access a loan when they couldn't before

**398 to 6,747**

The increase in number of farmers practicing sustainable agriculture in a project in Ethiopia

Igor Semyonov's smile has a comforting warmth to it. Most would never guess he spent five terms in prison before turning his life around. He loved helping people, prisoners especially. But when war came to his doorstep in Donetsk, Ukraine, he found himself needing help he never imagined.

He fled to Zaporizhzhia where an MCC church partner fed and sheltered him until he was able to get back on his feet.

Now he and his wife Larisa have their own apartment. On their bed is an MCC comforter. Their shelves hold cans of meat with the words "In the name of Christ" donated and canned by volunteers and then shipped to Ukraine. Sending one shipping container of food and relief supplies to help Igor and others like him costs \$7,800.

After training from another MCC partner, Igor now works as a trauma counsellor. He helps people who also were displaced from their homes. **A ripple effect of caring set off by you.**

"The training has also helped me leave the past behind. Because our life in the past was quite hard, it was hard to do," says Igor. "Really for two years there was such turmoil inside, we really needed to leave that and regain ourselves."



RELIEF

**Your support provided food and shelter when Igor was forced to flee his home.**



1959

### Then + Now

Two women received MCC-distributed relief supplies including canned meat in Vienna, Austria, in 1959. (MCC photo)

Igor Semyonov and his wife Larisa received MCC canned meat and comforters after fleeing conflict in eastern Ukraine. Thanks to your support, they were given food and shelter when they had none. (MCC photo/Matthew Sawatzky)

*"It was very scary to move to an unknown place.... [MCC's partner] was really taking care of us."*

Igor Semyonov, Ukraine

Relief program highlights: **27**

Number of disasters MCC responded to

**158,021**

People received emergency food

**46,171**

People received emergency supplies including clothing, relief kits and hygiene supplies

**6,062**

People trained in disaster risk reduction

Naomi Bakeka Anuarite was used to feeling hopeless. Raised in Mubimbi, a camp for displaced people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, it was hard some days to imagine surviving to 18, never mind graduating from high school.

Naomi had no access to education and no way to secure a good job. But that's no longer her reality.

Your support means Naomi and children from a few nearby camps can access a full Grade 1–12 education at the nearby Rutshunda Primary School. For \$78, a single child can attend a year of school and have the equipment they need to succeed.

Naomi graduated from Rutshunda and is now attending medical school at the Evangelical University in Africa. With education in math and science and the ability to read and write in both French and Swahili, Naomi now has opportunities for well-paying jobs and careers that would never have been open to her before. She is determined to become a doctor and help others, including her mother and younger siblings who still live in Mubimbi.

“Our joy is to see displaced children taught,” says Rutshunda’s principal Joel Maombi Fikiri. “Instead of seeing those children in the town, among the armed groups... we want to see them in the classroom.”



## EDUCATION

Because of your gifts, Naomi has been able to reach medical school.



1970

### Then + Now

Teachers Abroad Program (TAP) participant David Ritter (third from left) works with students in a classroom in Nyanga, in what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (MCC photo)

Naomi Bakeka Anuarite outside the Evangelical University in Africa in Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo where she attends medical school. She received her MCC-supported primary education at Rutshunda Primary School. (MCC photo/Matthew Lester)

*“I just look at the benefits I’ve gotten from my supporters, because they are preparing me to be a great leader.”*

Naomi Bakeka Anuarite, The Democratic Republic of the Congo

Education program highlights: **3,067**

Teachers participated in professional development

**20,552**

Children and youth participated in K–12 formal education

**62%**

Decrease in absenteeism at eight schools in Zambia that provide meals and other supports

**100%**

Of students at an education project in South Sudan passed a Grade 8 national exam



# WATER

**Aïchatou Hamidou hated giving her grandchildren water that tasted like rust and dirt. She hated more that they barely knew the taste of safe, clean drinking water.**

She lives in a refugee camp in Chad called Kobiteye. Until recently, a handful of barely functioning hand pumps were the only way to collect water that was mostly safe to drink.

A new, more reliable hand pump costs \$1,983. **Your generous support means that more than a dozen new pumps now provide clean, safe water for Aïchatou, her grand-children and the 6,000 others living in Kobiteye.**

And along with lifegiving water, you've also provided Kobiteye with latrines and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) training for Aïchatou. She leads Kobiteye's WASH team and ensures waste is safely cleaned up and the pumps stay in repair.

"We have seen such a positive impact," she says. "We now have clean water to drink and there is less sickness. I hope it means my grandchildren will have opportunities that I didn't."



**Because of your support, Aïchatou has clean water for her grandchildren to drink.**



1972

## Then + Now

Keith Krehbeil (left) and Orie Friesen finish the first hand-dug well in the San Julian colony in Bolivia in 1972. Wells like these were dug by hand using a metal drill bit. They provided improved drinking water and enabled farmers to increase livestock and crops. (MCC photo/Cecil Graber)

Aïchatou Hamidou was displaced from Central African Republic to a refugee camp in Chad. Through your support, she now leads the WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) team, a group of women who maintain the latrines and keep the water pumps clean. (MCC photo/Colin Vandenberg)

*"More latrines and pumps mean people are living with better water and more hygiene."*

Aïchatou Hamidou, Chad

**Water program highlights: 68%**

Of households in one community in Haiti now have access to latrines, up from 8%

**22,443**

People have access to a new or improved latrine or sanitation facility

**4**

The number of hours women and girls in some small communities in Egypt spent daily collecting water before new water and sewage pipelines were installed

**48,065**

People have access to an improved water source

In rural Nepal, resources for mental health support are few and far between. There are many stories of people being imprisoned or worse in response to their trauma.

Your support meant that Kamala Sapkota could attend a mental health and rehabilitation program, which costs approximately \$1,300 per person. And when she graduated, Kamala was no longer defined by her mental health. Her family was also taught how they could best support her.

Upon graduating the program, she received two baby goats that allow her to create income for herself. With supports in place and financial independence, Kamala's life was in her own hands once again.

“We have realized that medicines are not the only thing that is needed and there is much more all of us as a family, friends and neighbours can do to support people going through these difficulties to help them be healthy. We are her supports now. We are with her,” says Kamala's sister Pompa Humagaim.



Your gifts provided Kamala with mental health support.



1955

### Then + Now

MCC nurse Lois Kuhns (third from left) works with nurses in South Korea in 1955. They are preparing cotton balls and bandages in the central supply bandage room at Taegu Medical College Hospital. (MCC photo)

Kamala Sapkota (right), with her sister Pompa Humagaim, at her home in the hills of Kavrepalanchok, Nepal. With your support, Kamala graduated from a mental health program. They are holding baby goats that Kamala was given through the project which allow her to earn income and live independently. (MCC photo/Paul Shetler Fast)

*“Supporting innovative, local solutions to health care needs helps increase our impact and builds on the strength of the communities we serve.”*

Paul Shetler Fast,  
MCC health coordinator

## Health program highlights:

**41,484**

People received direct clinical care

**89,649**

People received hygiene items, including feminine hygiene supplies

**95%**

Of participants in one Nepal mental health project now have a stable source of income

**10,615**

People received training as health care workers, community health promoters and caregivers

There was one strong image that Hannah Gray held in her heart after attending the MCC Ottawa Office student seminar. A kaleidoscope of monarch butterflies safely carrying a humpback whale through the air.

When she painted the image for an art exhibit, she explained the imagery. The butterflies represent the dignity and resilience of migrants and the right that all beings have to move freely. She added the humpback whale, which also migrates, precisely because it's so different from the butterflies.

"I wanted this painting to emphasize that sometimes we are taken off of our regular routes of migration and that people can end up in unexpected or difficult situations and that it is important for us to work together (as the butterflies in this picture) to help our fellow migrants on their journey even if they are very different from us," she says.

Your faithful donations meant Hannah could attend the student peace seminar last year. The theme was People on the Move: Human Rights and Global Migration.

Hannah left the seminar feeling more empowered than ever to seek justice.

"I wanted to compel people to a global and personal action based on our faith," said Hannah. "We're beneficiaries of our culture and our history, and we have to recognize that means participating in the story of migration."



### Then + Now

Pax man Elwin LeFevre works at a housing project in Bielefeld, Germany. The MCC Pax program provided an alternative service option for conscientious objectors drafted into the U.S. military, with some Canadians also participating. Pax began in Germany after the Second World War, but by the time the program ended in 1976 approximately 1,150 people served in over 40 countries. (MCC photo)

Wes Braun, Hannah Gray and Zlata Zolotarova pose for a photo on Parliament Hill while they attended the 2019 MCC student peace seminar in Ottawa, Ontario. The theme of the seminar was People on the Move: Human Rights and Global Migration. (Photo courtesy of Hannah Gray)

Inset: Drawing by Hannah Gray

## PEACE + JUSTICE



Because of your donations, Hannah is more empowered to work for justice.

*"It is important for us to work together ... to help our fellow migrants on their journey."*

Hannah Gray, Canada

Peace + Justice highlights: **22,951**

People trained in conflict transformation, peacebuilding or mediation

**1,321**

Emails sent by Canadians to MPs and senators using MCC's letter writing tool

**100%**

Of members in one South Sudan peace club applied peacebuilding or conflict resolution in their lives

**65%**

Of parents saw improvement in how their daughters handled challenges after an empowerment project in Jordan called *SuperGirls*



# MIGRATION

No matter what she tried, Gilchen Davalillo couldn't make enough money to feed her family. The Venezuelan economy was in shambles, with hyperinflation pricing even daily bread beyond her reach.

So, she made a brave and incredibly difficult choice. She left to seek opportunity somewhere else. When she arrived in Quito, the capital of Ecuador, her family was one of thousands who'd fled for the same reasons. Jobs, housing and hope seemed just as impossible to find.

But because of your support, Gilchen's journey did not end there.

You've empowered a partner church in Quito to support Gilchen and her family with housing, trauma support and food. It costs \$98 for the church to provide families like Gilchen's with monthly food baskets. Without this food, many families could not survive in Quito.

Your act of love means her family, and many others, have new opportunities to thrive.



Your donations provide shelter, food and counselling as Gilchen seeks opportunities for her family.



1985

## Then + Now

Victor Neumann (second left), MCC representative in Thailand, with refugees who fled Vietnam in 1985. MCC partnered with the Government of Canada to create the first private sponsorship agreement in 1979 in response to the refugee crisis after the end of the Vietnam War. (MCC photo)

Gilchen Davalillo (centre) with her family at their new home in Quito, Ecuador. They fled the collapsing economy in Venezuela. Your donations empowered our partners in Quito to provide housing and other support. (MCC photo/Annalee Giesbrecht)

*“Through local partners, MCC donors support people through all stages of their journey: providing shelter and welcome and addressing root causes of migration.”*

Annalee Giesbrecht, Advocacy and Communications coordinator in Latin America and the Caribbean

## Migration program highlights: 32

Students attended an Ottawa Office seminar on root causes of migration and displacement

## 521

Refugees came to Canada through MCC's sponsorship program from:

Syria 39% DR Congo 6%  
Eritrea 20% Somalia 6%

Other countries (Ethiopia, Iraq, Pakistan, Myanmar (Burma), Sudan, South Sudan, Burundi, Afghanistan, Iran and more) – 29%



# MATERIAL RESOURCES

A TANGIBLE SIGN OF GOD'S LOVE IN TIMES OF CRISIS

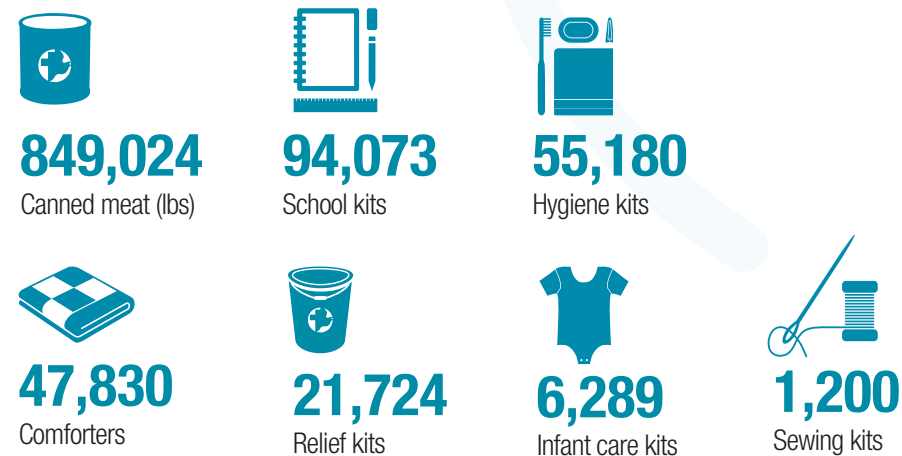


Amal Abujayyab, Shergo Ibrahim, Donna Entz and Sedra Mustafa work on a comforter together at The Great Winter Warm-up event in Edmonton, Alta. (MCC photo/Donita Wiebe-Neufeld).

To celebrate MCC's centennial, we set out to collect 6,500 comforters at The Great Winter Warm-up events across Canada, the U.S. and Europe. Though January 18, 2020 saw major winter storms at many locations, hard-working volunteers helped us surpass the goal: we collected more than 9,400 comforters! Thanks to everyone who helped cut, sew and tie these blankets. They will provide warmth and comfort to displaced and vulnerable people around the world.

We are so thankful for the families, churches and volunteers that pack, sew and donate relief supplies to be shared with our global neighbours.

### Material resources shipped last year:



Your support is a sign of hope in times of crisis.

*“Your help is immeasurable. In each can of meat, in each blanket we see God’s love. We see your love.”*

Natalia Mezentseva,  
Director of MCC partner  
New Life Charitable Fund  
in Ukraine



Minear Mak

(Photo courtesy of Minear Mak)

## Global Service Learning

YOUNG ADULTS VOLUNTEERING IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

One evening, Minear Mak's Colombian host family made spaghetti for dinner. But Minear, from Cambodia, was surprised to see they were going to use a fork instead of chopsticks to eat noodles. What followed was a giggle-filled evening as Minear shared chopstick lessons and a part of her culture.

This is the kind of cross-cultural exchange Minear experienced through the Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network (YAMEN). The program also helped her learn about her faith identity. “It’s not about being Asian or Latina but being a woman who is adorned with the beauty of Christ,” she says.



Jacob Fehr

(Photo courtesy of Jacob Fehr)

## MCC Thrift Shops

WHERE EVERY PURCHASE IS A GIFT TO THE WORLD

Every year MCC Thrift shops help reduce clothing waste and raise millions of dollars to support MCC's work around the world. This is only possible because of volunteers like 93-year-old Jacob Fehr.

Jacob spends many of his free hours cutting denim squares out of old pairs of jeans. Those squares are packaged and sold through MCC Thrift shops. This is great for thrifty quilters, and it helps keep clothes that might otherwise be thrown away out of the landfill. Since 2017, Jacob has delivered more than 700 bundles of denim squares to Thrift shops — around 90,000 squares.

 **\$19,717,000**

Donated by MCC Thrift shops in Canada and the U.S. to support the work of MCC in 2019/2020 fiscal year.

## MCC around the world

**Canada**  
475 MCC workers\*  
\$11 million  
\*includes Thrift

**United States**  
205 MCC workers  
\$8.7 million

**Latin America & the Caribbean**  
90 MCC workers  
\$7.2 million

**Europe & the Middle East**  
54 MCC workers  
\$16.1 million

**Africa**  
152 MCC workers  
\$19.6 million

**Multi-Region**  
\$10.8 million

**Asia**  
158 MCC workers  
\$10.4 million

**51**  
countries

**511**  
partners

**619**  
projects

**1,134**  
workers

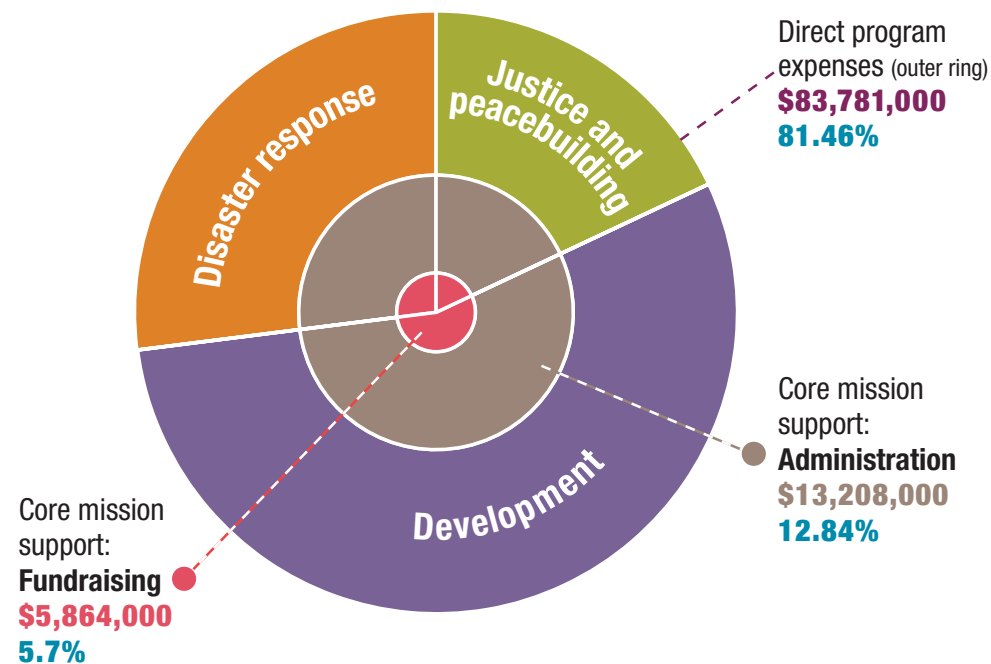
Global Service and Learning participants

YAMEN	33
IVEP	24
SALT	39
Seed	13
Summerbridge	14
SOOP	45

## Finances

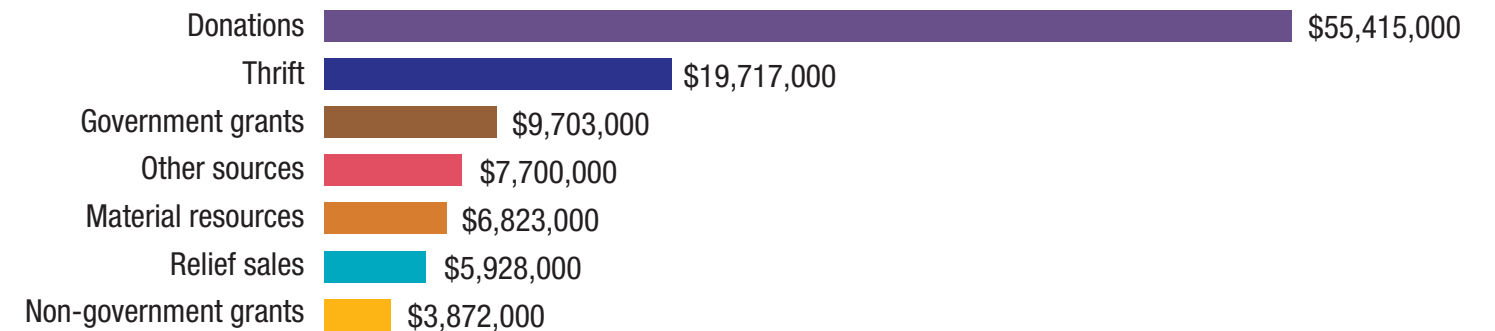
The financial information on these pages presents the combined operations in Canadian dollars of the MCCs in Canada and the U.S. (excluding Ten Thousand Villages Canada) for the year ended March 31, 2020. More detailed financial and program reporting as well as complete audited financial statements are available at [mcccanada.ca/annual-report](http://mcccanada.ca/annual-report)

**TOTAL EXPENSES:**  
**\$102,853,000**



**TOTAL REVENUE:**  
**\$109,158,000**

### Funding Sources





1960s

## Then + Now

Palestinian women doing needlework in Jericho, West Bank around the 1960s. The MCC needlework project provided income for displaced women, and their work was sold by Edna Ruth Byler through what would later become Ten Thousand Villages. (MCC photo/Ernest Lehman)

A group of artisans from the Hajiganj Handicrafts crochet unit sit outside their workshop stitching blankets from recycled saris in 2018. These artisans sold many blankets through Ten Thousand Villages. (Photo courtesy of Ten Thousand Villages)



## Ten Thousand Villages

**With heavy hearts, MCC announced the closure of Ten Thousand Villages Canada corporate operations in early 2020.**

The beginnings of Ten Thousand Villages in 1946 – when Edna Ruth Byler first sold handicrafts from the trunk of her car – launched a global fair-trade movement. For 74 years, the stores have helped ensure artisans all over the world are paid first and fairly for their work. These values helped spark a movement that saw more and more people embrace ethical and sustainable shopping.

We are grateful for the faithful work of every single Ten Thousand Villages Canada artisan, staff member and volunteer who contributed to this legacy. And don't forget, you can still shop online at [tenthousandvillages.com](http://tenthousandvillages.com) or at one of the four independent stores still open in Canada (or in shops across the U.S.).

Ten Thousand Villages used its **Artisan Relief Fund** to help ensure the legacy of fair trade after Canadian shops closed. The fund provided artisans with financial support as they found new avenues to sell their crafts.

A representative from an artisan group in Bali says, "Thank you very much.... You're really a fair trade soul. Words are not enough to describe; your support comes at the right time."

# Give a special gift to help Celebrate 100 Years

Thank you for being part of the MCC story. The work and ministry of MCC is only possible thanks to the faithful support of people like you.

To mark MCC's centennial, we're inviting you to make a special gift. Your support is needed now more than ever. Join us to bring hope, dignity and peace for the next 100 years.

[mcccanada.ca/our-faith-our-future](http://mcccanada.ca/our-faith-our-future)

