



# Annual Report 2021

FOR MCC IN THE UNITED STATES



*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

- Psalm 46:1 (NRSV)

As we look at this past year, I want to thank all of you who have given generously to share God's love and compassion in an unprecedented time.

Together, we were able to face the changes that COVID-19 brought and continue to reach out to those in need.

Food distributions eased the suffering of people whose livelihoods were disrupted by COVID-19. Hygiene supplies, handwashing stations and awareness efforts helped prevent the spread of the virus. Education programs pivoted to reach students who could no longer come to classrooms.

We give thanks for the dedication of MCC staff like Euphrasia Njobvu (pictured) in Zambia, who shifted her work to help develop educational materials to accompany lessons the government broadcast over the radio.

Here in the U.S., we partnered with churches to provide food and other support to communities reeling from the effects of the pandemic.

We are so grateful for the creativity of our supporters, our staff and our partners. Thank you for all you have done to help us to, as Hebrews 12 says, "run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

Ann Graber Hershberger  
MCC U.S. executive director



Top row, left to right: Ann Graber Hershberger. Regional directors: Michelle Armster, MCC Central States; Bruce Campbell-Janz, MCC East Coast. Bottom row, left to right: Eric Kurtz, MCC Great Lakes; Dina González-Piña, West Coast MCC.



## Mennonite Central Committee (MCC),

a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, shares God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. MCC envisions communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation.



### Relief

\$15,403,000



### Development

\$26,916,000



### Peace

\$9,167,000

47

countries

385

partners

508

projects

## MCC U.S. Board

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## Sponsoring denominations

MCC U.S. is grateful for the support of our sponsoring denominations and their congregations and members:

**Beachy Amish Mennonite Churches**  
**Brethren in Christ Church in the U.S.**

**CMC (Conservative Mennonite Conference)**

**LMC: a fellowship of anabaptist churches**

**Mennonite Church USA**

**U.S. Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches**

# MCC AT WORK IN THE U.S. DURING COVID-19

Amid the challenges of COVID-19, MCC workers, volunteers and programs across the U.S. shifted to meet urgent needs. We are so thankful for all who generously shared their time and resources in this complex and difficult year.



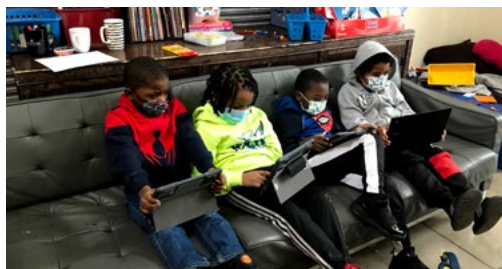
## SERVING ALONGSIDE CHURCHES

In Brooklyn, New York, MCC U.S. Summer Service participant Diana Rodriguez, right, shown with Denise Haggins, brought new energy to an online youth gardening program of Radical Living, a community organization connected to Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship.



## PROVIDING FOOD TO THOSE IN NEED

In places from California to Florida, MCC joined local churches and groups to provide food to those hardest hit by COVID-19 lockdowns. In Fresno, California, 3,000 pounds of MCC canned meat went into food boxes distributed by volunteers like these shown.



## REACHING OUT TO STUDENTS

In Chicago, an MCC grant helped River City Community Development Center provide a spot for remote learning for students like these (names not shared because of center policy). Former MCC U.S. Summer Service participants joined staff in helping students.



## CANNING MEAT FOR THE WORLD

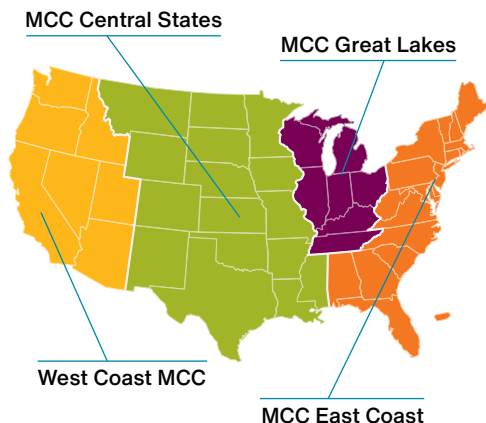
Despite the logistical challenges of spacing volunteers and ever-changing pandemic restrictions, participants canned meat for MCC in North Newton, Kansas, just one example of how so many rallied to support MCC's ministries around the world.

# A LOOK AT MCC U.S. FINANCES

MCC U.S. and MCC Canada jointly operate MCC's work around the world and share financial responsibility for it. This chart represents the MCC U.S. portion of income and expenses for MCC's international programs and all MCC work in the U.S.

	<b>FY 20-21</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$47,345,000</b>
<b>Program expenses</b>	
Relief*	5,636,000
Development	13,138,000
Peace	4,761,000
<b>Administration</b>	<b>3,922,000</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>2,375,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>29,832,000</b>
<b>Total net assets at year-end</b>	<b>64,959,000</b>

\*Includes cost to operate material resources centers. Audited financial statements for MCC U.S. are available at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org) and upon request.





# 18,638

people gained an improved water source



# 161,046

people received emergency food assistance



# 15,441

people honed skills in conflict transformation and peacebuilding



# 121,613

people benefited from health information sessions



# 21,792

relief kits helped families facing conflict or disaster

## SERVING IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

### United States

156 workers

### Africa

138 workers

### Canada

444 workers

### Asia

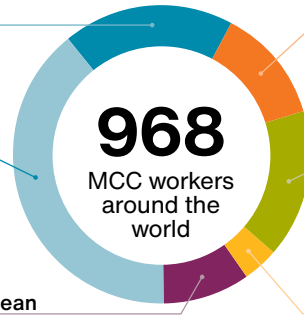
128 workers

### Latin America and the Caribbean

67 workers

### Europe and the Middle East

35 workers



## MCC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

MCC U.S. and MCC Canada jointly operate and share financial responsibility for MCC's work around the world, and each carries out MCC's ministry in their respective countries. This financial information represents all combined operations of MCC.

INCOME	FY 20-21
Cash gifts	\$51,175,000
Material resources	3,769,000
Thrift shops	9,372,000
Relief sales	2,665,000
Nongovernmental grants	4,615,000
Governmental grants*	9,902,000
Other income	14,433,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$95,931,000</b>

EXPENSES	FY 20-21
Program/material resources	\$51,486,000
Relief	15,403,000
Development	26,916,000
Peace	9,167,000
Administration	9,378,000
Fundraising	4,029,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$64,893,000</b>

\*A portion of these funds is for programming not yet begun by the end of the fiscal year. Numbers reflect MCC's work for the fiscal year that ran from April 2020 through March 2021.

### Multiregion

\$5,627,000

### Africa

\$11,774,000

### Canada

\$7,158,000

### Asia

\$4,608,000

### United States

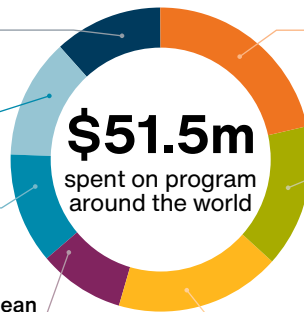
\$6,326,000

### Latin America and the Caribbean

\$4,476,000

### Europe and the Middle East

\$11,517,000





# 77,240

hygiene kits offered  
needed supplies



# 9,660

people gained access to a  
new or improved latrine or  
sanitation facility



# 45,787

comforters were sent to  
nine countries



# 550,440

pounds of canned meat  
provided protein and  
nutrients



# 55,986

children and youth received  
educational supplies

## INFORMATION BY COUNTRY

	PROGRAM EXPENSE (including material resources)
Afghanistan	\$257,000
Bangladesh	743,000
Bolivia	510,000
Burkina Faso	638,000
Burundi	with Rwanda
Cambodia	444,000
Canada	7,158,000
Chad	382,000
Colombia	920,000
Cuba	83,000
Dem. People's Republic of Korea (North Korea)	52,000
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1,967,000
Ecuador	with Colombia
Egypt	295,000
El Salvador	with Guatemala
Ethiopia	2,063,000
Germany	5,000
Guatemala	334,000
Haiti	818,000
Honduras	380,000
India	1,025,000
Indonesia	223,000
Iraq	414,000
Jordan	1,662,000
Kenya	858,000
Lao People's Democratic Republic	688,000
Lebanon	2,985,000
Malawi	with Zambia
Mexico	448,000
Mozambique	555,000
Myanmar (Burma)	71,000
Nepal	697,000
Nicaragua	268,000
Nigeria	435,000
Palestine and Israel	578,000
Paraguay	with Bolivia
Republic of Korea (South Korea)	131,000
Rwanda	1,203,000
Somalia	50,000
South Sudan	793,000
Syria	4,015,000
Tanzania	312,000
Uganda	558,000
Ukraine	1,586,000
United States	6,326,000
Zambia	684,000
Zimbabwe	1,048,000



“We realized that at a time when MCC needed funds more than ever, relief sales were being canceled. ... We felt that we needed to do something to help with the funds, even though it wouldn't be our traditional sale.”

- Brenda Latulippe, chair, Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction board

As COVID-19 made large gatherings impossible, organizers across the U.S. found creative ways to keep the spirit of relief sales alive and to raise money for MCC. In Kidron, Ohio, volunteers like Sandy Miller sold barbecue chicken dinners. Drive-thru food events, virtual auctions, outdoor concerts and more brought in thousands of dollars for MCC's work around the world.



“I was able to achieve my dream that I thought would never be fulfilled. ... I am more optimistic knowing that tomorrow will bring good things.”

- Participant, MCC livelihoods project in Syria, name not used for security reasons

In Syria, training and grants that MCC provided through the Middle East Council of Churches are helping people like this craftsman. His home and furniture refinishing workshop were destroyed, but through this project he was able to get new tools and restart his business.



“As Anabaptists, we say service is our practice. Now is the time to serve. This is the moment to serve with the Central American people – just loving those who are in need in the name of Jesus Christ.”

- César Flores, MCC area director for Central America and Haiti (serving with his wife Lizette Miranda)

After two hurricanes struck Central America in November 2020, MCC responded alongside local Anabaptist churches. In San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Judith Lemus (from left), Andy Aguilar and Nallely Cabrera distribute baleadas, bean, egg and sour cream burritos, at a shelter. Lemus, who was evacuated from her home, became an integral volunteer at the shelter.



“Before, we ate only once a day. After the support, we could eat three times a day.”

- Elaferaw Anke, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

When COVID-19 lockdowns began in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, families such as Elaferaw Anke and her 16-year-old daughter Edelawit Mikiyas had no way to earn a living. However, MCC partner Boza Community Development Association shifted from providing tutoring for teens like Mikiyas to distributing food to 300 families from May to September 2020.



“I will surely bring these lessons learned along with me on my journey as I contribute to peace and community development.”

- Naiy Xiong, MCC peace club, Lao People's Democratic Republic

Through MCC peace club Mitiphab, which means friendship in the Lao language, volunteers such as university student Naiy Xiong are leading group discussions about respect and peacebuilding with high school students in Lao People's Democratic Republic. As they do, their own understandings of and commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution continue to grow.

2020-2021



MCC marked 100 years of ministry amid the disruptions of a global pandemic. We give thanks for your generous ongoing and centennial giving, and your prayers and partnership — as well as the dedication of people like Julio López, Humberto Martínez and Pastor Elena Bercián of Casa Horeb Mennonite Church in Guatemala City, Guatemala (shown distributing MCC relief kits after a hurricane).

**Front cover:** Joanne Siegrist of Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania, knots a comforter at the MCC Material Resources Center in Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

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