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Before you dig into this report, let us take a minute to say thank you.

When it feels like the world keeps offering challenge after challenge, you continue to have faith in a better world. We're thankful you choose to partner with MCC in that work.

This report is full of stories of your faith coming to life. We hope you can see how your gifts are making a real difference. From sharing packages of food in times of war to providing clean water or education for a better future, this work is only possible because of gifts like yours.

Thank you.

Discover more on our website



# THANK YOU FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year marks 105 years of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ for MCC.

Somewhere in the world, a child eats, a mother is kept warm by a handmade comforter and a man has hope thanks to the actions of MCC. "MCC" doesn't only refer to our staff and partners, but also every loving individual and family who shares of their time, talents and generosity with MCC.

Every dollar, moment of time and faithful prayer you offer to MCC is shared through funding, resourcing and fostering relationships with our partners and communities, all in Christ's name. We take joy in sharing the love of Jesus with those who call for help. The people we reach may not be known by name or face to each of us, but they are uniquely created and beloved children of God.

MCC is an organization, a movement of collective MCC offices and staff from multiple traditions, a global ministry of Anabaptist churches and partners, an opportunity for humble service, a place of mutual transformation. We are a partner, model, lifeline, volunteer, sister and brother. MCC is you! Together, we respond to human needs at home and abroad, remaining a strong expression of Anabaptist ministry to a broken and hurting world.

Thank you for your generosity. Your gifts enable the child, woman and man to experience hope amid disaster, poverty and hatred. We are deeply grateful for your support.

Thanks be to God.



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This report was written to reflect the 2024/2025 fiscal year, which ended March 31, 2025. To read an online version, visit mcc.org/about/reports

Meet MCC Canada's new executive director



MCC envisions communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation. In our second century of service, we reaffirm our Christ-led commitment to serve and learn from vulnerable people around the world.

Students pose for a group photo after receiving MCC school kits provided by the Meserete Kristos Church Development Commission (MKCDC) at Daero Tekli Elementary School in the Tigray region of Ethiopia. (MCC/Arete photo)

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### CLIMATE CHANGE



### Response highlights

MCC works with partners around the world to help people affected by climate change. This is one of our program priorities because we love people and God's whole creation—and both are being harmed. Changing weather makes tough situations worse, especially for vulnerable communities. It makes every part of life just a little bit harder for people who already may not have clean water, enough food or peace in their communities.

Climate change has ravaged farms across Zimbabwe. Your generous support is helping local farmers employ new climate-resilient agricultural practices.

These techniques protect the environment and improve farming practices and yields ultimately putting food on the table and money in the families' pockets.

MCC's LINCZ project in Zimbabwe (Locally-Led Indigenous Nature-based Solutions for Climate Change Adaptation in Zimbabwe) focuses on empowering women and girls, who are often leaders in innovative climate solutions. To date, 17,765 people (including 10,730 women and girls) have participated in project activities—from planting trees to learning beekeeping. With \$15 million in funding from Global Affairs Canada, the project helps MCC deepen our commitment to effective, long-term responses to climate change.



# GLOBAL DISASTERS

# Response highlights

#### The destruction of Gaza

As the Israeli military destruction and blockade of Gaza continues, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians are being displaced, and essential supplies like food and medicine are nearly impossible to get. MCC and our partners continue to seek every opportunity to provide relief and advocate for a just and peaceful end to this conflict.

Photo 1: A staff\* from MCC partner Al-Najd Developmental Forum delivers a portable gas cooking stove to a family\* displaced by the war in Gaza. (Photo courtesy of Al-Najd Developmental Forum)

## Continuing relief in Ukraine

The war in Ukraine may not appear in headlines as often as it once did, but the needs of its people remain great. MCC has spent more than \$4.2 million on locally purchased goods and other support since 2022. Emergency relief and psychosocial care remain some of our top priorities in the country.



Photo 2: MCC partner Uman Help Center distributed MCC humanitarian assistance, including canned meat, to residents\* of a de-occupied village in the Kherson region of Ukraine. (Photo courtesy of Uman Help Center)

# Mass displacement in DR Congo

Ongoing military conflict in the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has displaced millions in the area around Goma. As tensions persist, MCC will continue to support those who've lost their homes and livelihoods to the fighting.

Photo 3: Kambundi Germaine is widowed and internally displaced, now living in Kikwit, DR Congo. She was recently ill, but recovered thanks to treatment offered at no charge from a health-care project run by MCC partner Communauté des Eglises des Frères Mennonites au Congo (CEFMC, Community of Mennonite Brethren Churches in Congo).

# Earthquake response in Myanmar

In March, the destruction left by a magnitude 7.7 earthquake centred near Mandalay and Sagaing left thousands dead and injured. MCC is working with four local partners to get humanitarian assistance where it's most needed.

Photo 4: An MCC partner\* distributes food and relief supplies to people affected by the earthquake in Myanmar. The supplies include cooking oil, fried fish, mosquito nets, mats, electrolyte powder, menstrual pads for women and water. (MCC partner\* photo)



Scan the QR code to listen to a story of survival from Myanmar.

<sup>\*</sup>Some names have been withheld for security purposes

### Susan and Paul check kits

Every Thursday at the MCC Thrift shop in New Hamburg, Ontario, Susan Hipperson and Paul Rice are ready to work. Susan is Paul's support worker, and both have a long history of volunteering for MCC in Ontario. Today, they perform quality spot checks on hygiene kits to ensure nothing's missing or out of place. "I'm in it for the big bucks," jokes Paul.

MCC Thrift volunteers Susan Hipperson and Paul Rice perform quality control checks on hygiene kits in New Hamburg, Ontario. (MCC photo/ Ken Ogasawara)



### Program highlights:

304,646 20,080

people received emergency food assistance

9,814

people provided with temporary shelter

people received financial support or rent

community-based trauma support groups supported



#### You're providing respite to those facing disaster or conflict

In the only room left of Khayria's\* home, the smoke from her cooking fire escapes easily through the space where one of the walls has collapsed. The room's three remaining walls are decorated with pictures, hung to cover the bullet holes, though there are too many to hide completely.

Since the Israeli military invasion of Gaza in 2023, Khayria and nearly two million Palestinians like her in Gaza are living in some of the direct conditions imaginable. Food, clean water, essential medicine and safe shelter are all incredibly hard to find and even harder to afford. Israeli military blockades are keeping thousands of containers of essential relief out of the country while Khayria, her 11 children and 25 grandchildren can do nothing but hope and pray.

#### But you've provided answers to some of her prayers.

Because of your heartfelt support, more than 45,000 people received emergency food, and thousands more received hygiene items, bedding, shelter materials or other survival basics. MCC's partners in Gaza continue to work tirelessly, risking their lives to love and care for those who have no other support.

<sup>\*</sup>Some names have been withheld for security purposes



### Diane shares her table

As a donor to MCC's monthly Share Your Table program, Diane Funk, of Calgary, Alberta, receives regular update emails on how her support is putting food on the tables of people around the world who need it. She's been giving to Share Your Table since 2022 and says thinking about her own family motivated her to give. "I thought about the hopelessness I would feel as a parent if my child were hungry."

Diane Funk is one of the nearly 700 who give to Share Your Table, a monthly giving program that allows MCC to provide emergency food to families who need it most. (Photo courtesy of Diane Funk)



### Program highlights:

22,742

people trained in climate-adaptive agriculture practices

22,995

people received farming supplies, including seeds and tools 61%

increased average garden yields in one project in Bolivia

35

projects in 21 countries are supported through MCC's account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank



# You're filling the tables of hungry people

Magan Tete lives in Pandrisila, a small village in eastern India. She lives with her granddaughter but had no job and no way to bring money in, so she had to rely on the generosity of her neighbours for food, medicine and other essentials.

She never considered planting and harvesting crops on the plot of land where she lives. She had no idea where to start and didn't know the first thing about farming.

But through your generosity, Magan now joyfully cultivates nearly a third of an acre of tomato and eggplant crops on her land.

When MCC partner DISHA started a project in her village, she was given agricultural training and support. The project, funded through MCC's account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, taught her how to take care of the soil, how to use organic manure and which crops are the highest yielding. She now produces 45 kg of eggplant each week over the growing season and can reliably sell her harvest at the local market.

She now has the money she needs to care for herself and her granddaughter and says she couldn't have imagined being able to do this herself a year ago.



# Churki pumps clean water

Churki Tudu says that life has changed completely after your generous support provided a water pump in her village. An MCC partner in India installed a pump that draws clean, safe drinking water from a deep borehole. Because of this, Churki and her daughter, Promila, don't have to worry about dirty water making their family sick.

Churki Tudu and her daughter, Promila, stand in front of a water pump installed in her village in India by an MCC partner. (MCC photo/PO-Health/ Sanjib Khan)



## Program highlights:

14,511
people now have access to an improved water source

36,430 people received water, sanitation or hygiene training

9,300
people now have access to a new or improved latrine or sanitation facility

16% more school-aged children are washing their hands regularly in one project in South Sudan



# You're bringing life-giving water to those who need it

If she needed water while at school, 16-yearold Biira Roline had to walk more than 3 km through the mountainous terrain of rural Uganda to get it. There also weren't enough pit latrines at her school, so they quickly became unsanitary and often had long lines.

Biira loves her classes, especially science, math and English, but not having clean water or adequate washrooms nearby created distractions from getting the education she needed.

But that's all changed now.

Thanks to your kind-hearted actions, Biira's school has been able to make big changes to its water and sanitation facilities.

With the help of MCC partner Young and Powerful Initiative, her school was able to build proper changing rooms for the girls, drainable and ventilated latrine pits and huge rainwater harvesting systems to catch and store water for drinking, handwashing and other basic needs.

Now that she doesn't have to worry about how she'll access clean water, she can focus on her studies without distraction.



# MECC provides great care

The Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) is an MCC partner that operates in several countries in the Middle East, with MCC-funded projects in Syria and Lebanon. MECC provides a wide array of physical and mental health services to the vulnerable and poor who would otherwise struggle to access them.

Dr. Elian Derani, from MCC partner MECC, helps with the distribution of blood pressure monitors to participants in a health program for communities in Damascus, Syria. (Photo courtesy of MECC)



## Program highlights:

44,240

people received direct clinical care

25,185
people received
psychosocial
support

86,809

people received hygiene items, including menstrual health supplies

80/0
more children are up to date on their vaccines in one project in Kenya



# You're offering care for the sick

When Kamara\* found out she was pregnant with triplets, she only felt fear. Both she and her husband are HIV-positive, and they'd experienced the death of a child once already, when her first pregnancy saw only one of her baby twins survive.

HIV is not automatically passed from mothers to their babies, but it can be transmitted through childbirth unless preventative measures are taken. Kamara knew that she couldn't afford the quality of health care needed to address the risks of triplets and HIV transmission.

But because of your financial support, Kamara's triplets were delivered safely, healthy and HIV-negative.

Faith Alive Foundation, an MCC partner in Nigeria, works with new and soon-to-be moms like Kamara, providing access to health care and resources to help parents care for newborns effectively. What began as a moment of fear and anxiety that she would not be able to care for her children turned into a triple dose of joy as she welcomed her new daughters and son into the world.

\*Full name unavailable



"I thought I was going to die when the ultrasound showed I had triplets... but God showed mercy and provided help to us through Faith Alive."

KAMARA\*, AN HIV-POSITIVE MOTHER WHO GAVE BIRTH TO HIV-NEGATIVE TRIPLETS

were successfully delivered through MCC partner Faith Alive Foundation's Break the HIV Life Cycle project. (Faith Alive Foundation photo/Jane Nwoke)

# Wagata settles into Canadian life

Wagata fled civil war in Eritrea at the age of 21. She was sponsored for her first year in Canada by Rosthern Mennonite Church in Saskatchewan, through MCC's refugee resettlement program. With the support of the church, she's been volunteering at a local food bank while caring for her son, Gasim, and working to bring her adopted daughter, Hanadi, to join them.

Wagata Hussein (middle), Elmer Janzen and Elaine Janzen are volunteers at Good Neighbours Food Centre in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, where Wagata was resettled from Eritrea. (MCC photo/Marian Hooge Jones)



## Program highlights:

450

refugees from these countries were resettled in Canada through MCC-supported sponsorship:

Afghanistan 94

Syria 90

Eritrea 68

Iraq **24** 

Other countries include:
Myanmar
Iran
Colombia
South Sudan
Yemen
Pakistan
and many more

# MIGRATION (

# You're welcoming strangers to their new homes

On a warm evening in Mexico, some 30 people stand in front of a small, plain building in Ecatepec, just north of Mexico City. They're from a dozen different countries, only a few share a common language, but their goal is the same—immigrating to the United States safely.

The little cinderblock building is their shared temporary home, operated by Pastor Victor Lampón Leon. He runs MCC partner La Mano de Dios en Apoyo al Migrante (Hand of God in Support of Migrants) to make sure all the travellers who knock on his door have every bit of support he can provide. The journey to the U.S. border is long, dangerous and uncertain, with many migrants trekking thousands of kilometres on foot, evading gangs, deadly conditions and many other dangers.

But your loving support means the migrants that come to Pastor Victor's church receive the care and support they need to continue their journey safely.

Legal advice, medical care, food, a safe place to sleep—whatever needs Pastor Victor can help with, he does. Every migrant who continues their journey from this temporary stop does so in better shape than when they arrived.



Second from left, pastors Victor Lampón Leon and Rocio Valencia Islas prepare *arepas* with migrant residents at La Mano de Dios en Apoyo al Migrante (God's Hand in Support of Migrants) in Ecatepec, Mexico, a church ministry providing care, relief and support to migrants moving through the greater Mexico City area. The names of the migrants have been withheld for security reasons. (MCC photo/Meghan Mast)

# "We try to protect their human rights as migrants."

PASTOR VICTOR LAMPÓN LEON, LEADER OF MCC PARTNER LA MANO DE DIOS EN APOYO AL MIGRANTE (HAND OF GOD IN SUPPORT OF MIGRANTS)

# Indigenous artists inspire

As part of MCC's ongoing work toward reconciliation between Indigenous and settler peoples, MCC curated an online gallery featuring works by Indigenous artists across the country on the theme of Transforming Relationships. Visit MCC's website to see the full gallery and read the artists' stories.

A photo of "Untitled earrings" by Riley Barnes as featured in the Transforming Relationships gallery. (MCC photo)





### Program highlights:

27,865
people around the world received peacebuilding training

12,500 people globally received training in human rights

287 peace clubs

active this year

years of MCC advocating to government directly in Ottawa

### PEACE & JUSTICE



# You're building peace across cultures and languages

At Rwanda's Gicumbi Children's Peace Library, children like Bruno Ineza Kabera pull out stacks of books every time they visit. Volumes of children's classics like *Clifford the Big Red Dog* share shelf space with titles like *Beloved Daughter*, a Ugandan story about comforting your friends when they've been hurt.

In the years after the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi, many Rwandan and international agencies began peacebuilding projects in the country. They worked to repair the rift between ethnic groups that decades of colonial rule had deepened. These programs generally focused on reaching Rwandan adults.

But through your generous donations, now Rwandan children are learning how to build peace in their lives every day.

An MCC partner in Rwanda, Transformational Leadership Center, saw that teaching children a culture of peace (and a love of reading) is easier if it feels applicable in their everyday lives. They now run six children's peace libraries and offer peer conflict mediation sessions. Staff say kids regularly share how they use skills they learned at the library to solve conflicts peacefully at school and at home.



to build peace."

FRANCINE MUHAWENIMANA, LIBRARY COORDINATOR FOR MCC PARTNER TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP CENTER IN GICUMBI, RWANDA

## Aarti grows new crops

In Nepal's Morang district, Aarti Mandal received a scholarship to learn how to become an agricultural technician. Young women like Aarti face many barriers to getting an education, including the financial burden of paying for quality school. Through an MCC partner, Aarti's education hopes became reality, and her dream of running her own farm is now within reach.

Watch this video to hear from Aarti and the impact of her education.



(L to R) Nikita Mandal, Aarti Kumari Mandal and Chanchal Kumari Rishidev are students at Sailaja Acharya Memorial Polytechnic in Jahada, Nepal. (MCC/Fairpicture photo/Uma Bista)



### Program highlights:

children and youth participated in K-12 education supported by MCC

children and youth received education supplies, including MCC school

kits and locally purchased items

caregivers participated in workshops on parenting and child development

of children in a school project in Lebanon successfully completed their school year

### EDUCATION Z



### You're ensuring everyone can access a good education

Hoy Sa is nine, and she was born with significant hearing loss. She lives in a small village called Tangko in Lao People's Democratic Republic (Laos). Her disability makes it very hard for her to communicate well with her family or with friends or teachers at school. Hoy Sa has five siblings, and her parents work hard, but it's very expensive to keep six children fed and equipped for school. They needed help to get their daughter the assistance she needed to succeed.

"Hoy Sa has many limitations, especially when it comes to communicating and playing with other children," says her father, Boun Ngai Sayabuawikong. "But we always try to support and encourage her so she can go to school and be part of the community."

And because you faithfully supported MCC's work in Laos, Hoy Sa is now thriving at school.

Through local MCC partner Association for Rural Mobilisation and Improvement (ARMI), she was given a referral to an ear, nose and throat clinic in a nearby city to get her hearing properly assessed. She was also given the school supplies she needed, including a uniform, new shoes, a bag and all the writing materials she'd need to do her schoolwork.

You opened the door for Hoy Sa to be included and supported in class, where she's now getting the education she deserves.





"We see how dire the need is. We realize we can't provide people with everything they need, but people are still grateful."

ANDRIY\*, HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR, ASSOCIATION OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES OF UKRAINE FOR MCC

#### Material resources shipped last year with your support:



416,078 Kilograms of canned meat



52,481 School kits



21,401 Relief kits



Infant care kits



41.145 Hygiene kits







## MATERIAL **RESOURCES**

### You're getting people supplies they desperately need

In Ukraine, the war continues to endanger lives and create resource scarcity for everyone. But those who are elderly, displaced or disabled face more barriers to meeting their essential needs. Many struggle to get food, medicine or basic daily supplies.

Anastasiia\* lives in Zaporizhzhia, in eastern Ukraine, where the fighting is at its most active. Her brother is her only family in the country and he's serving in the army, unable to assist her directly. She was feeling hopeless, like she had no options left.

But thanks to your support of MCC's material resources, vulnerable Ukrainians like Anastasiia received kits containing many of the basic items they need to survive.

\*Some names have been withheld for security purposes

# MCC THRIFT

# You're helping people at home and around the world

Florence Roes saw her 98th birthday come and go this year and still volunteers at the MCC New Hamburg Thrift Centre in Ontario every week. For 35 years, Florence has brought warmth and wisdom to a few MCC Thrift shops around Ontario and has no interest in stopping anytime soon.

She's part of a network of thousands of thrift shoppers, donors and volunteers whose efforts fund MCC's work all around the world. She says she feels proud to be part of the work of MCC and loves what she does.

"[One of my] favourite parts? That would be organizing and making things neat," says Florence.



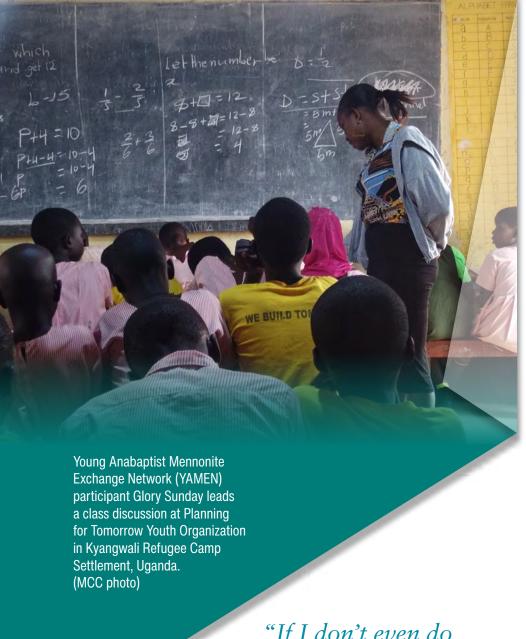
"The people I work with are what I enjoy most."

FLORENCE ROES, THRIFT VOLUNTEER

5,588 active MCC Thrift volunteers across Canada

\$41,257,000

donated by MCC Thrift shops in Canada and the U.S. to support the work of MCC in the 2024/2025 fiscal year



"If I don't even do any other thing, I have done this, and I have achieved a lot, and I am grateful."

GLORY SUNDAY, FROM NIGERIA, ON HER YAMEN EXPERIENCE



YAMEN!









**SOOP** 

### GLOBAL GSL SERVICE LEARNING

# You're giving young adults the chance to grow and experience the world

When Glory Sunday wanted to see more of Africa outside her home country of Nigeria, she says signing up for a year with Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network (YAMEN) was an obvious choice. YAMEN is one of MCC's service programs for young adults, jointly operated with Mennonite World Conference.

Glory's placement took her to Kyangwali Refugee Camp Settlement in Uganda, where she worked as a teacher at a nursery and primary school. She says she felt the impact of getting to be a role model in the lives of young girls here.

"I never thought I'd come to this point in my life where I'd motivate someone enough that they would think that I am their role model, and they don't want to disappoint me. This is the peak of my life."



Alf and Liz Koop's relationship with MCC stretches far across time and geography, back to MCC's beginnings in 1922 southern Russia (present-day Ukraine).

Alf's parents never forgot that it was MCC food kitchens that fed them when there was no food left to eat. And they instilled the power of that memory in their children.

Today, Alf and Liz are ensuring MCC's work continues by including a gift in their will.

"We show our faith by what we do, how we live; and if we have more than we need, we want to share it with people who don't have as much."

Watch this video to hear Alf and Liz share their legacy story.



#### Frequently Asked Questions

### I don't consider myself wealthy – can my gift still have an impact?

Absolutely! Leaving a gift in your will isn't just for the wealthy. It's a way to support causes you care about, regardless of your current financial status. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps support meaningful work.

#### How do I include a gift in my will?

There are several ways to set up a legacy gift. Some people specify a fixed dollar amount, while others designate a percentage of their estate after providing for their loved ones. We'd love to help you figure out what is right for you.

For more information please visit mcc.org/legacy or call Rosie at 844-732-2346.



#### THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

46 countries 345 partners

450 projects 1 214 workers

participants in Global Service Learning programs as of March 31, 2025:

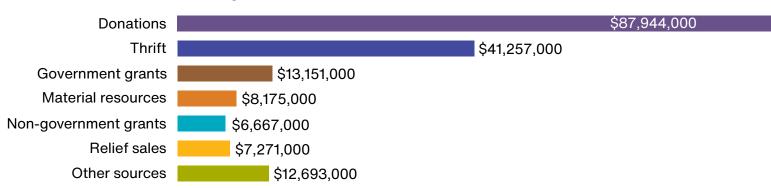
YAMEN	36
IVEP	17
SALT	17
Seed	22
Seek	8
Summerbridge	12
SOOP	27



TOTAL REVENUE:

\$177,158,000

#### **Funding sources**

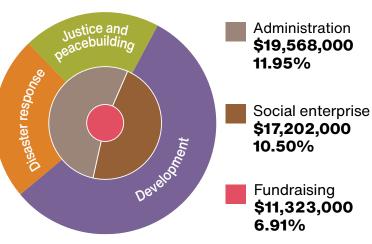




#### **TOTAL EXPENSES:** \$163,759,000

Direct program expenses (outer ring total) \$115,666,000 70.64% The three

sections of the outer ring are a total of direct program expenses



#### **FINANCES**

The financial information on these pages presents the combined operations in Canadian dollars of the MCCs in Canada and the U.S. for the year ended March 31, 2025. Where income exceeds expenses, those amounts are held in restricted funds and will be used for International Program needs in future years, helping us wisely steward resources over the long term. More detailed financial and programs reporting, as well as complete audited financial statements, are available in our annual report appendix at mcc.org/about/reports.