


**See your gifts at work
in Alberta.**



2022/2023
Annual Impact Report
ALBERTA



We hope you know how thankful we are that you are part of the MCC community. Together we have been able to do some amazing work. Take some time to read these stories and see the important work that's made possible because of your support.

See your gifts at work in Alberta.

This year we watched prices rise around us, and we all had to make choices about how to adjust. We couldn't be more grateful that through it all you made the choice to keep giving so generously.

Your generosity is bringing more peace and restorative justice programs to families and local communities. It is providing a warm welcome to newcomers seeking a safe place to call home. It is working toward reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

We see the fruit of this work every day, and are so grateful for your support.

Thank you.

THANK YOU

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we reflect upon the previous year's work of MCC Alberta, I want to thank you for your ongoing support for the work of relief, development, and peace we do here and around the world.

Last year was an unprecedented year. With wars in Ukraine and Ethiopia, famine in East Africa, and a major earthquake in Türkiye and Syria, the toll of human suffering is great. Add on over 100 million displaced persons and over 800 million facing food insecurity, the thought of discussing impact seems futile.

And yet, Jesus reminds us that the kingdom of God doesn't work the way we often think it should. The impact of God's kingdom is not revealed through large, grand acts to be viewed by all, but is made known like a mustard seed growing into a tree and yeast working its way through flour.

And so, while the challenges facing the world loom large, your acts of compassion, kindness, and mercy, give us much to celebrate! Thank you for making a kingdom impact in this world, whether through donating to a specific crisis, supporting the general budget, volunteering at one of our thrift stores, or visiting with newcomers or an ex-offender. The impact of your work, the social return on your investment, points to the work of Christ in the world. Thank you!



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"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

— MATTHEW 13: 31-33 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

MCC ALBERTA WORKS IN TREATY TERRITORIES

In the spirit of respect and truth, we acknowledge and honour that our work is done on the lands of Treaties Six, Seven and Eight. These lands are the traditional home of the Cree, Dene, Inuit, Kainai, Metis, Piikani, Salteaux, Siksika, Stoney Nakoda and Tsuut'ina peoples.

We are grateful to be able to live, work and serve God the Creator here. As a Christian organization committed to right relationships and the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, we acknowledge the harm done to the Indigenous peoples of these lands. As Treaty people, we strive towards reconciliation in our words and deeds.



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Donor Profile

Ron Esau is part of Wheels of Waterton, a group of cyclists who have been raising funds each year through GO!100. “We are just so happy to participate in GO!100 because it’s so good to mix what we love to do with a good cause. We have such a high regard for MCC, for the work that is raising up Jesus’ name. People know that they are giving to a good cause and it’s making a difference.”

Ron Esau and his team bike 100 km each year to raise funds through GO!100 .
(Photo courtesy of Ron Esau)



DEVELOPMENT



Because of your generosity, we are transforming lives.

“We are extremely excited to be here, and we find it to be really energizing that we are working together with MCC and CFGB and with you the donor on projects that are assisting with world hunger.”

BLAINE GATEZ - GROW HOPE FARMER

Photo caption

MCC Alberta staff visit the Grow Hope field at the Gatez farm near Crossfield. (photo/ Dianne Smith)



Grow
hope.
Alberta



Connecting urban and rural communities.

Grow Hope is a partnership between MCC, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Alberta farmers and donors. This program works to alleviate food insecurity for the 783 million people worldwide experiencing hunger.

Through the partnership, 325 acres were sponsored and \$310, 911 was raised! Funds raised through the project may be matched up to 4:1 by the Canadian Government, multiplying the impact of every donation! Thank you to the Grow Hope farmers and the donors who partner with them!

A summer tradition of supporting MCC’s work.

Once again, we are amazed at the generosity of our donors and their family and friends. This year we saw a total of 14 participants and teams who fenced, biked, read and rode their horse to raise \$111,150, including the \$50,000 match generously provided by the Flaman Foundation.

Thank you to the amazing participants for spending their time doing what they love for relief, development and peace.

INDIGENOUS NEIGHBOURS

Striving for reconciliation and healthier relationships is at the core of our work. Given the history of colonization, abuse, and discrimination against Indigenous Peoples, MCCA has been diligently working on seeking new connections, partnerships, and opportunities to foster respectful and restored relationships between our constituency and local Indigenous communities. Thank you for supporting MCCA reconciliation work!

SERVICES FOR NEWCOMERS

Thanks to translation services 197 individuals were able to access government financial and health care services. Online and in-person job boards were viewed a total of 1,467 times, increasing access to employment. Thank you for supporting those seeking referrals, housing and education for themselves and their families.

Program Highlights:

70

youth and young adults engaged in the work of MCC

132

passport applications through the Services for Newcomers office in Taber

50

individuals who arrived in Canada with the help of MCC

75%

average decreased re-offense rate for those who have a circle through CoSA, compared to those who do not

PROGRAM

Because of your love and support, a family has been reunited.

“I volunteer with CoSA so there are no more victims. After serving their time, offenders eventually become ex-offenders and I am proudly involved in making sure they don’t re-offend. ”

TRACEY, COSA VOLUNTEER

Photo caption

Mannal Khashfa (left) and her son Ahmad (centre) welcome her brother Mahmoud (right), with an emotional embrace at the Calgary airport on June 17, 2022, after a long flight from Turkey, with his family. (photo/Sieman Aldib)



MIGRATION & RESETTLEMENT

MCC Alberta’s Migration and Resettlement program was honoured to welcome 50 individuals from Afghanistan, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Syria to Calgary and Edmonton. With our donors’ and sponsors’ support, families were brought together again. Thank you to all of our sponsors for dedicating your time and money towards changing the lives of families fleeing instability and waiting for a fresh start.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Partnerships with educational institutions like Menno Simons, Ambrose University and Kings University continue to be a space for youth and young adult engagement. Over 70 youth were

reached during the 8 events that MCC Alberta participated in. Connections with partnering organizations gave us the opportunity to share about our local programming and international work.

CIRCLES OF SUPPORT & ACCOUNTABILITY

Circle volunteers supported 8 core members seeking to live responsible, productive, healthy lives. We celebrated a graduation and in September, MCC Alberta’s CoSA program expanded to Edmonton. Thank you to our volunteers who gave 134 hours and our donors for supporting offenders on their journey to rebuild their lives.

MATERIAL RESOURCES



Your support brings relief in times of crisis.

“It’s a tangible way to help. I’m not good at public speaking, but I can sew quilts, kit bags, and as a bonus, it’s a nice social outing!”

IRENE BAERGEN,
MR VOLUNTEER

Photo caption

14 enthusiastic volunteers from Dalhousie Church fundraised to pack 300 hygiene kits and checked 125 more. (photo/Linda Dickinson)



MCC Alberta is thankful for the hours given to Material Resources from homes and churches across the province. More than 130 donors shared their time, skills, talents, and abilities through their gifts. In the Calgary Material Resources Centre, 124 volunteers gave over 559 hours of their time sorting supplies, packing items, and folding comforters for shipment.

More than 2376 nail clippers, 4390 bars of soap, and 12,069 notebooks made their way across Alberta to the Central Canadian Warehouse in Ontario. From there, these gifts of love were given to people in places like Zambia, Ukraine, and Jordan.

Material resources shipped last year:



656
Relief kits



2256
School kits



46
Infant care kits



1720
Hygiene kits



1712
Comforters

MCC THRIFT



Sharing the generosity of our donors with our local community and the world.

“Those who receive this card are very thankful. They are connected to the store, where they can return to make future affordable purchases.”

CHRISTA SANFORD,
LETHBRIDGE FAMILY SERVICES

Photo caption

Amy Peters (left) and Darlene Rempel (Right) take a short break sorting through clothing donations at the Taber MCC Thrift Shop. (photo/Eunice Hau)



The Edmonton Thrift Shop (ETS) and the Islamic Family and Social Services Association (IFSSA) have a unique partnership. IFSSA donors are encouraged to donate their used goods to ETS and in return, the shop has created a voucher system for their newcomer clients. The shop also has a dedicated modest fashion section and a donor experience that makes people feel welcome. (Photo courtesy of Sumaira Farooq, IFSSA)



The Lethbridge Thrift Shop works together with Lethbridge Family Services to support newcomers and Ukrainian evacuees. They offer gift cards to the agency who in turn give the cards to those needing to furnish their homes and purchase clothing for their families. We use gift cards to ensure anonymity for the recipients which allows for greater integrity and respect for the clients.

\$3.5
million in thrift revenue

66,189
volunteer hours

347
active volunteers

CHURCH CONNECTIONS

57 churches and communities working together to bring relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ.

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”

— JOHN 15:5
NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

Photo caption

People line up for verenyky, sausages and pie at the MCC Alberta Fall Festival. Over 350 attendees enjoyed the event. (photo/Jessica Evans)



PARTNERING WITH CHURCHES

There are 57 churches engaged with MCC Alberta, from High Level in the North, to Pincher Creek in the South. We are blessed to work alongside churches from our member conferences and beyond, who share a desire to follow Christ at home and around the world. MCC is an arm for relief, development, and peace in ways that reflect each congregation.

Our churches are widely engaged with MCC Alberta, donating finances, volunteering time, packing kits and sewing quilts, as well as responding to crisis, sponsoring newcomers and remaining up to date with MCC’s stories and programs.

CONNECTING POINTS

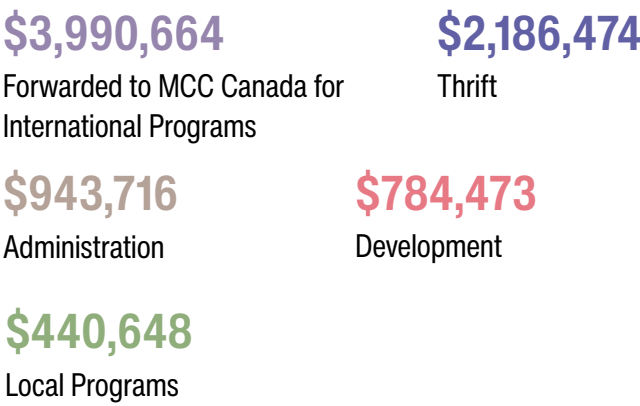
Engaging with our churches has been a joy and one of the highlights was being able to share MCC’s work through 19 speaking engagements in congregations. Other connections include over 169 personal phone calls or emails to church offices and leaders, attendance at 3 denominational AGM’s and 20 personalized reports sent to churches.

We were excited to have 4 in-person events including a Fall Festival at Bergthal Mennonite Church, a pastor’s breakfast event in both Calgary and Edmonton, and a Donor Appreciation event at Foothills Mennonite Church. We are so grateful for the dedication of our supporting churches and their members.

Financial Highlights

MCC Alberta saw its donors’ generosity abound this year! Grow Hope more than doubled from last year, with contributions for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank increasing 41% year over year. Our donors responded with empathy to the conflict in Ukraine and instability in Syria raising \$658,463 for relief. We were excited to host the MCC Alberta Fall Festival which raised \$94,074 through an auction and meal. The 2023 fiscal year saw huge investments in Thrift with a renovation to the Taber Shop and the purchase of a second building to serve as a donation centre for our Lethbridge location. Thank you for your ongoing passion and generosity this year for the work of MCC.

TOTAL EXPENSES:
\$8,345,975



TOTAL REVENUE:
\$8,706,840



**See your gifts at work
around the world.**



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CANADA

Right now, you are holding something special in your hands. It's proof of the real difference that your generosity has made this year. Together we have accomplished some amazing things. We hope you can take a moment to enjoy these stories, made possible because of your support.

See your gifts at work around the world.

Last year, we watched the news as bombs continued to fall. We saw more lives lost or forever altered. We saw global hunger continue to rise. But you were right there with us to meet these challenges head-on.

Your compassion touched lives around the world. Brought relief to people fleeing war and disaster. Supported training and education to create stronger communities. Built peace for a more hopeful future.

Thank you.

P.S. We know this work can be hard, especially for local partners and staff on the ground who see the challenges first-hand. We'd love it if you'd record a short video of encouragement. Scan the QR code to let staff and partners know you're thinking about them.



THANK YOU

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Early, on cold mornings this past winter, I would stir the coals in our woodstove and add a few chunks of wood for the day. As the fire blazed back to life, I would think of families in Ukraine supplied with small woodstoves to heat their homes when their utilities were interrupted by bombing or electricity shortages.

And this fall, our two granddaughters took their first steps into schools in Ontario and Indiana. And I was reminded that unlike girls across the world in South Sudan, they and their parents need not worry about affording school supplies or having enough food to be able to focus in class.

Woodstoves and support for girls' education. Two varieties of responses from MCC. Yet both are responses of love offered to communities facing far too much violence and injustice.

At our core, we are a Jesus-rooted peacebuilding organization. Today, even as violence rages and inequality grows, we lay foundations for this peace work by sharing support like the warmth of stoves in Ukraine and the opportunity for learning in South Sudan. In this sharing, may we also be transformed as agents of reconciliation.

Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for being part of God's work of mutual transformation.

And thanks be to God.



RICK COBER BAUMAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MCC CANADA



This report was written to reflect the 2022/2023 fiscal year, which ended March 31, 2023. To read an online version visit mcc.org/about/reports

We've moved!
Read more about our new, environmentally friendly office space in downtown Winnipeg.



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.

María Dolores Pérez Páez (right, pictured with Bonnie Klassen, MCC area director for South America, Mexico and Cuba) and her husband received an MCC relief kit after Hurricane Ian hit Cuba in 2022 and their home was destroyed. "I thank the people who sent me this," says Maria. "I recognize the effort it took to send it, and I want to honour it because when it's gone, I don't know where I'll get more." (MCC photo/Annalee Giesbrecht)

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Your gifts at work around the world



Every year, MCC responds to disasters all around the world, providing emergency relief to people after devastating loss. And because of your continued support, the work doesn't end there. After immediate needs are addressed, we work to rebuild and restore what was lost, physically and emotionally. Here are a few updates of what MCC's work looks like in the months after the initial events of disaster in Syria, Ukraine and sub-Saharan Africa.



(Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches photo)

Syria earthquake

MCC continues to respond to the destruction left in the wake of earthquakes that devastated Syria and Türkiye in early 2023. In Syria, after responding to short-term needs in the immediate aftermath, MCC partners like the Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches (FMEEC) have begun longer-term projects that will provide food packages, hygiene items and trauma support in places that were particularly hard-hit. The project will run for nine months with the goal of helping families regain long-term access to food. This photo shows some FMEEC volunteers distributing relief kits to shelters.

Scan the QR code to listen to a podcast episode about the response.



(AMBCU photo)

Trauma healing in Ukraine

The war in Ukraine continues to disrupt and endanger the lives of millions. In addition to providing relief for immediate needs like food and shelter, MCC partners are also working to address the trauma that conflict like this inflicts on people. Margarita* (in the yellow coat above) works with MCC partner Association of Mennonite Brethren Churches of Ukraine (AMBCU) using equine therapy to help children with physical and emotional rehabilitation.

*Names are shortened or omitted for security reasons.

Scan the QR code to watch a thank you video from MCC staff in Ukraine.



(MCC photo/Tadeo Santonino)

Hunger crisis

Last year, a crisis of extreme hunger emerged, putting the lives of millions of already vulnerable people in danger. The conflict in Ukraine, combined with other factors like flooding and the worst drought in 40 years in East Africa, led to inflated food prices and a global hunger crisis. The number of people facing extreme hunger has more than doubled since 2020. Your support allowed MCC to respond to these increasing needs in countries around the world. We are providing emergency food for thousands of families whose options have run out in places like South Sudan, pictured above.

Scan the QR code to listen to a podcast episode about the hunger crisis.



Multimedia feature

On *Relief, Development and Podcast*, MCC Canada staff Emily Loewen shares audio diaries from her 2022 trip to western Ukraine. “You know, from the outside, when you read news about Ukraine ... you’d think people would feel really discouraged and hopeless. At least that’s what I assumed. But so many people are mostly reflecting on the many ways that other people have helped them, that communities have supported them.”

Scan the QR code to listen



Relief program highlights:

208,149

people received emergency food assistance globally

62,000

people in Ukraine have been supported through MCC’s 14 local partners

1,552

households received home repairs or reconstruction

4,003

people received financial support or rent assistance

RELIEF



Your support sent life-saving food and relief to Ukraine.

“Thank God that we were able to get MCC humanitarian aid. It helped us a lot.”

HENNADIY*, RECIPIENT OF MCC RELIEF IN UKRAINE

In the photo

A woman* in a village recovered from Russian military control in Ukraine’s Kherson region receives a small wood stove from MCC partner Uman Help Center. (Photo courtesy of Uman Help Center)



Before the escalation of the war in Ukraine, Nadiya O.* and her husband lived near the city of Uman. Together they grew a vegetable garden and kept bees, selling their honey to make some extra cash. But shortly after the conflict worsened, her husband died from a heart attack.

Then Russian military bombing destroyed their home, turning to ash most of the beehives they had once tended together. In Ukrainian, the name Nadiya means hope, but her situation left little reason to feel hopeful. **However, your caring gifts have provided an essential lifeline to Nadiya and thousands of Ukrainians like her.**

MCC sent five containers full of canned meat, comforters and other relief items to Uman and

other nearby cities this year, focused on reaching the most vulnerable. Partners also distributed supplies to help people survive the cold winter with limited heating or electricity. One small wood stove costs \$54 and provides a person or family a reliable way to cook their own food.

“We gave to people whose homes were destroyed, people who lost their jobs, the elderly people with small pension benefits and people living with disabilities,” says Nadiya T.*, program coordinator for MCC in Ukraine.

Because of your generous and prayerful contribution, Ukrainians with no other support are getting their basic needs met.

*Names are shortened or omitted for security reasons.

Donor profile

Annette and Peter Wolfe have been supporting MCC’s Share Your Table program since 2019. They give because “access to nutritious food is key to people flourishing, especially families with children. We also enjoy the monthly stories and recipes and regularly try them out.” Share Your Table is MCC’s monthly giving program that provides emergency food to families in need around the world.

(Photo courtesy of Peter Wolfe)



Food program highlights:

44,654

people trained in improved agriculture and animal production methods

39,158

people received agricultural supplies, including seeds and tools

68%

increase in the variety of food grown in kitchen gardens with support of a food security project in Bangladesh

35 projects in 18

countries supported through MCC’s account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank

FOOD

You’re helping farmers respond to climate change around the world.

“We got trained on new techniques to make good produce. Now we share and learn together with others.”

RATH MORN, CAMBODIAN FARMER

In the photo

Rath Morn* and his wife, Jhonh Nham, work in their garden beside their home. They’re farmers supported by MCC partner Organization to Develop Our Villages. (MCC photo/Isaac Alderfer)



When Rath Morn* was growing up in Sampor, Cambodia, his family could count on reliable dry and wet seasons to grow their crops. For generations, that reliability meant bountiful crops and prosperous farmers.

But as our climate has continued to change, so have the realities of farming in Cambodia. Scorching temperatures cause essential water sources to dry out, for both crops and animals. The once-consistent wet seasons now bring hard-driving rain that flattens or drowns crops.

But your donations are supporting Morn in adapting to the changing realities he’s facing.

For \$482, MCC partner Organization to Develop Our Villages (ODOV) built a fishpond and filled it with fish. For \$67, they built a chicken coop and stocked it with hens and a rooster. Thanks to these resources and the agricultural training ODOV provides, with funding through MCC’s account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Morn’s family now earns around \$63 per month.

He sees the difference these changes are making in his neighbours: “People are getting better, and I can see the improvements in their families. In each family, people do not do anything that would cause harm to others. Instead, they share with each other.”

*In Cambodia, names are written with the surname appearing first, followed by the given name.

Donor profile

Jane and Peter Andres decided to leave a gift in their will for MCC, saying, “It’s a continuation of the values that have always been important to us. It came as a pleasant surprise when our financial advisor suggested that we could leave a legacy for MCC while at the same time we could save our children some taxes on our passing. We are convinced that MCC will put that donation to good use.”

(Photo courtesy of Jane and Peter Andres)



Water program highlights:

55,568

people now have access to an improved water source

201

drinking water systems built or repaired

15,776

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

315

water harvesting structures for irrigation constructed or repaired

WATER

You provided safe access to life-giving water.

“Now peace has come. Water is near the house. They can go at anytime they like.”

EDO FALANKA, PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR MCC PARTNER COMMUNAUTÉ DES ÉGLISES DE FRÈRES MENNONITES AU CONGO (CEPMC; COMMUNITY OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES IN CONGO)

In the photo

Chanelle Kingenzi, a secondary school student at Malwanu Institute, in Kanzombi, DR Congo, washes her hands with clean water drawn from the well that an MCC partner established in the community. (Justin Makangara/MCC/Fairpicture)



On a good morning, Chanelle Kingenzi would need an hour to fetch water from the spring nearest to her family’s home in Kanzombi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo). That water would be enough for her, her three siblings and mother to bathe and cook breakfast before school started.

On bad mornings, fighting in line could delay her three or four hours, making her miss part of the school day. Chanelle’s family was displaced by violence elsewhere in DR Congo, so sometimes the others in line would treat her poorly. More than once, she was threatened or hurt, or went home with no water.

But your generosity has changed all of that for Chanelle.

With your support, a local MCC partner drilled a series of deep borehole wells in Kanzombi and other communities nearby. For around \$32,000, the well, storage tank and water taps provide fresh, clean water to thousands, who no longer must risk their safety for drinking water.

Now instead of a long and unsafe journey, Chanelle can take a short walk to the well and fill her containers with almost no effort. No longer does she have to risk missing school or her own safety just to have water to drink.

Partner profile

Anne Kuria is the counsellor at the Mary Ward Primary Health Care Centre that runs out of Loreto Rumbek School in South Sudan. As a school counsellor, she’s seen how important the clinic is to ensuring girls get an education. “The [health care] centre is here in part to protect the girl child’s education. And not only education but [to protect] against forced and early marriages as well.”

(David Lomuria/MCC/Fairpicture)



Health program highlights:

38,055

people received direct clinical care

55%

of women and girls in a sexual violence prevention program in Haiti now feel comfortable discussing with friends and family the abuse they experienced

159,429

people received hygiene items, including menstrual health supplies

43%

of girls in an Ethiopian school system now have regular access to sanitary pads — an increase of 23%

HEALTH

You’re giving children access to the health care they need.

“I’m a changed person.... I’m using what I’ve learned to keep my children and myself healthy.”

MARY ATHEEN, MOTHER TO A BABY RECEIVING VACCINES AT THE MARY WARD PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE

In the photo

Cholhok Maluk (right) and Teresa Ayen (middle) look through an infant care kit during an infant immunization session at the Mary Ward Primary Health Care Centre in Rumbek, South Sudan. (David Lomuria/MCC/Fairpicture)



About one in 10 children born in South Sudan don’t survive to see their fifth birthday. This heartbreaking statistic is caused by many factors, including new mothers simply not having access to health care.

But thanks to your compassionate support, an MCC partner in South Sudan is providing health care to many who would otherwise go without.

The Mary Ward Primary Health Care Centre is part of the Loreto Rumbek School in South Sudan. In addition to providing a fully staffed pharmacy, recovery unit, examination rooms and mental and sexual health services, each week they host a child vaccination clinic. Their program gets newborns on a five-month vaccine

series for diseases including polio, hepatitis B, tuberculosis and many others.

As an incentive to stick to the entire program, the clinic offers an MCC infant care kit to mothers whose children complete the entire slate of immunizations. The clinic provides around 3,000 vaccinations each year, and each child’s continued health creates a testimony that combats vaccine skepticism in South Sudan, says clinic nurse Mary Alual.

“It’s not only the vaccines, but everything they’re learning about health here,” Mary says. “Handwashing, the connection between child and mother health, many things.”

Volunteer profile

Rebeka Delamorandiere has sponsored two families for resettlement in Canada with North Langley Community Church in Langley, B.C. She was looking for a way to invest in her community and felt sponsorship was a great way to do it. “We have a calling to feed the hungry and to help those who may not look and act and be just like us. And I’ve always been drawn to that, to cross-cultural communication and the challenges and joys it might bring.”

(Photo courtesy of Rebeka Delamorandiere)



Migration program highlights:

452

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

- Syria 158
- Eritrea 78
- Afghanistan 36
- Iran 29

Other countries include: DR Congo, Ethiopia, Iraq, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Vietnam and more.

MIGRATION



You’re providing safety and support to people on the move.

“Serving [at Casa del Migrante] has given me new eyes to see, learn and share with my neighbours who are on journeys of migration.”

KATRINA SHENK, MCC SALT PARTICIPANT
SERVING AT CASA DEL MIGRANTE IN
GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA

In the photo

Casa del Migrante staff Hector Pablo (left) gives an MCC hygiene kit to Liam Josue (right) at Casa del Migrante in Guatemala City. (MCC photo/Meghan Mast)



There are many reasons why someone might migrate. It could be to find new work, join family or study. It might be to flee violence or disaster. Whatever the cause, there are more people on the move today than ever before, and many are facing immense hardship and danger trying to reach their destination.

That’s why your generous support for MCC partners like Casa del Migrante is so important.

In Guatemala City, Casa del Migrante is a place of shelter and care for people on the move through this part of Central America. Migrants can access legal advice, food and medicine,

medical and dental care, spiritual support and a variety of other help before they continue their journey.

Carlos López, the director of Casa del Migrante, says that while they cannot promise people safety on their journey, they try to provide everything they can when migrants come through their doors.

They offer “security, trust and safeguarding to know that they are not at risk or in danger inside the shelter’s facilities,” says Carlos. “But above all, [we offer] empathy on the part of the staff.”

Advocacy highlight

In August 2021, the Taliban took control of Afghanistan. Because of Canadian laws, organizations like MCC faced severe restrictions to providing relief. Some organizations couldn't operate at all. MCC joined a coalition of relief agencies to lobby the government to amend these rules. Nearly 10,000 Canadians, including MCC supporters, sent letters in support of Bill C-41, which officially became law on June 20, 2023.

The MCC Canada board of directors show their support. (MCC photo/Anna Vogt)



Peace & Justice program highlights:

30,246

people trained in conflict transformation, peacebuilding or mediation globally

32

meetings between policymakers in Ottawa and MCC staff

399

peace clubs active this year

468

letters sent to parliamentarians by MCC supporters

PEACE & JUSTICE



You are advocating for climate justice.

“It’s important to adapt with ancestral knowledge but also by using new technologies that are coming up. I think that’s the only way we will be able to learn to live with climate change.”

GABRIEL ACARAPI CHUCA, A TECHNICIAN WITH MCC PARTNER PRODII, WORKING IN REMOTE BOLIVIAN COMMUNITIES

In the photo

Lidia Chambi is a farmer and the vice president of an agricultural producers association. She helps farmers grow varieties of potatoes that are more resistant to the harsh conditions caused by climate change in Chiro Kasa, Bolivia. (MCC photo/Annalee Giesbrecht)



Lidia Chambi is a farmer in Chiro Kasa, Bolivia. In addition to tending her own crops, she helps other farmers in her community succeed in the unforgiving environment high up in the mountains.

Climate change is causing water to become scarce; this leads to conflict between neighbours as everyone tries to get enough. And when new weather patterns cause harsh rains to wash away crops, families are split apart as some migrate to larger cities for paying work. **But your loving generosity is enabling just action to address these issues.**

Working with MCC partner PRODII (Interdisciplinary Comprehensive Development Program), Lidia and farmers like her are combatting the injustice caused by climate change. By helping farmers learn new techniques to adapt to the changing climate (and sometimes even reviving ancestral agricultural techniques), they’re growing heartier crops and reducing the need to migrate. And that creates more peaceful communities.

At the same time, MCC advocates to the government in Canada for policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and that provide more support for communities like Lidia’s.

To read more stories about MCC and our partners responding to climate change injustice and to take positive action, visit www.ClimateActionForPeace.com.

Multimedia feature

It is estimated that less than a third of women aged 15 and older in Afghanistan are literate. In this episode of *Relief, Development and Podcast*, you'll hear from an MCC partner in Afghanistan teaching women to read while navigating the governing rule of the Taliban. "If you want to educate that generation, you have to educate a woman because, especially in Afghanistan, women are all the time with their children," says the director of MCC's local partner.

Scan the QR code to listen



Education program highlights:

19,685

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

80%

of students across 25 schools saw significant improvements in English literacy from a project in Kolkata, India

65,711

children and youth received education supplies, including MCC school kits and locally purchased items

79%

of graduates from a vocational training program in Gaza successfully found jobs immediately after graduating

EDUCATION



You're ensuring quality education is accessible to every student.

"When I shared my exam results with my parents ... they were very happy, thanking God for this achievement."

PRATHO HALDER, RECIPIENT OF TUITION MONEY FOR NURSING EDUCATION

In the photo

Opi Sarker (right) sits with fellow students Bonnya Sarker (middle) and Pinky Das (left) in a class for their third year at the Elizabeth Conan Memorial Nursing Institute at Christian Mission Hospital in Rajshahi, Bangladesh. (MCC photo/James Kisku)



Opi Sarker always knew she wanted to help people. By the time she finished high school, she had set her sights on becoming a nurse.

"I love to serve people, and nursing as a profession seemed like a way I could serve people in my job," says Opi.

Her father is a fisherman, while her mother stays at home caring for Opi's older sister, who lives with an intellectual disability. So, when Opi was accepted into the nursing program at a highly reputed school 400 kilometres away, she was thrilled. But on the heels of that excitement came the dread of wondering of how she was going to pay for this chance to follow her dream.

And that's where you stepped in. **Your generosity is helping students like Opi get the education they deserve.**

Through an MCC partner in Bangladesh, Opi, and other students like her, receive just over \$200 per year toward their education. While it may not sound like a lot of money, it's an amount that she says makes a significant difference.

"For people from families like mine, the amount that we're getting from MCC — that's a big support for us: it's really helpful," says Opi.

MATERIAL
RESOURCES



Your generosity allows children to learn better at school.

“May God bless the people who gave us these books.”

MARY ANIONG ACHIE, 16, RECIPIENT OF SCHOOL KITS IN RUMBOK, SOUTH SUDAN

In the photo

(Left to right) John Gai Mabor, Mary Aniong Achien, Emmanuel Gaak Chol and Amida Yunis James receive their school kits during a distribution at Rumbek Comboni Primary School in Rumbek, South Sudan. (David Lomuria/MCC/Fairpicture)



Students at Rumbek Comboni Primary School in South Sudan, have limited access to basic school supplies. Even if they were able to find all the items in a school kit at the local market, it could easily cost more than an entire month’s wages — around 5,000 South Sudanese pounds. Those same items can be purchased in Canada for \$8.50.

Mary Aniong Achien, 16, is in her final year of primary school and wants to be a doctor when she graduates. She says school kits have made a huge difference for her as a student. “How do you take notes without notebooks? I did not understand well in class before I had them, but now I can take notes in all my classes,” says Mary. “And the bag makes everything easy to carry.”

She also noted that she’s very aware of how difficult it would be for her parents to buy her supplies like these. “With the school kit, my parents can buy food instead of books,” she says.

Material resources shipped last year with your support:



MCC THRIFT



Reducing waste and providing connection.

“At thrift, we receive things that someone does not want or that have been deemed no longer useful to the owner, and we gratefully see the potential for new life and purpose.”

MARGARET SMART, WALKING WITH PEOPLE IN POVERTY PROGRAM COORDINATOR

In the photo

Ann J.* shows a lamp she upcycled as part of Reclaiming Beauty, a joint program of MCC Thrift and MCC’s Walking with People in Poverty. (MCC photo/ Ken Ogasawara)



Ann J.* was recovering from a lengthy health care journey with two children at home and no one to help co-parent them — she was feeling depressed. But when she heard about Reclaiming Beauty, a joint program between MCC Thrift and Walking with People in Poverty in Ontario, she saw a chance to reclaim some parts of her own life.

Across Canada and the U.S., MCC Thrift shops reduce waste by giving used items new life, and they also provide space for community connections. The women taking part in Reclaiming Beauty are empowered to upcycle donated thrift items into cherished treasures. Through the process of re-creation, participants reflect on their own journey and goals.

“I needed to do something gratifying and beautiful that I enjoy, that I could sit and see and spend time with,” says Ann.

*Last name withheld for privacy

2,481
people signed up for the **Thrifty 50 Challenge**, taking small and practical steps to reduce waste and care for our planet.

\$37,873,000
donated by MCC Thrift shops in Canada and the U.S. to support the work of MCC in the 2022/2023 fiscal year.



You are helping young adults put their faith into action.



“Whoever thought up these [GSL] programs was thinking with the heart of God!”

JOSÉ DAVID DÁVILA,
A PARTICIPANT IN
MCC’S SEED PROGRAM
IN GUATEMALA

In the photo

José David Dávila, a participant in MCC’s Seed program in Guatemala, at Casa del Migrante (The Migrant House), in Guatemala City, Guatemala. (MCC Photo/Meghan Mast)

José David Dávila remembers the name Mennonite Central Committee from the cans of meat his family received when he was a young boy living in Managua, Nicaragua. So, when he grew up and was seeking direction for his life, he turned to MCC, knowing MCC’s commitment to peace through all its programs.

In 2016, he served for a year with MCC’s Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network (YAMEN) in El Salvador. That experience gave José David a desire for more active service: in 2021, after a few years of school, he started his term with MCC’s Seed program in Colombia, then finished his second year in Guatemala.

He says both programs gave him opportunities to see his ideas of faith translated to action, helping real people in the real world. “If you want to serve God, you need to get out of your comfort zone. These programs are very transformative because you’re exposed to situations that cause you to unlearn and learn, [to discover] the many forms of God’s grace that are moving in the whole world.”



Investing in impact

\$229 million legacy donation supports MCC’s worldwide ministry

Globally, more than 110 million people have been forced to flee their homes. More than 43 million of these displaced people are children. And more than 800 million people – one in ten – go to bed on an empty stomach each night.

The scale of the need is staggering.

For over 100 years, MCC has been working to address challenges like these, responding to real and urgent needs around the world. These issues require innovative and bold solutions.

HyLand Properties was created to receive legacy donations as an innovative and bold way to address global poverty, managing strategic investments to support the work of MCC — today and into the future.

The origin story of HyLand is the story of one donor’s strategic generosity and faithfulness. Henry Rempel, of New Westminster, B.C., whose family benefitted from the work of MCC many decades ago, decided to donate a large portfolio of rental and development properties located across B.C. He wanted his legacy to help meet basic human needs for generations — to bless others through MCC, just as his family had been blessed.

In 2012, HyLand Properties was created to receive the first donation of property and in the fall of 2022 an additional \$229 million of property was donated and is now being managed by HyLand.

HyLand is fully owned by MCC B.C. and functions like an endowment. A separate board and staff, with related business expertise, is preserving and growing the capital while making annual donations to support MCC’s international relief, development and peace projects. Through HyLand, Henry’s legacy gift will have a global impact for generations to come.

Even in the face of daunting need, generous and faithful donors are partnering with MCC to share God’s love and compassion for all in the name of Christ.

Every gift makes a difference.
To learn more about making MCC part of your own legacy visit mcc.org/legacy

Scan the QR code for more information about HyLand



Photos above: HyLand properties benefit local families and communities, while supporting MCC’s international efforts.



Canada
492 MCC workers*
\$12 million
*includes MCC Thrift staff

United States
201 MCC workers
\$10.7 million

Latin America & the Caribbean
88 MCC workers
\$8.5 million

Europe & the Middle East
59 MCC workers
\$19.7 million

Africa
145 MCC workers
\$26 million

Multi-Region
\$11.9 million

Asia
123 MCC workers
\$7.7 million

Dollar figures on map represent direct program expenses without fundraising and administration costs.

*Map uses Equal Earth projection

MCC around the world

45
countries

393
partners

508
projects

1,108
workers

95
participants in Global Service Learning programs as of July 31, 2023:

YAMEN	23
IVEP	22
SALT	17
Seed	13
Seek	13
Summerbridge	7

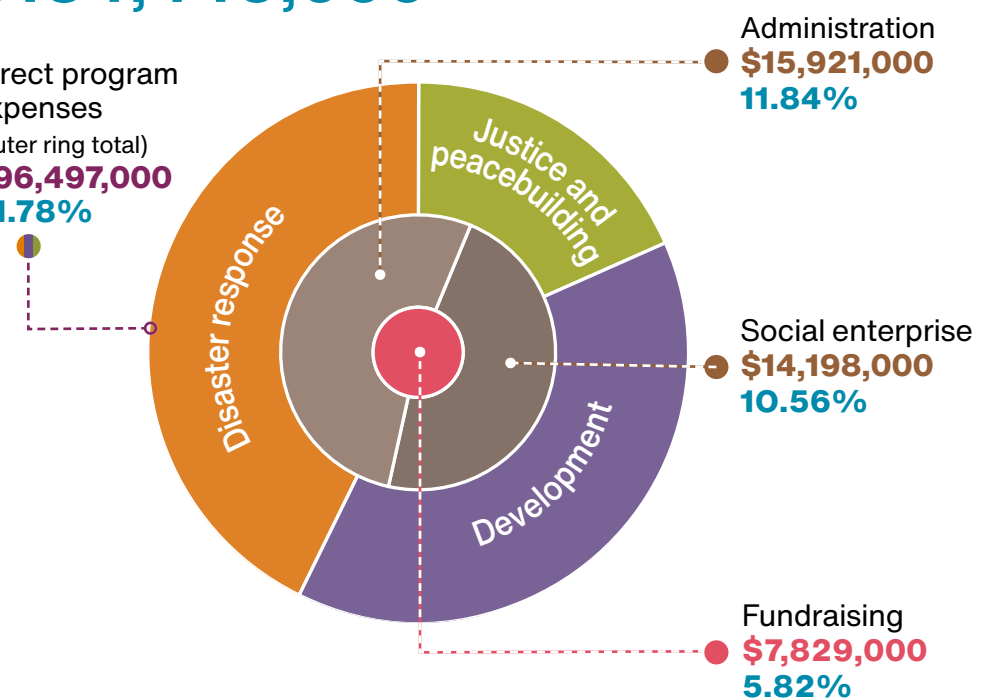
FINANCES

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, 2023. More detailed financial and program reporting, as well as complete audited financial statements are available at mcc.org/about/reports.

*For a detailed list of funding sources see the electronic annual impact report appendix online at mcc.org/about/reports.

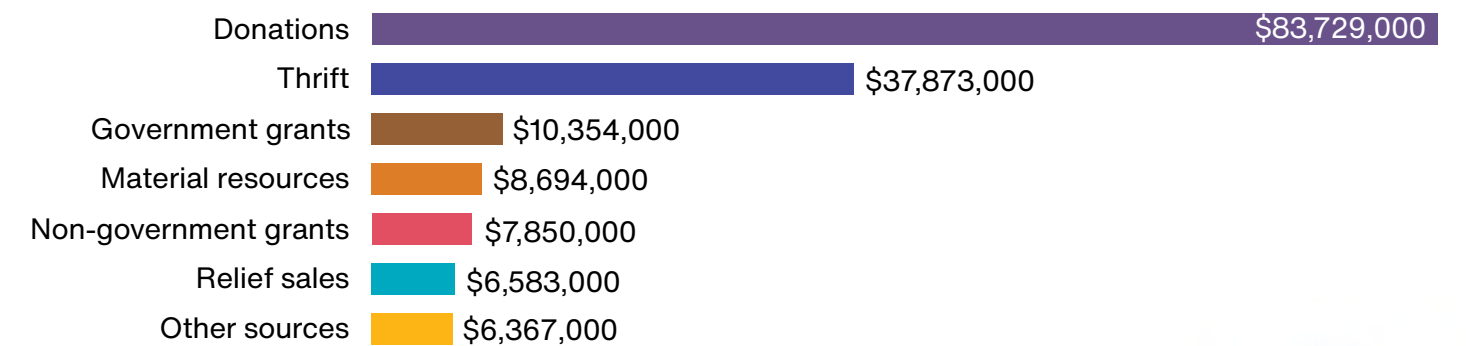
TOTAL EXPENSES:
\$134,445,000

Direct program expenses
(outer ring total)
\$96,497,000
71.78%



TOTAL REVENUE:
\$391,074,000*

Funding sources



* A gift of capital property of \$229.6 million to MCC B.C., managed by HyLand Properties, is excluded from the above graph to make financials comparable year-over-year. For more information about HyLand and this legacy gift see p. 25.

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MCC's new
website
mcc.org

