Hello friend,

It gives me great joy to welcome you to Mennonite Central Committee’s family. Thank you for your gift – we are so grateful for your generous heart! You’re now part of a global community of compassionate people pursuing relief, development and peace in the name of Christ.

For 100 years, MCC has humbly relied on the generosity of people like you. What began with sending food to families affected by war and famine in southern Russia (present-day Ukraine) has now grown into an international effort to bring care and long-term solutions to individuals and families across the globe.

You and I both know that our world is hurting and desperate for relief and peace. At a time in history when so many families have been displaced from their homes by violence, drought and disasters, your support is more important than ever.

Thank you for the generosity and compassion you have already shown with your gift. It means so much to have you as a partner in this important work.

In the following pages you’ll find a brief outline of what our community is all about. I hope it will help you understand the transformative impact of your donation and how you can be a part of our bold vision for the future.

Yours in Christ,

Gwen White
Board Chair, MCC U.S.

Our areas of work

- Education
- Food
- Health
- Peace and Justice
- Relief
- Water
- Welcome

Who we are

At MCC, our community of donors, volunteers and staff believe in sharing God’s love and compassion by responding to human needs across the globe and working towards peace and justice for all. With your gift, you are part of a worldwide ministry of compassionate Christians who envision communities in right relationship with God, one another and creation.

What you can do

Volunteer. Your time changes the world. Opportunities are available in the U.S. and abroad. From helping in an MCC thrift shop to packing a relief kit, volunteering with MCC can enrich your life and make a difference.

Give + Pray. Your ongoing generosity and prayers are like mountains. Visit donate.mcc.org or your local MCC office and consider setting up a monthly donation to bring hope and healing to people in need. Pray that people’s lives will be transformed through your gifts.

Advocate. Your voice creates change. MCC provides resources on speaking to decision makers in support of the world’s most vulnerable people.

Stay “In Touch.” We have so much more to share with you, like stories of hope and opportunities to get involved. Receive these updates through In Touch, our regular e-newsletter, or visit donate.mcc.org to learn more.

Look to the future. Your legacy gift has an enduring impact. Include a gift to MCC in your will to share a message of love and compassion for generations to come.
In times of disaster, your gifts help provide emergency food, shelter and supplies for displaced families. Because we believe it’s important to stay for the long term, your gifts also support recovery projects that help families and communities rebuild and overcome a crisis.

Your financial support of MCC strengthens local organizations and churches in more than 50 countries who are responding to the needs around them. This partnership between donors, churches and entire communities produces amazing results.

Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2 NRSV

Your generosity at work
Together we are caring for people who have fled their homes or face challenges like insufficient water, health care, nutrition and education. We work to address the root cause of these situations in order to build a better future. Here are just a few examples of how your gifts change people’s lives.

Syrian families are receiving material and financial assistance to rebuild their lives, businesses and education after years of war. In Nepal, rural communities have access to safe, clean water close to home and latrines that protect against water-borne illnesses.

Colombian and Venezuelan refugees who fled to Ecuador are offered housing, meals and trauma counseling.

Kenyans are learning agricultural methods that conserve water and help them adapt to a changing climate.

Asylum-seeking families along the southern U.S. border receive care and legal counsel as they seek safety for their children.

Thank you for sharing compassion and resources with individuals and families around the world.

Gaudence’s story
After Gaudence Nzotungandushe’s husband died, she desperately needed help.

As a widow in Burundi, she had no financial security or source of income. The loss of a husband and father meant that her young daughters didn’t have enough food to grow healthy and strong.

“They were always sick, always had belly pains and infections. Many times, I would send them to school knowing they had not eaten anything for days,” she recalls. “You cannot learn when you are hungry.”

Gaudence’s daughters attend Hope School, which is run by a local MCC partner in Burundi, Christian Union for Education and Development of the Underprivileged. In response to families’ needs, the school launched a health program that now provides free, daily lunches for students and is funded through generous MCC donors like you.

Students eat wholesome meals at school that include multigrain porridge, bread, canned meat and nutrient-rich vegetables like tomatoes and leafy greens. For some of the children, this is the only food they will eat all day.

Gaudence is so pleased with how her children are thriving since the introduction of this health program. “I thank God every day that [my daughters] will not suffer,” she says.

We believe it is within our reach to lessen the pain and suffering of the world’s most vulnerable people. You are an important part of life-changing solutions like this one.

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