

2016 Conference Related Ministry Update

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Mission/Vision Statement: The **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Material Resource Center (MRC) of Harleysville** serves as a liaison between the MCC Material Resources Center of Ephrata and peace churches of Eastern Pennsylvania. We support this global ministry by communicating both the need and opportunities to give material resources to those suffering from poverty, oppression, natural disasters, and war. Through this outreach, we share God's love, hope, and joy in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Update for 2015: Many willing volunteers came throughout the year, giving their time to help us work to support MCC. Many donors gave of their resources to help in the work. We thank God for all the help and support from many churches, individuals and businesses.

Two hundred volunteers contributed 24,400 hours to the MRC. Projects included checking and packing MCC kits, cutting and sewing patches for comforters, cutting and sewing kit bags, quilting by hand and machine, knotting comforters, cutting and packing discarded tee shirts for sale as rags, sorting and baling excess items from Care and Share Thrift Shoppes, baling cardboard for recycling, weaving rugs from strips cut from jeans and corduroy pants, separating plastics and paper for recycling, making unique gift items for the Darning Egg gift shop and assisting with office work.

In 2015 the following items were collected and sent to MCC for distribution to people in need around the world:

1,699 comforters and blankets	843 relief kits	3,406 hygiene kits
703 grocery bags	9,250 school kits	49 sewing kits
	611 infant care kits	13,751 cans meat

\$30,000 for Penny Power (from area churches and donors' matching gifts)

The approximate value of items sent to MCC in 2015 is \$328,047; monetary donations of \$181,596 were also sent to MCC and several local non-profits.

Individuals and groups are invited to join in the work of sharing God's love by volunteering time and sharing material resources. Goals and projects for the next year include raising funds through the Annual Oyster & Ham Dinner (October 29, 2016), Spring Fund Raising Bus Trip, hosting Meat Canning (March 24-25, 27-28, 2017), recycling and ongoing collection of material resources for Mennonite Central Committee.

School kits are one of the most requested items. Last year we were happy to supply 9,250 school kits for MCC distribution. MCC distributed a total of 90,170 school kits in countries like Bosnia, Ethiopia, Jordan, South Sudan and Syria.

