

Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

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.

MCC relies on our partnership with Anabaptist churches in the U.S., Canada and around the world. Much of MCC's work is possible because of your generosity. Thank you for your ongoing support of MCC's ministries!

MCC/Eastern District and Franconia Mennonite Conferences connections

- Throughout this past year, members of the Eastern District and Franconia Mennonite conferences generously supported the work of MCC through local MCC thrift shops.
- Members also participated in the Pennsylvania Relief Sale which benefited MCC. Congregations' collections for My Coins Count generated much appreciated support for MCC.
- Members of your conferences support MCC's young adult programs, including the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) and the Summer Service program, which provides opportunities for young adults of color to build leadership skills by serving in their home communities.
- Many members of your conference congregations donated material resources to MCC and volunteered their time at the MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville in Souderton, Pa. Others supported MCC by helping to can meat.

MCC at work here and around the world

RELIEF MCC has designated more than \$48 million through 36 partners in response to the Syria and Iraq crisis since 2011, including more than 60 shipments of hygiene items, blankets and other humanitarian supplies. MCC currently has 11 ongoing humanitarian relief projects in Syria and Lebanon and additional work in Jordan and Iraq. Projects include provision of food, cash allowances, water, hygiene supplies and heating fuel, as well as support for education, employment, trauma healing and peacebuilding. The Syria and Iraq crisis response is the largest disaster response MCC has done since World War II.

DEVELOPMENT MCC teams up with the Office of Development of Evangelical Churches (ODE) in Burkina Faso to teach new agricultural techniques including half-moon farming and food security plans. "Now the whole family eats well and we have enough food for everyone," says participant Etienne Tiendrébeogo.

PEACE In Philadelphia, Pa., MCC works with partners to address racial disparities in the U.S. criminal justice system. MCC East Coast created prisoner care kits to help meet basic human needs of current and former prisoners. Distributed to those currently incarcerated or those who are participating in re-entry ministries, they help men and women "feel loved in an unlovable place," says MCC East Coast staff member, Chaplain Ron Muse.



*Farmers in Yé, Burkina Faso are trained by MCC agriculture partner ODE to use conservation agriculture techniques. These help control erosion, improve soil fertility, and increase water retention in the soil.
(MCC Photo/James Souder)*

Thank you for all of the ways in which you join MCC to share God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ. Learn more about MCC's efforts around the world at MCC's website, EastCoast.mcc.org.

Grace and peace to you,

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