After receiving their winterization materials, the people of Bhasbhase village in Dhading District, Nepal, hike back up the mountain to their homes that were damaged in the April 25, 2015, earthquake. They received the supplies from the MCC partner Sansthagat Bikas Sanjal.
Sharing God's love

“Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary... by the new and living way [Jesus] opened for us... let us consider together how to provoke one another to love and good deeds...” (Hebrews 10:19-20, 24).

In this year MCC staff have been encouraged “to provoke one another to love and good deeds.” This admonition reminds us that our love should not only be a sentiment but be expressed in good deeds and that our good deeds should be motivated and guided by love, not by pride or pity. This love is ultimately God’s love and so our mission statement for MCC commits us to “share God’s love and compassion for all in the name of Christ.”

MCC’s mandate is to share God’s love by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice in the name of Christ. In Manitoba, MCC volunteers, donors, board members and staff generously and competently generate resources for MCC’s international and domestic efforts, and lead programs that seek relief, development and peace here in Manitoba.

Read on, learn more, provoke your MCC to love and good deeds... and be provoked to these yourselves.

Peter Rempel
Interim Executive Director, MCC Manitoba

Thank you!

Your generous support throughout the year allows MCC to continue its work around the world—both locally and internationally. MCC Manitoba is one part of a global, nonprofit organization that strives to share God’s love and compassion for all through relief, development and peace.

We're grateful you've chosen to make a difference in the world through MCC, as you give, serve, advocate and pray. Here is a brief snapshot of how MCC puts your dollars to work.
Mennonite Central Committee by the numbers

**MCC Manitoba's dollars at work**
$12.4 million

- 35% International programs (designated)
- 12% Manitoba programs
- 44% International programs (undesignated)
- 9% Administration and fundraising

**MCC Manitoba's donation sources**
$12.6 million

- 63% Contributions
- 28% MCC thrift shops
- 3% Government grants
- 1% Fundraising events

**MCC's dollars at work**
$86.6 million

- 19% Relief
- 15% Peace
- 45% Development
- 21% Administration & fundraising

**MCC's funding sources**
$82.7 million

- 43% Cash & other contributions
- 21% MCC Thrift shops
- 17% Grants from gov’t & other
- 7% Other
- 5% Donations (material resources)

*Based on the combined budgets of the MCCs in Canada and the U.S. for the year ended March 31, 2016. MCC Canada’s annual report will be available in September 2016 at mcccanada.ca

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In August, dozens of Grow Hope sponsors including Olympian Cindy Klassen (left) gathered at the farm to celebrate the harvest, see their acres, and meet Grant and Colleen Dyck (right). (MCC Photo/Bethany Daman)

Growing hope in Niverville
Manitobans sponsor 200 acres

Grant and Colleen Dyck live just outside of Niverville, Manitoba. Last year, they made MCC a generous offer: for every acre on their farm that someone sponsored for $300, they would donate the proceeds to MCC’s account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

For years, farmers in Manitoba have been partnering with the Foodgrains Bank to help end hunger around the world. Last year, thanks to Grant and Colleen, plenty of Manitobans who aren’t farmers got in on it too. By the end of the summer, over 200 acres had been sponsored. Thanks to Government matching, that meant as much as $500,000 went towards MCC’s food assistance work through Grow Hope.

Ways to help

1. Donate to MCC’s Syria and Iraq crisis campaign.
2. Become a monthly donor.
3. Sponsor a refugee family.
4. Make a relief or hygiene kit.
5. Host an MCC speaker to talk about disaster response.
6. Put on a fundraiser.
7. Cycle to work.
8. Find ways to decrease your impact on climate change.

It triggers my heart to stop to think about people going hungry. Being able to farm to feed someone makes it tangible.

– Pat Funk, Grow Hope sponsor

Donate to MCC’s relief work
mcccanada.ca/relief
Warmth for the winter
Delivering supplies to earthquake zone in Nepal

On April 25, 2015, Sudarshan Chepang and his family huddled inside their home as it collapsed around them. Now the family lives in a temporary shelter of tarps, sheet metal and salvaged material. “We know it will be cold, but where else can we go?” Chepang says.

In December, working with partner Sansthagat Bikas Sanjal, MCC provided Chepang’s family with winter jackets, blankets, tarps and mattresses. Across Nepal, MCC provided winter supplies to about 1,200 households.

Now we have blankets and [our children] will be warm. — Sudarshan Chepang

For more on our relief work, visit mcccanada.ca/what/relief

Sudarshan Chepang, his wife Jamnua Chepang, and one of their two children.

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HIGHLIGHTS*

implemented 33 projects to respond to the crisis in Syria and Iraq

supported 3,499 families in Syria through monthly cash assistance

provided winter home heating for 465 displaced families in Ukraine

Distributed winter supplies to 1,284 families living in temporary shelters in Nepal

distributed seeds to farming families affected by drought in Nicaragua

restocked goat herds of 198 drought-affected households in Ethiopia

*As of January 2016
Lucien van der Laar and Carlos Salimbuat share a laugh over a book at Sam’s Place during the summer literacy program. (MCC Photo/Amelia Warkentin)

Elmwood literacy boost
Sam’s Place summer program

An MCC summer program gave children in Winnipeg’s Elmwood neighbourhood a literacy boost before the next school year. Canadian Mennonite University student Amelia Warkentin facilitated the program at Sam’s Place, a café, used bookstore and concert venue supporting the work of MCC.

“One little boy had only been in Canada for a month,” Warkentin said. “I helped him one day with a game that involved matching pictures with words. I loved watching him make connections between the images and words, and seeing how excited he was.”

“At the end of the day, he kept saying ‘Bingo! Bingo!’ because he’d had so much fun.”

We wanted to offer something that would be fun, would support literacy, and would help kids get excited about books. — Andy Arthur, Sam’s Place Manager

Ways to help

1. Contribute to MCC’s account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank.
2. Donate to MCC’s health or livelihoods projects.
3. Make a sewing kit.
5. Volunteer at Sam’s Place.
6. Support your local thrift shop.
7. Shop at Ten Thousand Villages.
8. Learn about development at MCC Matters.

Learn more about MCC’s development projects
mcccanada.ca/development
Nourishing gardens in Mozambique

Sand dams provide water during dry season

In the village of Maule Maule, Mozambique, the rainy season lasts for only a few months, and families struggle to find enough water to sustain gardens. In 2013, a sand dam changed that for Henrique Cubonera Mbondo and his family. The dam, built in partnership with the Christian Council of Mozambique, provides water for 75 families during the dry season. Mbondo has enough vegetables to feed his family, and a way to earn income. “I can sell vegetables to buy oil and maybe buy goats. I feel secure,” he says.

Now I don’t have to go to the bush and find firewood to sell.
— Henrique Cubonera Mbondo

Learn more about how sand dams work mcc.org/stories/water-life-mcc-sand-dams

Henrique Cubonera Mbondo’s garden provides both food for his family and income.
Extending the table

International volunteers at home in Winkler

Linda and Walter Dueck have hosted volunteers from the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) three times in the past five years. In 2015-16, they hosted Matheus Santos, who came from Brazil to volunteer at Winkler Bible Camp.

For the Duecks, the process started with an announcement in a church bulletin five years ago. “We probably read that announcement three times before we decided that God was pointing at us,” she said. “We absolutely loved it! It was a wonderful experience.”

Each year, MCC needs families like the Duecks to volunteer to host incoming IVEP volunteers.

“We’ve always been incredibly blessed with these friendships.”

I think they are just one more part of my family that I have now.
— Matheus Santos, IVEP volunteer

Ways to help

1. Sign up for MCC’s Ottawa Office blog.
2. Pray for peace.
3. Participate in the Blanket Exercise.
4. Share Peace Sunday materials with your church or friends.
5. Advocate for peace issues.
6. Host an IVEPer.
7. Shine purple lights in November.
8. Organize a peace walk.

Learn more about MCC’s peace projects
mcccanada.ca/peace
**HIGHLIGHTS**

**developed**
religious freedom & conflict resolution curriculum for students in Iraq

**taught**
1,568 teenagers in Bolivia how to protect themselves from abuse and sexual violence

**helped**
30 ex-prisoners in Ukraine reintegrate into society and restore relationships with family

**reduced**
violece against people with albinism in Tanzania

**increased**
awareness of trauma for 537 people from conflict-affected communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

**organized**
summer peace camp for 30 young adults from Northeast Asia

*As of January 2016

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**In the midst of violence**

**Peace training for students in Honduras**

Chamelecón, Honduras can sometimes feel like a war zone. Gangs take over schools at night, and people are shot at for catching a bus in the wrong place.

To help build peace, MCC supports a program run by Proyecto Paz y Justicia (Peace and Justice Project), part of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Honduras. Volunteers teach students about respect, forgiveness and conflict resolution to help them deal with the violence around them.

Though many have fled the community, project coordinator Merelyn Amaya has stayed. “We never closed the door as the church. To the contrary we worked harder and more,” she says. “God gave us the hope that this will stop.”

We never closed the door as the church.
To the contrary we worked harder and more.
— Merelyn Amaya

Learn more about the peace project in Honduras  mcccanada.ca/honduras-peace

Merelyn Amaya is a coordinator for the MCC-supported peace program in Chamelecón, Honduras that teaches conflict resolution to students.
Thrift gives back
Supporting relief, development and peacebuilding by volunteering at an MCC Thrift shop

Ryan Southern is a dedicated volunteer at the Powell River Thrift Shop in B.C. Joining the team in this past January, he believes that the work of MCC is in line with what Jesus has commissioned His people to do here on earth. He says, “Jesus helped the poor. He talked about feeding and clothing the poor. He said ‘As you do these things to others, you are also doing them for me.’ As I’m working here, I feel that I’m helping people in need; sometimes that looks like sorting, baling, taking in donations or putting things out on the floor.”

Proceeds from MCC Thrift Shops go towards MCC’s work in relief, development and peace. Southern believes this work can be achieved step by step. “We are putting our faith in Jesus Christ,” he says. “I did, and that’s why I’m here.”

Learn more about MCC Thrift shops
thrift.mcc.org
young adults participated in global service learning opportunities through SALT, IVEP and YAMEN

Manitobans volunteering overseas

Service workers
1. James & Joan Alty
2. Carolyn & Gordon Epp-Fransen
3. Lidia & Otto Funk
4. Fredy & Rowena Hiebert
5. Arthur & Phyllis Mann
6. Janet & Steve Plenert
7. Lydia & Menno Plett

SALTers
1. Tyler Loewen

Volunteer with SALT
Serving and Learning Together

Kara Hee-won Shin works with an MCC partner on peacebuilding projects in Kenya. One of the projects involves trauma healing for students who survived a 2015 attack at their college. “I have been astonished by their resilience,” she says. When asked about her SALT experience, Shin says; “If you want to look at the world through the eyes of strangers who welcome you…this is a safe place for you to come and do so.”
Fatoum Al Kurdi at her family’s new apartment in Winnipeg. They arrived in November 2015 as refugees from the conflict in Syria, sponsored by River East Mennonite Brethren Church with support from MCC. (MCC Photo/Emily Loewen)

Syrian refugees arrive in Canada

Thanks to sponsorship through a Winnipeg church, the Al Kurdi family is starting a new life in Canada.

The greeting you get when visiting Yhya Al Kurdi’s apartment is full of excitement. Though he doesn’t know much English yet, he’ll give an enthusiastic, “Hello, hello, hello!” as he ushers you inside. It’s been a long time since he had a safe home to invite anyone into.

Al Kurdi, along with his wife Fatoum and two of their seven children, Mohammad and Amjad, landed in Winnipeg in November 2015 as refugees, sponsored by River East Mennonite Brethren Church through MCC.

Like many people displaced by the conflict, the Al Kurdis had a good life in Syria before the war. They owned a home in Aleppo, had a car, they are well-educated, their children are doctors and lawyers. Al Kurdi had a good job as a teacher and a writer.

But then war broke out. At first they left home temporarily, taking shelter in nearby communities for a few days at a time, until growing conflict made clear it was time to leave.

Now they have a chance to build a new life in Canada. The congregation found the family an apartment and is helping them adjust to their new setting.

At their new home in Winnipeg Al Kurdi boasts about Fatoum’s Arabic cooking, and says he enjoys having people come to visit and share food. “I’m still sad, in shock,” he says. “But when I see people welcoming me, asking how I’m doing starting life here, I feel much better.”

Learn more about the responsibilities of sponsoring churches

mcccanada.ca/media/resources/3443
A wedding for Brian and Reem

Two Winnipeg churches organized a wedding celebration for Syrian refugees

When Brian Darweesh and Reem Younes got married, they were living as refugees in Lebanon fleeing violence in Syria and a threat on Darweesh’s life. There was no white dress and no party.

A little over a year later the couple had another wedding in Winnipeg. Though most of their family and friends were a world away, the church was full with people from the congregations that sponsored the couple through MCC’s sponsorship agreement.

“We do it because we love people and we feel that this is what God calls us to do: to reach out, to welcome the stranger, to be hospitable, to share what we have,” says Heidi Reimer from the settlement committee at Douglas Mennonite Church.

It’s clear that Darweesh and Younes are becoming part of the community that pitched in to plan the celebration. As Younes said to everyone at the reception, “even if my family is not here, really you are my family.”

Learn more about refugees mcccna.ca/refugees

submitted 1,157 refugee sponsorship applications in 2015 (compared to 113 in 2014)
welcomed 358 refugees to Canada in 2015
partnered with 130 churches and 88 community groups to bring refugees to Canada
added the equivalent of 7 staff in provincial offices to help with refugee resettlement work
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  - Financial Services Assistant
- Andy Arthur
  - Sam's Place Manager
- Arisnel Mesidor
  - Migration & Resettlement Coordinator
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- Carlee Friesen
  - Associate Director of Finance & Administration
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  - Program Director
- Gord Letkeman
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  - Retail Assistant
- Ionka Hristozova
  - IVEP Coordinator
- Joanna Schellenberg
  - Migration & Resettlement Administrative Assistant
- Judy Guenther
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- Meron Mekonnen Geberu
  - Program Assistant
- Nikki Hamm
  - Executive Assistant
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  - Interim Executive Director
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- Raquel Green
  - Office Manager
- Simone Thiessen
  - Community Engagement & Events Coordinator
- Sophia Bezopleenko
  - Material Resources Coordinator
- Steve Plenert
  - Peace Coordinator
55 countries
528 partners
761 projects

Map represents the full picture of MCC's program for year ended March 31, 2016.
Note: Worker statistics are as of January 2016.

Board members

Tina Fehr-Kehler
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What is **Mennonite Central Committee**?

MCC is a charitable organization that partners with churches and community organizations worldwide to walk with people who are disadvantaged.

MCC supports activities that provide emergency assistance, reduce poverty and promote healthy communities, sustainable living and alternatives to violence.

It is a global ministry of Anabaptist churches in Canada and the U.S. which includes Mennonite and Brethren in Christ. MCC envisions communities in harmony with God, one another and creation.

**Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ**

Thuli Chepang participates in a food security program in Dhading district. She learned how to grow her own garden for her own consumption and for market.