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A MESSAGE FROM MCC CANADA’S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

My mother still talks about the wooden sandals that “Marie, the young Russian Mennonite girl” wore when she arrived in the 1920s on my grandparents’ farm in southern Ontario. Homeless, forced to flee violence and starvation in Ukraine, Marie was a refugee.

Sadly, almost a century later the number of refugees and displaced people worldwide has reached historic levels.

MCC is responding to the needs of those fleeing conflict and disaster by heeding the call to “welcome one another… as Christ has welcomed you” (Romans 15:7, NRSV). You will see evidence of that in this year’s MCC Canada annual report as you read about our work in everything from emergency assistance to peacebuilding to refugee sponsorship.

From the first days of Marie’s arrival on my mother’s farmland and over the nearly nine decades since, the Anabaptist Christian community, often with leadership from MCC, has said “welcome” to the refugee. MCC was the first non-profit organization to sign onto Canada’s private refugee sponsorship program, allowing thousands of displaced families to make new lives here.

At the same time, we are active in many other regions, trying to prevent situations that lead to the creation of refugees.

Will our MCC staff continue their work in development so vulnerable people can remain in their communities and hope for a future for their children? Without doubt! Will our partners persist in their commitment to peacebuilding, to reducing the violence that causes people to flee in the first place? Absolutely.

And yet, as you read this, more than 68 million people are displaced. Together, we can help some of them.

With your support and prayers, MCC will walk with displaced people as they return to their communities and offer their gifts to help with rebuilding.

Others, like Marie, will arrive in our communities, and as we have for almost a century, we will have the opportunity to say “welcome!”

Thank you for your deep engagement in helping MCC create spaces of welcome.

In Christ’s peace,

Rick Cober Bauman, Executive Director
MCC Canada

“You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household.” — Ephesians 2:19
New International Version (NIV)

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DIRECTOR TRANSITION

In September 2017, Don Peters retired after 16 years as the longest serving executive director of MCC Canada. “Don has been an inspirational leader, demonstrating MCC’s values in word and deed,” says board chair Peggy Snyder. “Don’s steady, servant leadership enabled MCC Canada to weather joys and challenges, guiding the organization during polarizing times, both internally and externally. The board is grateful for the blessing Don has been to MCC.”
Relief

In situations of conflict or disaster, MCC is there — providing funds for emergency food and shelter, as well as supplies such as MCC relief kits. We also support long-term recovery projects such as rebuilding homes, providing employment through food- and cash-for-work projects and helping people heal from trauma. In all our relief work, we partner with local communities to reduce conflict and meet their most basic needs.

“Many times, a very poor family is receiving another very poor family into their home. When you support those families, you give harmony and peace.” — Fidele Kyanza, with MCC partner in DR Congo

Agnès Ntumba and her family fled their village in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo). “They were coming to kill us,” she says. The Ntumbas used to eat once a day. Food packages provided by MCC have meant two meals for the family. “We believe that our lives will change with this assistance,” Ntumba says. (MCC photo/Mulanda Jimmy Juma)

The UN says there are more than 68 million people displaced worldwide because of disaster, conflict or persecution — the highest number on record.

Thanks to you…

186,650 people received emergency food assistance
5,720 people received financial support, such as cash transfers
3,490 people received housing assistance, including home repairs

HIGHLIGHTS

In 2017–2018, thanks to our donors and local partners, people in crisis received essential support.

Together we…

RESPONDED TO DROUGHT IN KENYA.
In partnership with World Relief Kenya, 1,530 households in one of the most drought-affected areas received cash transfers for food. The level of acceptable food consumption has increased from ten to 53 per cent.

RESPONDED TO DISASTER IN HAITI.
Many people are struggling with food insecurity and loss of livelihoods caused by Hurricane Matthew. We are working with 450 families, and their average corn crops have more than doubled. Bean yields are almost four times higher.

RESPONDED TO DISPLACEMENT IN JORDAN.
50,000 households of Syrian and Iraqi refugees, and vulnerable Jordanians, are receiving relief supplies. In partnership with Caritas Jordan, this project helps people cope when access to household items is limited.

Comforters shipped

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Education

We work alongside local communities and partners to: increase access to education, especially for low-income families, girls, ethnic minorities and children affected by disabilities, HIV or violence; improve education quality through professional development for teachers and educational materials; support vocational training to help youth find work; promote initiatives to develop young people’s potential as leaders.

“When a child has nothing to draw with and nothing to write on, that child cannot learn.” — Ann Wangari, with MCC partner distributing school kits to refugee children returning home to Somalia

School kits shipped

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HIGHLIGHTS

In 2017–2018, thanks to our donors and local partners, children had the opportunity to learn.

Together we…

BROUGHT EDUCATION TO THE DISPLACED IN SYRIA. Fifty-four children from low-income and displaced families unable to enroll in school received education in non-formal settings. These students from grades nine to 12 passed national exams with good or very good scores.

HELPED YOUNG PEOPLE IN RWANDA FIND EMPLOYMENT. Eighty young people developed social, entrepreneurial and small business skills. Ninety-five per cent of them passed exams and completed internships in skilled trades.

HELPED STUDENTS IN BANGLADESH STAY IN SCHOOL. We supported 264 children from communities with a high drop-out rate. They attended preschools and homework clubs; all moved on to the next grade level and passed year-end school assessments.

Thanks to you…

78,035 school kits shipped

39,979 children in K–12 formal education

2,553 children in early childhood education

4,807 children in non-formal education

969 children in programs for students with special needs

1,560 teachers in professional development

4,472 children received scholarships or tuition support

2,909 children in vocational training

Megha Baski, left, and Prity Murmu are students in a multilingual education school in Jhinafulbari village, Rajshahi, Bangladesh. MCC partner Church of Bangladesh Social Development Programme (CBSDP) runs a multilingual education project in six schools in Rajshahi district, where many Santal and other indigenous people live. (MCC photo/Dave Klassen)

Almost half of the refugees worldwide are under 18 years of age. (United Nations)
MCC works with local partners around the world to make sure there is food today, food tomorrow and food for all. During conflict or disaster, we provide emergency food assistance. We work with farmers on techniques to improve soil health and increase yields. We advocate for government policies that allow everyone to access enough food, and our livelihoods projects provide materials and livestock for people starting new opportunities.

“Having food gives dignity to displaced people.” — Mulanda Jimmy Juma, MCC representative in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

There are about 124 million people in the world facing food insecurity — an increase of 11 per cent over 2017. (2018 Global Report on Food Crisis)

Thanks to you…

43,611 people attended agricultural trainings  69,822 individuals received supplementary or seasonal food assistance  10,549 children received food at school  4,896 kitchen gardens planted  44,362 people attended nutrition workshops  31,281 people received agricultural supplies such as seeds or tools

Devi Lopchan at her farm plot in the hillside village of Thulogaon in Nallu VDC, in the district of Lalitpur, Nepal. Lopchan received both kitchen garden and nutrition training through MCC partner The Rural Institution for Community Development (RICOD). RICOD is working to reduce malnutrition in the south of the Lalitpur district of Nepal, focusing on pregnant and nursing mothers and children under five. (MCC photo/Colin Vandenberg)

HIGHLIGHTS

In 2017–2018, thanks to our donors and local partners, people’s food security improved.

Together we…

HELPED FARMERS IN ZIMBABWE GROW MORE FOOD. One hundred and twenty farmers are learning about how to improve food production for their families through training in conservation agriculture. The project also encourages women to become leaders in the agricultural community.

HELPED PEOPLE IN LAOS GET MORE LAND. Farmers are being trained about how to navigate laws on land ownership. As a result, 120 households have received land certificates, allowing them to produce more food to eat and sell.

SUPPORTED OUR CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK PROJECTS. MCC is a founding member of the Foodgrains Bank, which supports food-related projects around the world. In 2018, MCC programmed $13.9 million through our account at CFGB to fund 40 projects in 19 countries.

The world needs to produce at least 20 per cent more food in the next 15 years. But food production is expected to drop because of climate change. (World Bank)
More than two billion people don’t have access to safe and secure drinking water. Women and girls walk for hours daily to collect water for cooking and cleaning; livelihoods suffer because farmers cannot irrigate their crops or water their livestock. MCC works with local partners to make sure people have access to clean, reliable water close to their communities.

“We were so happy. We had a shower, washed our clothes. Then we started developing our land.” — Maheshwar Pujari, talking about the day that pipes brought water to his village in India

Farmer Debendra Pujari (pictured) and his wife Santoshi Pujari (with their 3-year-old daughter Vanita Pujari) live in Batasahi village in the district of Gajapati, Odisha State, India. Due to water scarcity in his village, Pujari had often found it necessary to earn extra income when agriculture was not productive. And the Pujaris used to spend five to six hours daily getting enough water for one day. When MCC partner ISARA (Institute of Social Action and Research Activities) installed a Diversion Based Irrigation System in the hills above the village in 2016, residents of Batasahi gained access to irrigation throughout the year. The Pujaris have increased their small backyard plot and are growing enough vegetables to feed their family and to sell at the local market. They are an encouragement for other farmers who find agriculture difficult and unprofitable. (MCC photo/Pabitra Paramanya)

A group of children collect water from a borehole in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. MCC, in partnership with Medair and with funding from the Government of Canada is improving the lives of communities by providing access to safe water. (Medair photo by Paul Hageman)

HIGHLIGHTS

In 2017–2018, thanks to our donors and local partners, people’s access to clean water increased.

Together we…

BROUGHT WATER CLOSER TO HOME IN INDIA. Water was plentiful in streams above several villages, but scarce in farmland below. By diverting some of the water downward, villagers are growing more food to eat and sell in local markets.

RESTORED LAND BY CONTROLLING WATER IN ETHIOPIA. Soil erosion caused by runoff is reclaiming agricultural land. A series of check dams funded through MCC’s account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank is reducing erosion and restoring farmland.

IMPROVED THE HEALTH OF NEW MOTHERS AND CHILDREN IN AFGHANISTAN. In partnership with Medair and with funding from the Government of Canada, we built wells and latrines. Access to safe drinking water increased by 17 per cent and use of better sanitation facilities increased by 57 per cent.

Thanks to you…

10,152 households connected to an improved water source
2,606 latrines built

Worldwide, four out of 10 people face a scarcity of water. Unclean water and poor sanitation are a leading cause of child mortality. (WHO)
Health

MCC focuses on improving the well-being of vulnerable people, including: teaching prevention of HIV and other communicable diseases; providing care and supplies for people living with HIV and AIDS; improving access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities (WASH); working with mothers to promote healthy lifestyles in their families; responding to gender-based violence; and working with traumatized communities.

“Without mental health services, health care is like a stool with two legs. You can prop it up with a rock, but it is unbalanced and weak.” — Dr. Peter Desameau is with an MCC partner in Haiti

HIGHLIGHTS

In 2017–2018, thanks to our donors and local partners, people’s health improved.

Together we…

EDUCATED ON THE RIGHT TO GOOD HEALTH IN EL SALVADOR. Nine hundred women and young people are learning about how to recognize and take preventative action against common diseases. They are also learning about how to advocate for the right to health care and non-violent communities.

HELPED PEOPLE IN NEPAL RESTORE THEIR DIGNITY. People dealing with mental illness are being rescued from unhealthy situations and supported through the recovery and rehabilitation process. Eventually they are reunited with their families and can live with dignity in their communities.

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Disease, disability and malnutrition experienced by people forced to flee conflict often claims more lives and causes more suffering than the conflict itself. (UNHCR)

Rodolfo Sanchez visits students Juan Guillermo Garces, 15, Santiago Zambrano, 15, Santiago Manzano, 16, and Luisa Maria Varela, 14, at Colegio Americas Unidos, a Mennonite Brethren school in Cali, Colombia. MCC supports the work of partner Edupaz in peace efforts, including peer education in schools, and in health work to prevent teen pregnancy and the spread of HIV and other diseases. (MCC photo/Colin Vandenberg)
Peace and Justice

MCC believes God calls us to a life of peace and non-violence. We teach peacemaking strategies and conflict resolution skills. Our restorative justice programs help individuals and churches find healthy ways to deal with harm and conflict, respond to and prevent violence and sexual abuse. Through our Indigenous Neighbours program, we strive to build respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

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Nigeria
Verity Zachariah took part in a peace club at a secondary school in Nigeria.
(MCC photo/Matthew Lester)

Zambia
Emmanuel Kapasa presents a lesson to the peace club in Lusaka, Zambia, in March 2018.
(MCC photo/Allan Reesor-McDowell)

A CRY FOR HOME

A Cry for Home — MCC Canada’s advocacy campaign on Palestine and Israel — was the main campaign for our Ottawa Office in 2018. Campaign materials were presented to more than 4,000 people across the country, and MCC invited people to sign the No Way to Treat a Child petition. It urges the Canadian government to prioritize the human rights of Palestinian children.

PRAYERS WRITTEN FOR PEACE SUNDAY 2017 BY MCC STAFF AND OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

May your church be a voice of reason, reaching across divides to speak to a region that has endured 70 years of hostility. (Northeast Asia)

We witness the violence and injustice and our hearts break. Heal the broken and comfort the sorrowful. (Palestine and Israel)

As you look down on your children, we ask that you bring this military conflict to an end. (Ukraine)

We pray for safety, wisdom and peace of mind for migrants who are fleeing from intimidation, threats and violence. (Latin America)

Thanks to you…

| 4,783 people trained in trauma healing |
| 12,377 people participated in community initiatives to prevent violence and promote peace |
| 4,176 people received psychological support or trauma counselling |
Newcomers

Around the world people become displaced when they are forced to flee their homes because of conflict or disaster. MCC walks with uprooted people around the world in a variety of ways, including: addressing the root causes of conflict and migration; supporting refugees and internally displaced people; informing Canadians about refugee policies and advocating for fair legislation; promoting refugee sponsorship and supporting churches through the sponsorship process.

We are thankful for the many groups and churches across Canada that sponsored refugees through MCC’s sponsorship program.

Together we…

RESETTLED about one third of the people who arrived in Canada through the Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) program in 2017. The program is for refugees identified by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as most vulnerable. They are often in need of protection, have medical conditions or are part of women-headed households.

HELPED 715 refugees come to Canada through MCC’s resettlement program in FY 2018.

WELCOMED refugees from countries where conflict and displacement are ongoing, including Syria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq and Somalia.

STORIES OF WELCOME

Esperance and Christian Manwengwe and their four children arrived in Calgary in 2017. Originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, they came to Canada under the BVOR program. Daria Soltysiak is a member of the group that sponsored the family. “Anyone can look on the news and see what’s happening around the world,” she says. “For me there was a desire to help in some small way.” Christian is grateful for the support. “Our sponsors are really helpful,” he says. “Calgary is good because I feel it’s a secure place for me and my family.”

Danny and Anna Manwengwe at their home in Calgary.

Fleeing Conflict

WELCOMED 50% of the refugees in the world come from three countries: Syria, Afghanistan and South Sudan. (UNHCR 2018)

12,000

BETWEEN 1979 AND JULY 1, 2018, approximately 12,000 people arrived in Canada through MCC Canada’s private refugee sponsorship program.
A MESSAGE FROM MCC SASKATCHEWAN’S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MCC is a hope-filled ministry because of you! MCC is a hope-filled ministry because it is made up of many networks of individuals, congregations and communities that offer their time, skills, money, prayers and love to this mutual ministry.

Two highlights in Saskatchewan this year, the Buckets of Thanks relief kit campaign (pg. 16) and the Bridging Borders documentary-style television series on refugee sponsorship (pg. 16), demonstrate how interconnected our world is and how we are able to offer our gifts of hospitality and generosity in meaningful ways. As we offer our resources, we also receive stories and teachings from women and men and children who are faithfully and resiliently responding to daily challenges in the places they find themselves.

The report you are holding in your hands will take you on a journey around the world, sharing glimpses of MCC’s relief, development and peacebuilding responses made possible by your prayers and financial support and the commitment and skills of many MCC church and community partners.

We are grateful to share this journey with you from Saskatchewan to Syria and Jordan, to Bangladesh and Nepal, to Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda, to Haiti and Honduras. May our combined efforts, in the name of Christ, bring comfort and strength and hope here and around the world.

Thanks be to God!

Eileen Klassen Hamm, Executive Director
MCC Saskatchewan

“The mystery of ministry is that we have been chosen to make our own limited and very conditional love the gateway for the unlimited and unconditional love of God.”

- Henri J. M. Nouwen

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Ana Janzen, MC
Lyle Stucky, Thrift
MCC in Saskatchewan

MCC's local work in Saskatchewan includes: a network of thrift shops committed to supporting local and international relief, development and peace projects; resettlement of refugees made possible by church and community sponsorship groups; work to build bridges of understanding between Indigenous and settler groups; community-based programming for newcomer and indigenous youth; supports for restorative justice, trauma healing and peacebuilding initiatives; and partnerships with churches and community groups to make blankets and pack material aid kits such as relief kits and hygiene kits.

MCC SASKATCHEWAN WORKS IN SEVERAL TREATIED TERRITORIES

The MCC office and warehouse in Saskatoon is in Treaty Six Territory and the Homeland of the Metis Nation. Our eight MCC thrift shops, our constituent churches and community partners exist throughout Treaty Four and Treaty Six Territories. 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 Calls to Action, we also acknowledge the harm done to Indigenous peoples of these lands. As Treaty people, we strive to work towards reconciliation in our words and deeds.

MCC Saskatchewan staff

Amanda Dodge, Program Director
Bruno Baerg, Donor Relations Associate
Carmen Epp, Assistant Account
Dan Guggenheimer, Financial Controller
Eileen Klassen Hamm, Executive Director
Erica Baerwald, Human Resources Coordinator
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Graham MacDonald, Material Resources & Building Maintenance Coordinator
Heather Peters, Peacebuilding Coordinator
Jana Al-Sagheer, Communications Coordinator
Karla Koehn, Donor Stewardship Coordinator
Kaylee Edwards-Buhrer, Community Development & IVEP Coordinator
Kilian Forbetel, Meadowgreen Youth Programming
Krista Dueck, Office Administrator
Leonard Doell, Indigenous Neighbours & Low German Coordinator
Los Mieras, Data Entry & Executive Assistant
Mark Bigland-Pritchard, Migration & Resettlement Coordinator
Myriam Ullah, Education & Advocacy Coordinator
Rick Guenther, Communications & Donor Relations Director

*Staff who transitioned out of MCC Saskatchewan: Dana Kramtel, Evangeline Patkau, Marley Berge, Sue Schellenberg, and Torrey Falconer

MCC Saskatchewan finances

Total $3,846,217

MCC Saskatchewan's Donations Sources

- Contributions $1,212,043
- Canadian Foodgrains Bank $399,901
- Other Income $147,774
- Thrift Shops $1,057,672
- Relief Sale $110,147

MCC Saskatchewan by the numbers...

- 3 IVEP placements
- 35 meals shared with youth at Meadowgreen
- 4560 volunteer hours logged at MCC Saskatchewan
- 150 people attended our first ever Buckets of Thanks event
- 65 refugee applications submitted
Chinese Law Student YiXian Wang had the opportunity to explore restorative justice in a Canadian context through MCC’s International Volunteer Exchange Program. This unique restorative justice themed IVEP placement was made possible as a result of collaboration between MCC’s IVEP and Peacebuilding programs, Rosthern Mennonite Church and Parkland Restorative Justice. During her placement, YiXian facilitated book studies and small group discussions at Rosthern Mennonite Church, attended local justice classes and visited with male prisoners in the Prince Albert federal institution, learning firsthand what restorative justice looks like. (MCC photo/Jana Al-Sagheer)

RESERVE 107 ON THE HILL
Leonard Doell, Indigenous Neighbours Coordinator, has continued to work with the Young Chipewewany Band, and requests stemming from the film Reserve 107. Participants in the project received an invitation from Senator Lillian Dyck to screen Reserve 107 for Members of Parliament and Senators on Parliament Hill. Leonard, along with Chief Sylvia Weenie, also had the opportunity to meet Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Chief Weenie presented him with a copy of Reserve 107. The film continues to be shown in venues across Canada and the United States, reaching as far as Namibia and Japan. The film can be viewed online at reserve107thefilm.com. (Photo/Brad Leitch)
BRIDGING BORDERS

This past year, MCC Saskatchewan was approached by Wavelength Entertainment, an award-winning international media company, to participate in a documentary series highlighting MCC’s private refugee sponsorship program. The six episode series, entitled Bridging Borders, captures the generosity of Saskatchewan families, the challenges facing Canadian newcomers and the relationships that are formed throughout the sponsorship process. The series is about Saskatchewan people responding to the needs of refugees around the world; people helping people.

The series aired on CityTV, allowing MCC to showcase realities facing refugees around the world. MCC has been involved with private refugee sponsorship since the program began in 1979, and was the first non-profit organization to sign a private sponsorship agreement with the Canadian government.

Previously aired episodes can be watched online at citytv.com/saskatchewan. (Photo/Wavelength Entertainment)

HIGHLIGHTS

INDIGENOUS NEIGHBOURS This program continues to build relationships between settlers and our Indigenous neighbours. In addition to requests pertaining to Reserve 107, the office continues to build relationships, promote education and advocate for land justice. Events like Spruce River Folk Festival bring Indigenous and non-Indigenous people together to form friendships over food and music.

MIGRATION & RESETTLEMENT Still recovering from the Syrian refugee crisis of 2015/16, the Migration & Resettlement Program continues to respond to requests from an ever increasing number of displaced people. During this fiscal year 39 people arrived in Saskatchewan and 65 applications were submitted. We have been able to place newcomers in communities of all sizes across Saskatchewan, including: Rosthern, Lanigan, Regina, Saskatoon and Weynward. We are thankful to sponsorship groups around the province who have opened their hearts and homes to help newcomers transition into life in Canada.

LOW GERMAN There are many Low German newcomers who have decided to settle in southern Saskatchewan. The adjustments for both the newcomers and the host community are often not easy and there are places of tension. MCC continues to facilitate dialogue between community leaders and Low German community leaders, finding ways to live together in a good way. MCC has also been facilitating the resourcing of an addictions treatment centre that can conduct counselling in Low German and is culturally appropriate and respectful of Low German Mennonite values and worldview.

Experience the Wonder of Thrift

Where every purchase is a gift to the world

This year, once again, showcased the faithful commitment of our volunteers and the skilled leadership within our MCCS Thrift Shops. It was a year of milestones, laughter, important firsts, tearful goodbyes, new beginnings, and hope.

Across the network a new, more intentional and strategic approach to Thrift has been applied to planning, helping to forecast into the future and the continued sustainability of Thrift.

This year Herbert MCC celebrated their first anniversary in their new shop, continuing to be a welcoming presence in their community. Marianne Patzer, the manager of Community Gift & Thrift in Lanigan, celebrated her 25th Anniversary as manager of the shop.

The Village Green Furniture & Appliance Shop in Saskatoon was once again celebrated by Planet S Magazine, winning “Best Local Furniture Store” (for the second year in a row) and “Best Store for Second-hand Finds”.

As we celebrate our achievements this past year, we also thank and recognize our strongest supporters - our volunteers, customers and donors. There is wonder in thrift and it rests in the hands and hearts of our committed volunteers and staff - our best kept secret. We invite you to experience the wonder of thrift firsthand - volunteer, visit, shop. We look forward to meeting you! (MCC photo/Matthew Sawatzky)

BUCKETS OF THANKS

In October of 2017 MCC Saskatchewan hosted its first annual Buckets of Thanks Event. This event saw over 150 people come to our warehouse to pack 606 relief kits in 60 minutes. Each relief kit helps provide emergency relief supplies to 4 people, and is one of the kits most requested by our partners. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, we were able to hit our goal in only 35 minutes! Because of Buckets of Thanks, MCC Saskatchewan was able to ship 960 relief kits this fiscal year, an increase of 67% over last year. Thank you to all who contributed to this immense effort! (MCC photo/ Jana Al-Sagheer)

Thrift Contributions

![Thrift Contributions Graph](image)

In 2018, MCC Saskatchewan Thrift Shops celebrated over $1.17 million in sales, a 2% increase over 2017. The Thrift in Lanigan, celebrated her 25th anniversary as manager of the shop. The Village Green Furniture & Appliance Shop in Saskatoon was once again celebrated by Planet S Magazine, winning “Best Local Furniture Store” (for the second year in a row) and “Best Store for Second-hand Finds.” As we celebrate our achievements this past year, we also thank and recognize our strongest supporters - our volunteers, customers and donors. There is wonder in thrift and it rests in the hands and hearts of our committed volunteers and staff - our best kept secret. We invite you to experience the wonder of thrift firsthand - volunteer, visit, shop. We look forward to meeting you! (MCC photo/ Matthew Sawatzky)
Following three years of serving with MCC Swalesa, Rebecca Davies is returning to Lily of the Valley just outside of Durban, South Africa. A former partner of MCC, “Lily of the Valley provides holistic care for children and youth who have been marginalised through HIV and AIDS and a broken society.”

Following an internship with MCC Saskatchewan, it was during her SALT (Service and Learning Together) year (2015/16), and subsequent two service years with MCC that Becca realized “being outside of my own bubble or how I grew up was definitely eye opening, realizing God is everywhere and can use me wherever I am... Saskatoon or South Africa.”

Now returning with SIM (Serving in Mission) Becca will continue to work with teenagers and children teaching life skills, mentoring, tutoring and sharing Christ’s love.

Seeing the relationships that have been built, having the trust of a teenager with their history, experience and what their struggles are, having the opportunity to live and work alongside a team of people dedicated to making a difference are all meaningful aspects of her work with Lily of the Valley.

When asked how SALT has impacted her life, Rebecca simply states, “I wouldn’t be who I am today if I hadn’t been a part of SALT.” (Photo/Rebecca Davies)
Thank you

For nearly 100 years,
MCC has been able to continue its ministry thanks to the generous, compassionate support of people like you. We are grateful that you have chosen to partner with us to touch the lives of thousands of vulnerable people around the world.

Together, we can bring hope and help to people who are suffering due to conflict, disaster, poverty and illness. And we do it all in the name of Christ, who commanded his followers to demonstrate love to our neighbours.

We also acknowledge the generous support of the Government of Canada, whose significant contributions support our work around the world.
Material Resources
A tangible sign of God’s love in times of crisis

MCC stands with those who are suffering and cares for their needs in times of disaster, war or conflict. Through material resources centres in Canada and the U.S., MCC receives, packs and ships donated goods to countries around the world. We provide relief kits, school kits, hygiene kits, sewing kits, comforters, canned meat and more.

HIGHLIGHTS

THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR WORK. We are very grateful for the churches, families, retirees, school and community groups who pack kits, make quilts and donate their time to our work.

ADJUSTING OUR CURRENT KITS.
We spoke to our MCC program staff and local partners and, based on their feedback, we made some minor adjustments to the required contents of our kits. See mcccanada.ca/kits.

A NEW KIT COMING FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN. We are currently developing a dignity kit containing reusable menstrual hygiene supplies for women and girls.

Global Service Learning

All about love
“Beyond the concept [of love], it is a reality that I lived every day in Honduras, in the eyes of the children, in the smile of the people and in the warm embraces.” Damaris Guaza Sandoval from Colombia served with YAMEN in Honduras.

God’s power
“Forever will remain the feeling of fullness and gratitude that I felt as I sat and prayed in the world’s largest salt flat — God showing his power through his creation.” Jhon Fredy Chocue Parra from Colombia served with YAMEN in Bolivia.

Blessed
“When you have the opportunity to leave your country, go serve, learn, contribute and see faces of joy and gratitude for your work, this is how you feel. Blessed.” Juan P. Albizu from Puerto Rico served with SALT in Bolivia.

Everything I hoped for and more
“Blessings, challenges, joys and struggles. Plus, that which I couldn’t have even dreamt of.” Magdalene (Maggie) Bergen from Canada, served with SALT in Kenya.

Finding purpose
“The whole year I kept this in my mind. What is God’s purpose for me this year and how can I follow his will? I am very happy to use my overseas experience with IVEP to help others.” Kateryna Oliferovska from Ukraine served with IVEP in Canada.

A blissful year
“I gained international experience, which I had in my dreams since I was born. And making good relationships with different people exposed me to learn more from them and most turned into best friends.” Moris Muhindo, (or Mwami Moris) from Uganda served in Canada with IVEP.
MCC Thrift Shops
Where every purchase is a gift to the world

As a non-profit network with 50 shops across Canada, MCC Thrift supports MCC’s relief, development and peace projects. Thrift shops also help build strong, resilient neighbourhoods, and encourage people to reuse and re-purpose gently used items as a way to care for the environment.

$128,444,000
Donated by MCC Canada Thrift shops to the work of MCC since the early 1970s

MCC Thrift volunteers from across Canada, from left: Prabhjot Kaur, Patty Hobler and Waldimar Neufeld.

HIGHLIGHTS

REFRESH, RENEW, RE-PURPOSE. This was the theme of our Canadian MCC Thrift conference. One hundred MCC Thrift managers and board members gathered in Saskatoon in April 2018 for three days of sharing and learning.

NEW INITIATIVES AT MCC THRIFT. A wedding show at a shop in Manitoba highlighted how a wedding can be both thrifty and beautiful. In Ontario, the new MCC rePurpose Centre is extending the life of donations.

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THRIFT IS OUR VOLUNTEERS. We thank the more than 5,000 people who volunteer their time, talent and passion to our 50 shops across Canada.

Ten Thousand Villages

Started in 1946 by MCC, Ten Thousand Villages is the oldest and largest fair trade organization in North America. As MCC Canada’s fair trade social enterprise, Ten Thousand Villages Canada creates opportunities for artisans around the world to earn income by bringing their products and stories to shoppers. Each year, Ten Thousand Villages empowers more than 20,000 artisans through fair trade principles.

“This year we…

PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR ARTISANS. We impact the lives of more than 20,000 makers like Raja Bannoura who lives in the West Bank of Palestine and Israel. His workshop produces hand-carved olive wood products. “This is more than a job,” says Bannoura, “it is part of our heritage.”

CLOSED A NUMBER OF STORES. Due to changes in the retail industry, we closed about 30 per cent of the Ten Thousand Villages Canada brick-and-mortar stores across the country. We are in the process of reimagining our business model, focusing on our remaining 25 locations and bolstering our online and wholesale presence.

Hundreds of volunteers give their time to Villages, one or more days on a weekly or monthly basis — and we couldn’t succeed without them! From left: Natsumi, Laura and Matthew.
The financial information on these pages presents the combined operations of the MCCs in Canada and the U.S. (excluding Ten Thousand Villages Canada) for the year ended March 31, 2018, expressed in Canadian dollars, and has been prepared from the audited financial statements of the respective MCCs. Complete audited financial statements for each of the MCCs, including notes, are available upon request or at mcccanada.ca.

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Dollars at Work
$104 million

- Relief $22,782,000
- Development $45,926,000
- Peace $15,624,000

International Program Expenses by Theme

- Sustainable community development 15%
- Disaster response 22%
- Justice and peacebuilding 5%

- Education $10,303,000
- Food security & sustainable livelihoods $16,078,000
- Health $9,767,000
- Migration & resettlement $368,000

Funding Sources
$107 million

- Contributions 53%
- Grants 44%
- Administrative 9%
- Fundraising 6%

- Cash and other $56,443,000
- Thrift $19,315,000
- Material resources $7,129,000
- Relief sales $6,190,000

International & Domestic Program Expenses by Region

- Africa 21%
- Asia 16%
- Europe & Middle East 10%
- Latin America & Caribbean 9%

- United States $7,554,000
- Canada $11,870,000
- Multi-region $7,999,000
MCC around the world

57 countries  508 partners  716 projects  1,133 workers

Canada
445 MCC workers*
$11.9 million
*includes Thrift

United States
210 MCC workers
$7.6 million

Latin America & the Caribbean
108 MCC workers
$8.1 million

Africa
143 MCC workers
$17.4 million

Canada

United States

Latin America & the Caribbean

Africa
Global Service Learning†

27 YAMEN* participants
*YOUNG ANABAPTIST MENNONITE EXCHANGE NETWORK

53 IVEP* participants
*INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

50 SALT* participants
*SERVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

37 Seed participants

11 Summerbridge participants

44 Summer Service participants

53 SOOP* participants
(Canadian participants only)
*SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH OUR PARTNERS

†Numbers represent participants who began their service term between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018.

Map indicates program costs in Canadian dollars for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018.
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.

AREAS OF FOCUS

1. Caring for the lives and futures of uprooted and other vulnerable people.

2. Providing water, food and shelter first in times of hunger, disaster and conflict, then education and ways to earn income.

3. Working with churches and communities to prevent violence and promote peace and justice.

4. Investing in opportunities for young people to serve in Canada, the U.S. and around the world.

5. Serving with humility and in partnership to meet local needs with local solutions.

Agnès Ntumba carries a sack of corn flour and oil she received during a distribution by Communauté Évangélique Mennonite (ECM; Evangelical Mennonite Church in Congo). She, her husband and seven children have been displaced from their home by violence in the Kasai Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo). The distribution in the Kabwela area of Lomami Province took place on March 23 and 24, 2018, with supplies provided by MCC and numerous Anabaptist organizations. (MCC Photo/Mulanda Jimmy Juma)
Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

—Romans 12:14–18 (NRSV)
Lebohang Motseki, 27, is the farm manager of Malealea Teaching Farm in the village of Malealea, Lesotho. He also farms 2.1 hectares near the town of Maphutseng with his mother. Lebohang took part in the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) between 2015 and 2016 at Willowview Farms in Abbotsford, B.C. He says his IVEP experience inspired him to try modern farming techniques. (MCC Photo/Matthew Sawatzky)