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.
**Hands and Hearts**

During this year, we welcomed Dan Siebert (Main Centre) to the role of Chair of the MCC Saskatchewan Board, following the leadership of Peter Guenther (Saskatoon) over the past six years. We celebrated the leadership of Claire Ewert Fisher, our Executive Director over the past seven years, and send our blessings with her as she pursues other ministry settings.

We are stewards of a strong legacy of cooperation among and beyond Evangelical Mennonite churches, and we are so very grateful for the support we have received over the year from churches, communities, families and individuals. Your volunteer hours and generous donations supporting MCC programs, Thrift Shops, the Material Resource Centre, and the Relief Sale are tremendous gifts, and they breathe life into the ministry of MCC here in Saskatchewan and around the world, all in the name of Christ.

We especially want to highlight the sacrificial work of steadfast managers and volunteers in our Thrift Shops. For the first time on our history, the Saskatchewan Thrift Shops forwarded more than $1 million to MCC. So many hands and hearts are behind that story! And so many stories of peace, food, education, and health will ripple from it. Thanks be to God.

Eileen Klassen Hamm, Executive Director, MCC Saskatchewan

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**Thank you!**

Your generous support throughout the year allows MCC to continue its work around the world—both locally and internationally. MCC Saskatchewan 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.

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**Mennonite Central Committee by the numbers**

**MCC Saskatchewan’s dollars at work**

- **$4 million**
  - Provincial programs: $714,888
  - International programs: $2,527,445
  - Administration & fundraising: $770,100

**MCC Saskatchewan’s donation sources**

- **$4 million**
  - Contributions: $2,059,858
  - Canadian Foodgrains Bank: $542,361
  - Thrift shops: $1,025,846
  - Government grants: $21,996
  - Other income: $353,905

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**MCC’s dollars at work**

- **$110.6 million**
  - Relief: $29,077,000
  - Development: $46,775,000
  - Administration & fundraising: $19,027,300
  - Peace: $15,431,000

**MCC’s funding sources**

- **$113.7 million**
  - Material Resources: $6,230,000
  - Government grants: $2,677,000
  - Non-government grants: $7,718,000
  - Other income: $5,616,000
  - Relief sales: $6,161,000
  - MCC Thrift shops: $20,021,000
  - Contributions: $52,666,000

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*This financial information represents the combined operations of the MCCs in Canada and the U.S. (excluding Ten Thousand Villages Canada) for the year ended March 31, 2016, expressed in Canadian dollars and has been prepared from the audited financial statements for each of the respective MCCs. Complete audited financial statements for each of the MCCs including notes are available upon request or at mcccanada.ca.
MCC relief kits were shipped from the Material Resource Centre in November 2015.

Working together

The difference volunteers make

MCC Saskatchewan is blessed to have many compassionate local volunteers. People across the province give of their time and resources to be part of MCC’s international work by being involved in material resource initiatives. Some make blankets in one of approximately 28 quilting groups in Saskatchewan, others prepare relief kits or participate in weekly activities at the Material Resource Centre in Saskatoon.

In 2015/16 MCC Saskatchewan shipped supplies valued at $220,730 to relief projects across the globe. Items shipped included comforters, hygiene kits, infant care kits, relief kits and school kits. These items were made, prepared or donate by our volunteers.

Ways to help

1. Donate snacks, craft packs or funds to Appleby Kids Club
2. Volunteer as a driver for Kids Club Events
3. Come to the relief sale in June
4. Sponsor a refugee family
5. Make a relief or school kit
6. Join a sewing group
7. Get your community involved
8. Volunteer in the Material Resource Centre

It is a good feeling to see blankets and kits coming together at our warehouse and seeing them shipped off.
— Jerry Letkeman
Material Resources Coordinator

Donate to MCC’s relief work
mcccanada.ca/relief

HIGHLIGHTS*

shipped
2 containers of relief kits and blankets from Saskatoon

recruited
12 new volunteers for Kids and Youth Club in Appleby in Saskatoon

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

provided winter home heating for
465 displaced families in Ukraine

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

supported
3,499 families in Syria through monthly cash assistance

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/relief

Sudarshan Chepang, his wife Jamnua Chepang, and one of their two children.
MCC Sask on Campus
A U of S student club

‘MCC Sask on Campus’ is a student-led club aiming to create opportunities for conversation about international relief, development and peacebuilding from a faith-based perspective.

In the last year, the club has organized a number of campus-wide events including KAIROS’ The Blanket Exercise and an advocacy equipping workshop lead by MCC’s Policy Analyst, Rebekah Sears.

In coming semesters the club strives to strengthen partnerships with other campus initiatives and encouraging the broader student body to get involved in social justice issues and advocacy. Find MCC Sask on Campus on Facebook to learn more.

Ways to help
1. Support a young adult to participate in MCC’s Uprooted learning tour
2. Join MCC Sask on Campus
3. Volunteer with MCC programs locally
4. Learn about the TRC Calls to Action
5. Volunteer with a MCC Restorative Justice partner organization
6. Donate items to a local MCC Thrift shop
7. Learn more about social justice issues
8. Donate to MCC projects

Learn more about MCC’s development projects
mcccanada.ca/development

HIGHLIGHTS*

134 disadvantaged Roma children in Serbia to continue elementary school
ran a gardening program for 15 kids in Meadowgreen, Saskatoon
ran literacy classes for 177 women in Afghanistan
provided tailoring training for 126 students in Cambodia
hosted an advocacy workshop on the University of Saskatchewan campus in Saskatoon
achieved 95% elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS at the Mengo Hospital in Uganda

provided access to safe water for 6,000 people in Mozambique

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.

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

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

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

This activity should be shown in colleges everywhere—
Vanessa Tobaccojuice on the Blanket Exercise

Development in the name of Christ

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Reserve 107
Reconciliation on the Prairies

The film Reserve 107, tells the story of the Young Chippewyan Band and how they chose land near Laird Saskatchewan and how it was taken from them. Facing tremendous hardship they left their land temporarily in order to survive. Seeing the land unoccupied, crown officials allowed Mennonites and Lutherans to settle there. In 2006, 130 years after the signing of Treaty Six, Mennonites, Lutherans and Young Chippewyan gathered at the sacred hill of Stoney Knoll, where they signed an MOU of goodwill and shared goals to work together to resolve this injustice. The film shows what can happen when a dispossessed people and innocent beneficiaries build a relationship and endeavour to make past wrongs right.

Ways to help
1. Host one of MCC’s young international leaders through IVEP
2. Invite MCC staff to speak to your church or small group
3. Attend Spruce River Folkfest
4. Learn more about the Doctrine of Discovery
5. Build relationships with First Nation neighbours
6. Attend a Pow Wow
7. Learn more about TRC recommendations
8. Participate in KAIROS’ The Blanket Exercise

If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.
- Lilla Watson, Aboriginal Elder

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
sent students from Saskatchewan to advocacy seminars in Ottawa and NYC
increased awareness of trauma for 537 people from conflict-affected communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
organized summer camp called Raise the Peace

In the midst of violence
Peace training for students in Honduras

Chamelecon, 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.”

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

Merelyn Amaya is a coordinator for the MCC-supported peace program in Chamelecon, Honduras that teaches conflict resolution to students.

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

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

*As of January 2016
A Foundation of Love and Dedication

The 44-year story of MCC Thrift Shops began in Altona, Manitoba with four women taking on a challenge to create a machine that could turn used clothes into cash.

This “machine” now contributes over $20 million towards MCC's mission. In Saskatchewan, the tireless efforts and dedication of over 300 volunteers and a handful of staff resulted in reaching a new milestone of contributing one million dollars to the work of MCC.

This year, while Lanigan celebrated their first anniversary in a new building, the small community of Herbert demonstrated how an idea the size of a mustard seed, can be brought to life. In April 2014 Anissa Forest, the manager of Herbert MCC Thrift Shop, announced that they would be building a new store, and would need to raise over $250,000. To many, it seemed impossible. Only two years later, after an incredible effort of fundraising, planning, and coordinating thousands of volunteer hours, the new Herbert MCC held its grand opening on April 23, 2016.

Symbolizing the community’s deep and long-lasting commitment to sharing God’s love and compassion, Bibles were placed in each corner of the building during construction. In like manner, the story of the Thrift Shop “machine” itself embodies a solid foundation of love and dedication that helps carry the work of MCC to many corners of the world.

Learn more about MCC Thrift shops
thrift.mcccanada.ca

108
MCC Thrift shops across Canada and the U.S.

300
management staff

more than
10,000
volunteers

millions
of quality
donated items

126
young adults participated in global service learning opportunities through SALT, IVEP and YAMEN

Saskatchewan’s international volunteers

Service workers
1. Bruno Baerg South Africa
2. Lois Baerg South Africa
3. Rebecca Davies South Africa

SALTer
1. Rachel Bergen Cambodia

IVEPers
1. Simukuni Hamudantala Zambia
2. Univer Maridio Uganda
3. Qun Zhang China
4. David Touch Cambodia
5. Chengty Sim Cambodia

Volunteer with SALT
Serving and Learning Together

"I went to Cambodia with the intention of using my gifts to be a small part of MCC’s peacebuilding work. I was excited to work as a writer for an interfaith peacebuilding movement MCC Cambodia partners with. The Interfaith Cooperation Forum brings young adults from all over Asia to live and learn about peace together at their semi-annual School of Peace. I felt honoured to be chosen to bear witness to accounts of conflict, and inspired at the thought of hearing about how these people impact their communities. I knew I would be changed by my SALT placement, but I had no idea how much my host family would factor into the change. This time in Cambodia has been an education, but paramount are the lessons of humility and hospitality modelled by my host family."

Volunteer with SALT
serve.mcccanada.ca
Welcome to Saskatoon

After waiting for months, a sponsorship group connected to Pleasant Point Community Church is excited to welcome a refugee family from Syria.

“It’s a small group of families helping one family,” says Alf Epp standing close to the arrivals gate at the John G. Diefenbaker International Airport on January 15, 2016. A welcoming party of about 15 people came to greet a refugee family of six.

Every time the arrival gate doors open conversations stop and people smile in anticipation. Epp continues, “I am sure that they have left a lot behind and we are just helping them get settled.” When asked what he is looking forward to the most he reflects, “This initial stuff is really neat, but it’s the long-term stuff, like the parents getting jobs and the kids learning English.”

Epp is part of a sponsorship group of 22 members connected to Pleasant Point Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. Davida Bentham, another group member, smiles as she recounts the flurry of activity leading up to the arrival of the family. “Everyone came together amazingly! We came together and we got it done!” Davida’s father Murray is holding a sign that says, “Welcome to your new home.”

When the refugee family finally comes through the arrival doors, their first encounter with the sponsorship group is an emotional one for everyone involved. Saskatoon is this family’s new home. It is an unfamiliar place, but they are greeted by people who very much want them to feel at home.

Learn more about refugee sponsorship
mcccanada.ca/refugeeresponse
Canada 406 MCC workers
United States 191 MCC workers
Latin America & the Caribbean 111 MCC workers
Africa 128 MCC workers
Asia 220 MCC workers
Europe & the Middle East 47 MCC workers

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

MCC Saskatchewan: Staff

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Communications Associate
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Donor Relations Associate
Erica Baerwald
Human Resources Coordinator
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Community Engagement Coordinator/ IVEP Coordinator
Leonard Doell
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Program Director
Carmen Epp
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Torrey Falconer
Administrative Assistant and Data Entry
Jake Friesen
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Rick Guenther
Communications & Donor Relations Director
Eileen Klassen Hamm
Executive Director
Dana Krushel
Migration & Resettlement Coordinator
Jerry Letkeman
Material Resources & Building Maintenance Coordinator
Lois Mierau
Receptionist & Data Entry
Fiseko Musonda
Thrift Shop Coordinator
Evangeline Patkau
Migration & Resettlement Associate
Heather Peters
Restorative Justice Coordinator
Sue Schellenberg
Executive Assistant & Office Manager
Myriam Ullah
Community Engagement Coordinator

*As of October 2016

MCC Saskatchewan: Board members

Dan Siebert (Chair, MB)
Carlin Fehr (Vice-Chair, BIC)
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Christine Sommerfeld (Treasurer, BIC)
Leonard Bachiu (MB)
Jacquie Block (MB)
David Epp (MC)
Denise Epp (MC)
Oudalay Senevonghachack (MC)
Lyle Stucky (MC)
Peter Guenther (former Board Chair, MC)
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.