

**See your gifts at work
in Manitoba.**



2022/2023

Annual Impact Report

MANITOBA



We hope you know how thankful we are that you are part of the MCC community. Together we have been able to do some amazing work. Take some time to read these stories and see the important work that's made possible because of your support.

See your gifts at work in Manitoba.

This year we watched prices rise around us, and we all had to make choices about how to adjust. We couldn't be more grateful that through it all you made the choice to keep giving so generously.

Your generosity is bringing more peace and restorative justice programs to families and local communities. It is providing a warm welcome to newcomers seeking a safe place to call home. It is working toward reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

We see the fruit of this work every day, and are so grateful for your support.

Thank you.

THANK YOU

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!*

— ISAIAH 55:1A NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

The words of the biblical prophet call the community to a new reality; one where justice is done, where basic human needs are met, where the essentials of life are available to everyone. It's that same vision embedded in the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray; that God's will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Unfortunately, that is not the world we find ourselves living in today. In our home, Manitoba, many Indigenous peoples live without potable water or culturally appropriate education. Newcomers arrive, traumatized by the forces of their displacement, longing for hospitality that heals. Oppressed and marginalized peoples — women, racialized persons, children — long to buy without price or cost.

These are the contexts in which readers of this report — churches, supporters, volunteers, alumni, local partners and staff — join to answer Isaiah's prophetic call with all who come alongside this work: you are the hands and feet of God across Manitoba and the globe. Thank you!

MCCM gives thanks for many years and blessings on Plaza Drive and Henderson Highway. Now, MCCM prayerfully anticipates many new blessings, experiences and friendships in its new home at 140 Bannatyne Ave. We trust God to guide our steps for many years to come in this place where it is our purpose to share God's love and compassion for all, in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God and to each one of you, in Christ Jesus.



DARRYL LOEWEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MCC MANITOBA



ABOUT MCC MANITOBA

MCC Manitoba works for relief from injustice, development of inherent strengths in humanity and peace at the heart of communities. We strive to create and support communities that embody justice, dignity and compassion at home and around the world. MCC has worked in Manitoba for over 50 years, walking alongside Manitobans to build healthy communities, families and relationships — right here and around the world. We live out our mission through local programs that inspire support and understanding for the international relief, development and peace work of MCC.

MCC MANITOBA LEADERSHIP TEAM



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Program Director



Valorie Block
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Carlee Friesen
Director of Finance, Manitoba & Saskatchewan



Iliana Friesen
Director of Human Resources

WORKING IN TREATED TERRITORIES

MCC Manitoba is committed to building right relationships with one another, God and creation.

MCC's work and relationships extend to all five numbered treaties that cover the province. These treaties are not simply agreements made in the past but require continuous renewal of commitment and action to live well with others on the land. We acknowledge the harms that have been committed to the Indigenous peoples of this land by those of us who have settled here, and we strive toward reconciliation in our words and deeds.

MCC Manitoba seeks to prioritize equity, justice and Indigenous self-determination according to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



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MC = Mennonite Church Manitoba
MB = Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba
EMC = Evangelical Mennonite Conference

MCC Manitoba 2022-2023 Program highlights:

300+

people participated in ARP program offerings

959

resource downloads from AbuseResponse andPrevention.ca

1

facilitated Caring Dads program in partnership with Agape House (Steinbach)

106

refugees sponsored with support from 33 community and church sponsor groups

118

people participated in conversations on creation care and how we can respond to climate change

110

people attended Germinating Conversations events, engaging in dialogue on food and faith

11

local partners received support from the Indigenous Neighbours program

16

sermons, presentations and events facilitated by the Indigenous Neighbours program

MIGRATION & RESETTLEMENT



You're building lasting community between Canadians and newcomers

“We think of ourselves as the ones offering hospitality to newcomers, but really they’ve welcomed us into their lives just as much.”

Heather Goertzen, co-chair of the Boissevain Resettlement Committee

Photo caption

(L to R) Gizena Ghile, Awet Ghile, Noh Habtemaryam and Natan Habtemaryam at a potluck dinner held by the Boissevain Resettlement Committee in Boissevain, Man. (Boissevain Recorder photo/Lorraine Houston)



Since 2016, the Boissevain Resettlement Committee (BRC) has worked to find a home for a number of refugee families from around the world a home in the small community of 1,500. When reflecting on how newcomers, many of them from Eritrea, have impacted everyday life in Boissevain, Heather Goertzen remembered a moment from a recent potluck that illustrated the mutual change she's experienced.

“My daughter is almost seven,” said Goertzen, co-chair of the BRC. “And I watched her walk right to the injera (a spongy flatbread staple in eastern Africa) and all the spicy sauces, while one of the Eritrean girls around the same age walked past that whole section, right to the pizza.”

Goertzen says that at first the committee was comfortable having more formalized, defined roles, but that over time, it's evolved to really feel like an organic, community effort.

“When we started, we had very organized roles — this is who we call for transportation,

this is who we call for paperwork,” she says. “But now there's, I believe, seven Eritrean households in our little community and we're very decentralized. There's one family with two little girls and they live in a duplex, and they're neighbours with a retired couple. Well, whose door do you think is getting knocked on a billion times a day because Grandpa Jake and Grandma Lois are right there, right? Nobody's organizing that, those relationships are growing naturally and taking on roles of their own, which is really fun.”

And it's not just members of the BRC that are making those connections. Goertzen remembers a time when a newcomer mother was concerned that her young boys weren't making quick progress reading in English. Goertzen shared the mother's concern at her church and a retired resource teacher offered to visit the boys twice a week to help them with their reading. There are too many times to count how her neighbours have been part of the process like that she says.

INDIGENOUS NEIGHBOURS



You've
enabled
MCC to
advocate
alongside
Indigenous
communities

*“Protecting the
environment
and truly
listening to our
knowledge is
key to respecting
Indigenous
rights.”*

**Ellen Cook, co-chair of
the Interchurch
Council
on Hydropower**

Photo caption

Alberteen Spence
(right), social worker,
Tataskweyak Cree Nation
(Split Lake), pictured with
Ellen Cook. (ICH photo/
Matthew Sawatzky)



In Manitoba, more than 97% of our electricity is hydroelectric. And while hydro power is touted as clean and renewable, there's been a long history of displacement of Indigenous communities by the dams needed to generate the power.

MCC has been part of advocating for hydro-related justice since the 1970s. Today that advocacy is a partnership with the Interfaith Council on Hydropower (ICH), following the lead of Indigenous friends and partners like Ellen Cook whose lives and communities have been greatly affected by hydro.

“Damage to the earth damages us — our lifeways, food and economy. It hurts us spiritually, emotionally and even physically,” says Cook. “It breaks my heart whenever I see one tree taken down by the flooding and ongoing water fluctuations from these dams. So, protecting the environment and truly listening to our knowledge is key to respecting Indigenous rights.”

Your support continues to empower MCC to build relationships of healing, friendship and reconciliation between Indigenous and settler peoples.

We are all treaty people

We Are All Treaty People is an annual event, where settlers and newcomers join together with Indigenous People in celebrating and honoring the Treaty commitment to share the land together in a good way.

“150 years ago we signed that treaty to welcome people here... we welcomed you with open arms into relationship... That relationship we had 150 years ago is very much alive today,” said Anishinaabe Elder Harry Bone.

ABUSE RESPONSE & PREVENTION



You're
empowering
equity and
survivor care
in the church

“It takes a great amount of humility to be able to say we can't do this alone, that we need help — and that is a strength.”

**Jaymie Friesen, MCC
Manitoba abuse
response and prevention
co-coordinator**

Photo captions

Top: Val Hiebert, program co-coordinator for MCC Manitoba's abuse response and prevention program and professor of sociology at the University of Manitoba.
(Photo courtesy of Val Hiebert)
Below: Jaymie Friesen
(MCC Photo/Michael Veith)



The work of MCC Manitoba's abuse response and prevention team is not easy, but it is incredibly important.

Val Hiebert, program co-coordinator, has taught about abuse academically for 20 years in Manitoba, educating students on the complexities of the systemic and insidious nature of abuse. She's joined in this work by Jaymie Friesen, and together they speak to pastors and church staff about the often-ignored realities of abuse in the church and what allows it to go on.

“Almost all pastors have had experiences of abuse within their congregations. And they're often not trained to recognize how much internal power everyone grants the pastor,” says Hiebert. “They're usually overworked and overtired and supposed to be everything to everybody. Whatever their training background is doesn't typically equip them well to deal with abuse, to help them to understand the complexities of domestic violence.”

Your generous support is what allows this team to continue this invaluable work with churches in Manitoba.

“As a Christian community, what we really want to bring attention to is the people who have been harmed, what are they needing?” says Friesen. “Whose responsibility is it to meet those needs? That's the restorative justice piece of it.”



MATERIAL RESOURCES



You're connecting churches to the needs of people all over the world

Photo caption

Elijah Fuchs (in grey) and Joel Plett finish packing a relief kit for MCC at an event at McIvor Church. (MCC photo/Nikki Hamm Gwala)



On a crisp evening in November, the youth group at McIvor Avenue Mennonite Brethren Church were ready to go. More than 20 relief kits were packed in the blink of an eye, starting MCC's Buckets of Thanks campaign of with a bang.

"It's a cool way to integrate both the older generation and the younger generation in service," says Mikayla Doerksen, the church's youth pastor.

In total, eight churches packed 378 relief kits for Buckets of Thanks last year, allowing MCC to provide relief in Ukraine, Cuba, Jordan, Zambia and five other countries.

Allison Penner, 13, was happy to see her congregation coming together the way it did, citing Luke 3:11 ("Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.") and adding, "Helping people is not a question."

This year, MCC provided 32,285 relief kits to people in need in nine countries — all because of grassroots support like the kind provided by McIvor MB.

Material resources shipped last year:



10,379
Comforters



1,760
Hygiene kits



947
Relief kits



80
Infant care kits



2,951
School kits



3,944
Volunteer hours



100
Sewing kits



855
reusable pad systems
(part of MCC's dignity kits)

COMMUNITY GIVING



You're working as a community to support the work of MCC

Photo caption

Cyclists at Cycle Clear Lake on the 34-km trail ride in Riding Mountain National Park. (MCC photo/Michael Veith)

19 years of the annual golf tournament raising funds for MCC projects

362 Grow Hope acres sponsored in support of global food security

4,766 individuals, businesses and churches made a donation

6,805 personal connections made with MCC supporters



After a two-year pandemic hiatus, Cycle Clear Lake made a triumphant return, and it was clear from the energy and atmosphere that people were excited to be back.

The fundraising event, held in partnership with MCC since 2001, is run by a committee of dedicated volunteers. Last year's event saw 47 cyclists take to the trail and raise \$45,502 for families displaced by violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Joanne Hildebrand, who's been part of Cycle Clear Lake since it began, says every year feels like a bit like a reunion, but this year was special after a few years off.

"It was familiar faces — 'Oh, you're here again, and you're here again, and you're still here!' A good feeling," said Hildebrand. "It was very upbeat, and to have it end with such a high amount of money raised was sort of the crowning glory."

Legacy giving profile

When Jonathan and Liana Toews retired, they decided to leave a legacy gift to MCC in their will. "We hope that the wealth we have accumulated can contribute to a better world in some way, to be part of something bigger than us because life itself is a gift.



Jonathan and Liana Toews of Altona, Man. (Photo courtesy of Jonathan and Liana Toews)

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE



You're giving opportunities to members of our community

Photo captions

Above: Youssef Khater is a Syrian refugee who volunteered at the Kildonan MCC Thrift shop in Winnipeg before being hired to a staff position. (MCC photo/Jason Dueck)

Below: A group of Sam's Place volunteers.* (MCC photo/Rebecca Engel)

**Names of volunteers are not*

Thrift

When Youssef Khater arrived with his family in Winnipeg as refugees from the war in Syria, he was overwhelmed. Youssef is deaf, and even with local support helping him learn American Sign Language, getting a job felt impossible. But when he started volunteering at the Kildonan Thrift shop, his hard work and positive attitude were so apparent, he was offered a paid position in the warehouse. "Nobody else here is deaf, but they've learned to gesture with me. I'm very happy here and everybody is so friendly," says Youssef.



16

MCC thrift shops

\$3.3 Million

contributed to the work of MCC

1,658

volunteers

283,800

volunteer hours

Sam's Place

Sam's Place is a social enterprise of MCC Manitoba that equips and empowers young people to overcome barriers by bridging the gap toward meaningful employment through real experience in a retail environment.



52

youth and young adults gained employable skills

2,100

training hours (approx.) were logged by program participants

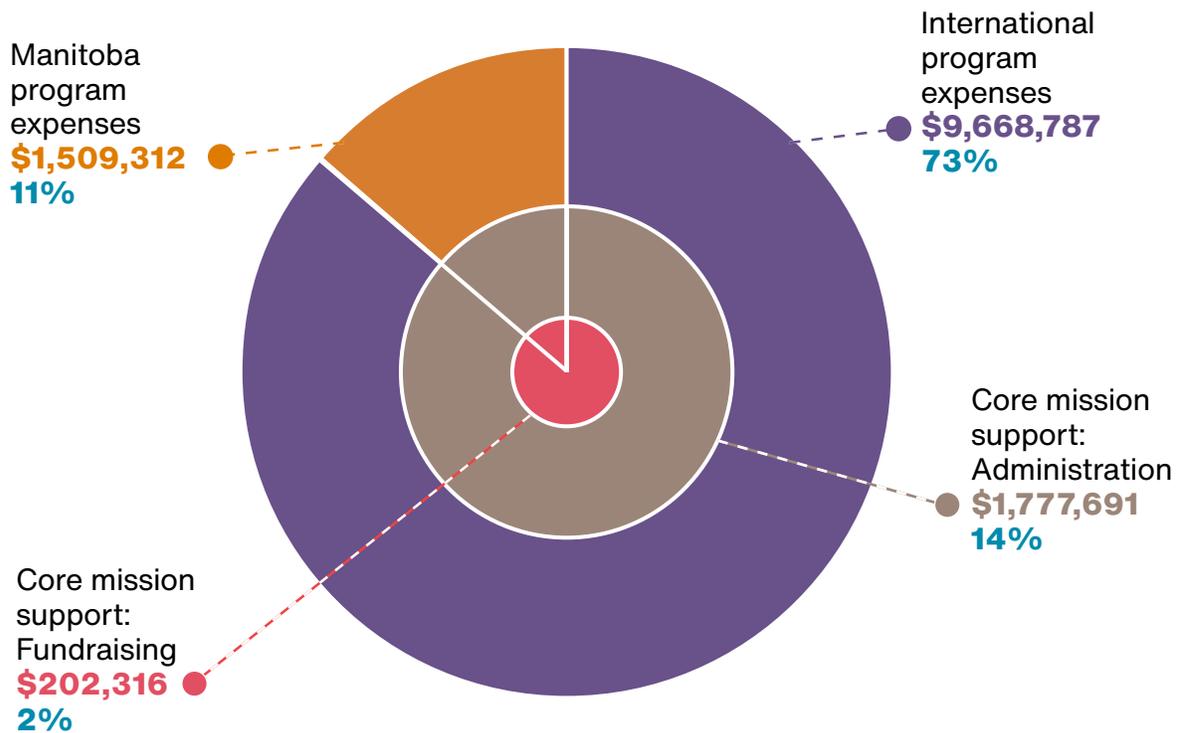
Financial highlights

These 2022-2023 fiscal year numbers reflect the kindness of compassionate donors, the support of grant programs and the generous contribution of MCC Thrift shops.

For complete audited financial statements, please visit mcc.org/about/canada/manitoba#reports

TOTAL EXPENSES:

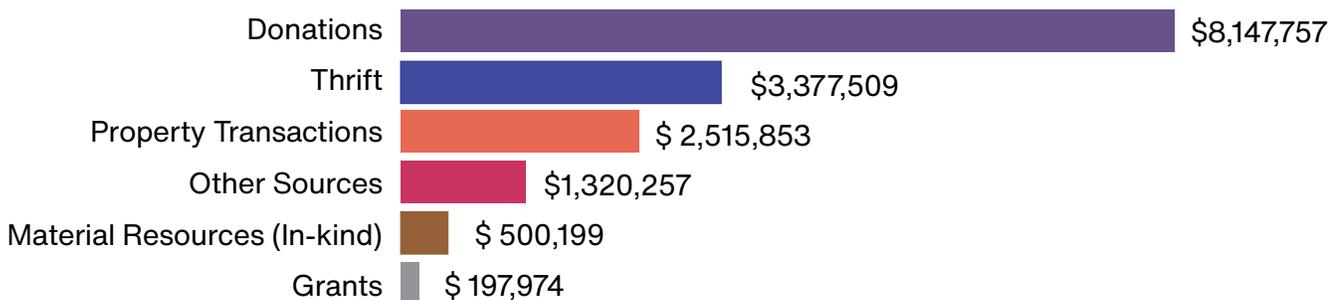
\$13,158,106



TOTAL REVENUE:

\$16,059,549

Funding Sources



**See your gifts at work
around the world.**



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CANADA

Right now, you are holding something special in your hands. It's proof of the real difference that your generosity has made this year. Together we have accomplished some amazing things. We hope you can take a moment to enjoy these stories, made possible because of your support.

See your gifts at work around the world.

Last year, we watched the news as bombs continued to fall. We saw more lives lost or forever altered. We saw global hunger continue to rise. But you were right there with us to meet these challenges head-on.

Your compassion touched lives around the world. Brought relief to people fleeing war and disaster. Supported training and education to create stronger communities. Built peace for a more hopeful future.

Thank you.

P.S. We know this work can be hard, especially for local partners and staff on the ground who see the challenges first-hand. We'd love it if you'd record a short video of encouragement. Scan the QR code to let staff and partners know you're thinking about them.



THANK YOU

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Early, on cold mornings this past winter, I would stir the coals in our woodstove and add a few chunks of wood for the day. As the fire blazed back to life, I would think of families in Ukraine supplied with small woodstoves to heat their homes when their utilities were interrupted by bombing or electricity shortages.

And this fall, our two granddaughters took their first steps into schools in Ontario and Indiana. And I was reminded that unlike girls across the world in South Sudan, they and their parents need not worry about affording school supplies or having enough food to be able to focus in class.

Woodstoves and support for girls' education. Two varieties of responses from MCC. Yet both are responses of love offered to communities facing far too much violence and injustice.

At our core, we are a Jesus-rooted peacebuilding organization. Today, even as violence rages and inequality grows, we lay foundations for this peace work by sharing support like the warmth of stoves in Ukraine and the opportunity for learning in South Sudan. In this sharing, may we also be transformed as agents of reconciliation.

Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for being part of God's work of mutual transformation.

And thanks be to God.

RICK COBER BAUMAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MCC CANADA



This report was written to reflect the 2022/2023 fiscal year, which ended March 31, 2023. To read an online version visit mcc.org/about/reports

We've moved!
Read more about our new, environmentally friendly office space in downtown Winnipeg.





MCC envisions communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation. In our second century of service, we reaffirm our Christ-led commitment to serve and learn from vulnerable people around the world.

María Dolores Pérez Páez (right, pictured with Bonnie Klassen, MCC area director for South America, Mexico and Cuba) and her husband received an MCC relief kit after Hurricane Ian hit Cuba in 2022 and their home was destroyed. “I thank the people who sent me this,” says Maria. “I recognize the effort it took to send it, and I want to honour it because when it’s gone, I don’t know where I’ll get more.” (MCC photo/Annalee Giesbrecht)

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Your gifts at work around the world

Every year, MCC responds to disasters all around the world, providing emergency relief to people after devastating loss. And because of your continued support, the work doesn't end there. After immediate needs are addressed, we work to rebuild and restore what was lost, physically and emotionally. Here are a few updates of what MCC's work looks like in the months after the initial events of disaster in Syria, Ukraine and sub-Saharan Africa.



(Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches photo)

Syria earthquake

MCC continues to respond to the destruction left in the wake of earthquakes that devastated Syria and Türkiye in early 2023. In Syria, after responding to short-term needs in the immediate aftermath, MCC partners like the Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches (FMEEC) have begun longer-term projects that will provide food packages, hygiene items and trauma support in places that were particularly hard-hit. The project will run for nine months with the goal of helping families regain long-term access to food. This photo shows some FMEEC volunteers distributing relief kits to shelters.

Scan the QR code to listen to a podcast episode about the response.





(AMBCU photo)

Trauma healing in Ukraine

The war in Ukraine continues to disrupt and endanger the lives of millions. In addition to providing relief for immediate needs like food and shelter, MCC partners are also working to address the trauma that conflict like this inflicts on people. Margarita* (in the yellow coat above) works with MCC partner Association of Mennonite Brethren Churches of Ukraine (AMBCU) using equine therapy to help children with physical and emotional rehabilitation.

*Names are shortened or omitted for security reasons.

Scan the QR code to watch a thank you video from MCC staff in Ukraine.



(MCC photo/Tadeo Santonino)

Hunger crisis

Last year, a crisis of extreme hunger emerged, putting the lives of millions of already vulnerable people in danger. The conflict in Ukraine, combined with other factors like flooding and the worst drought in 40 years in East Africa, led to inflated food prices and a global hunger crisis. The number of people facing extreme hunger has more than doubled since 2020. Your support allowed MCC to respond to these increasing needs in countries around the world. We are providing emergency food for thousands of families whose options have run out in places like South Sudan, pictured above.

Scan the QR code to listen to a podcast episode about the hunger crisis.



Multimedia feature

On *Relief, Development and Podcast*, MCC Canada staff Emily Loewen shares audio diaries from her 2022 trip to western Ukraine. “You know, from the outside, when you read news about Ukraine ... you’d think people would feel really discouraged and hopeless. At least that’s what I assumed. But so many people are mostly reflecting on the many ways that other people have helped them, that communities have supported them.”

Scan the QR code to listen



RELIEF



Your support sent life-saving food and relief to Ukraine.

“Thank God that we were able to get MCC humanitarian aid. It helped us a lot.”

HENNADIY*, RECIPIENT OF MCC RELIEF IN UKRAINE

Relief program highlights:

208,149

people received emergency food assistance globally

1,552

households received home repairs or reconstruction

62,000

people in Ukraine have been supported through MCC’s 14 local partners

4,003

people received financial support or rent assistance

In the photo

A woman* in a village recovered from Russian military control in Ukraine’s Kherson region receives a small wood stove from MCC partner Uman Help Center. (Photo courtesy of Uman Help Center)



Before the escalation of the war in Ukraine, Nadiya O.* and her husband lived near the city of Uman. Together they grew a vegetable garden and kept bees, selling their honey to make some extra cash. But shortly after the conflict worsened, her husband died from a heart attack.

Then Russian military bombing destroyed their home, turning to ash most of the beehives they had once tended together. In Ukrainian, the name Nadiya means hope, but her situation left little reason to feel hopeful. **However, your caring gifts have provided an essential lifeline to Nadiya and thousands of Ukrainians like her.**

MCC sent five containers full of canned meat, comforters and other relief items to Uman and

other nearby cities this year, focused on reaching the most vulnerable. Partners also distributed supplies to help people survive the cold winter with limited heating or electricity. One small wood stove costs \$54 and provides a person or family a reliable way to cook their own food.

“We gave to people whose homes were destroyed, people who lost their jobs, the elderly people with small pension benefits and people living with disabilities,” says Nadiya T.*, program coordinator for MCC in Ukraine.

Because of your generous and prayerful contribution, Ukrainians with no other support are getting their basic needs met.

*Names are shortened or omitted for security reasons.

Donor profile

Annette and Peter Wolfe have been supporting MCC's Share Your Table program since 2019. They give because "access to nutritious food is key to people flourishing, especially families with children. We also enjoy the monthly stories and recipes and regularly try them out." Share Your Table is MCC's monthly giving program that provides emergency food to families in need around the world.

(Photo courtesy of Peter Wolfe)



Food program highlights:

44,654

people trained in improved agriculture and animal production methods

68%

increase in the variety of food grown in kitchen gardens with support of a food security project in Bangladesh

39,158

people received agricultural supplies, including seeds and tools

35 projects in **18**

countries supported through MCC's account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank

FOOD



You're helping farmers respond to climate change around the world.

"We got trained on new techniques to make good produce. Now we share and learn together with others."

RATH MORN, CAMBODIAN FARMER

In the photo

Rath Morn* and his wife, Jhonh Nham, work in their garden beside their home. They're farmers supported by MCC partner Organization to Develop Our Villages. (MCC photo/Isaac Alderfer)



When Rath Morn* was growing up in Sampor, Cambodia, his family could count on reliable dry and wet seasons to grow their crops. For generations, that reliability meant bountiful crops and prosperous farmers.

But as our climate has continued to change, so have the realities of farming in Cambodia. Scorching temperatures cause essential water sources to dry out, for both crops and animals. The once-consistent wet seasons now bring hard-driving rain that flattens or drowns crops.

But your donations are supporting Morn in adapting to the changing realities he's facing.

For \$482, MCC partner Organization to Develop Our Villages (ODOV) built a fishpond and filled it with fish. For \$67, they built a chicken coop and stocked it with hens and a rooster. Thanks to these resources and the agricultural training ODOV provides, with funding through MCC's account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Morn's family now earns around \$63 per month.

He sees the difference these changes are making in his neighbours: "People are getting better, and I can see the improvements in their families. In each family, people do not do anything that would cause harm to others. Instead, they share with each other."

*In Cambodia, names are written with the surname appearing first, followed by the given name.

Donor profile

Jane and Peter Andres decided to leave a gift in their will for MCC, saying, “It’s a continuation of the values that have always been important to us. It came as a pleasant surprise when our financial advisor suggested that we could leave a legacy for MCC while at the same time we could save our children some taxes on our passing. We are convinced that MCC will put that donation to good use.”

(Photo courtesy of Jane and Peter Andres)



Water program highlights:

55,568

people now have access to an improved water source

201

drinking water systems built or repaired

15,776

people now have access to a new or improved latrine or sanitation facility

315

water harvesting structures for irrigation constructed or repaired

WATER



You provided safe access to life-giving water.

“Now peace has come. Water is near the house. They can go at anytime they like.”

EDO FALANKA, PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR MCC PARTNER COMMUNAUTÉ DES ÉGLISES DE FRÈRES MENNONITES AU CONGO (CEFMC; COMMUNITY OF MENNONITE BRETHERN CHURCHES IN CONGO)

In the photo

Chanelle Kingenzi, a secondary school student at Malwanu Institute, in Kanzombi, DR Congo, washes her hands with clean water drawn from the well that an MCC partner established in the community. (Justin Makangara/MCC/Fairpicture)



On a good morning, Chanelle Kingenzi would need an hour to fetch water from the spring nearest to her family's home in Kanzombi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo). That water would be enough for her, her three siblings and mother to bathe and cook breakfast before school started.

On bad mornings, fighting in line could delay her three or four hours, making her miss part of the school day. Chanelle's family was displaced by violence elsewhere in DR Congo, so sometimes the others in line would treat her poorly. More than once, she was threatened or hurt, or went home with no water.

But your generosity has changed all of that for Chanelle.

With your support, a local MCC partner drilled a series of deep borehole wells in Kanzombi and other communities nearby. For around \$32,000, the well, storage tank and water taps provide fresh, clean water to thousands, who no longer must risk their safety for drinking water.

Now instead of a long and unsafe journey, Chanelle can take a short walk to the well and fill her containers with almost no effort. No longer does she have to risk missing school or her own safety just to have water to drink.

Partner profile

Anne Kuria is the counsellor at the Mary Ward Primary Health Care Centre that runs out of Loreto Rumbek School in South Sudan. As a school counsellor, she's seen how important the clinic is to ensuring girls get an education. "The [health care] centre is here in part to protect the girl child's education. And not only education but [to protect] against forced and early marriages as well."

(David Lomuria/MCC/Fairpicture)



Health program highlights:

38,055

people received direct clinical care

55%

of women and girls in a sexual violence prevention program in Haiti now feel comfortable discussing with friends and family the abuse they experienced

159,429

people received hygiene items, including menstrual health supplies

43%

of girls in an Ethiopian school system now have regular access to sanitary pads – an increase of 23%

HEALTH

You're giving children access to the health care they need.

"I'm a changed person.... I'm using what I've learned to keep my children and myself healthy."

MARY ATHEEN, MOTHER TO A BABY RECEIVING VACCINES AT THE MARY WARD PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE

In the photo

Cholhok Maluk (right) and Teresa Ayen (middle) look through an infant care kit during an infant immunization session at the Mary Ward Primary Health Care Centre in Rumbek, South Sudan. (David Lomuria/MCC/Fairpicture)



About one in 10 children born in South Sudan don't survive to see their fifth birthday. This heartbreaking statistic is caused by many factors, including new mothers simply not having access to health care.

But thanks to your compassionate support, an MCC partner in South Sudan is providing health care to many who would otherwise go without.

The Mary Ward Primary Health Care Centre is part of the Loreto Rumbek School in South Sudan. In addition to providing a fully staffed pharmacy, recovery unit, examination rooms and mental and sexual health services, each week they host a child vaccination clinic. Their program gets newborns on a five-month vaccine

series for diseases including polio, hepatitis B, tuberculosis and many others.

As an incentive to stick to the entire program, the clinic offers an MCC infant care kit to mothers whose children complete the entire slate of immunizations. The clinic provides around 3,000 vaccinations each year, and each child's continued health creates a testimony that combats vaccine skepticism in South Sudan, says clinic nurse Mary Alual.

"It's not only the vaccines, but everything they're learning about health here," Mary says. "Handwashing, the connection between child and mother health, many things."

Volunteer profile

Rebeka Delamorandiere has sponsored two families for resettlement in Canada with North Langley Community Church in Langley, B.C. She was looking for a way to invest in her community and felt sponsorship was a great way to do it. “We have a calling to feed the hungry and to help those who may not look and act and be just like us. And I’ve always been drawn to that, to cross-cultural communication and the challenges and joys it might bring.”

(Photo courtesy of Rebeka Delamorandiere)



Migration program highlights:

452

refugees from these countries were resettled in Canada through MCC-supported sponsorship:

Syria **158**

Eritrea **78**

Afghanistan **36**

Iran **29**

Other countries include: DR Congo, Ethiopia, Iraq, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Vietnam and more.

MIGRATION



You’re providing safety and support to people on the move.

“Serving [at Casa del Migrante] has given me new eyes to see, learn and share with my neighbours who are on journeys of migration.”

KATRINA SHENK, MCC SALT PARTICIPANT SERVING AT CASA DEL MIGRANTE IN GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA

In the photo

Casa del Migrante staff Hector Pablo (left) gives an MCC hygiene kit to Liam Josue (right) at Casa del Migrante in Guatemala City. (MCC photo/Meghan Mast)



There are many reasons why someone might migrate. It could be to find new work, join family or study. It might be to flee violence or disaster. Whatever the cause, there are more people on the move today than ever before, and many are facing immense hardship and danger trying to reach their destination.

That's why your generous support for MCC partners like Casa del Migrante is so important.

In Guatemala City, Casa del Migrante is a place of shelter and care for people on the move through this part of Central America. Migrants can access legal advice, food and medicine,

medical and dental care, spiritual support and a variety of other help before they continue their journey.

Carlos López, the director of Casa del Migrante, says that while they cannot promise people safety on their journey, they try to provide everything they can when migrants come through their doors.

They offer “security, trust and safeguarding to know that they are not at risk or in danger inside the shelter’s facilities,” says Carlos. “But above all, [we offer] empathy on the part of the staff.”

Advocacy highlight

In August 2021, the Taliban took control of Afghanistan. Because of Canadian laws, organizations like MCC faced severe restrictions to providing relief. Some organizations couldn't operate at all. MCC joined a coalition of relief agencies to lobby the government to amend these rules. Nearly 10,000 Canadians, including MCC supporters, sent letters in support of Bill C-41, which officially became law on June 20, 2023.

The MCC Canada board of directors show their support. (MCC photo/Anna Vogt)



Peace & Justice program highlights:

30,246

people trained in conflict transformation, peacebuilding or mediation globally

32

meetings between policymakers in Ottawa and MCC staff

399

peace clubs active this year

468

letters sent to parliamentarians by MCC supporters

PEACE & JUSTICE



You are advocating for climate justice.

“It’s important to adapt with ancestral knowledge but also by using new technologies that are coming up. I think that’s the only way we will be able to learn to live with climate change.”

GABRIEL ACARAPI CHUCA, A TECHNICIAN WITH MCC PARTNER PRODII, WORKING IN REMOTE BOLIVIAN COMMUNITIES

In the photo

Lidia Chambi is a farmer and the vice president of an agricultural producers association. She helps farmers grow varieties of potatoes that are more resistant to the harsh conditions caused by climate change in Chiro Kasa, Bolivia. (MCC photo/Annalee Giesbrecht)



Lidia Chambi is a farmer in Chiro Kasa, Bolivia. In addition to tending her own crops, she helps other farmers in her community succeed in the unforgiving environment high up in the mountains.

Climate change is causing water to become scarce; this leads to conflict between neighbours as everyone tries to get enough. And when new weather patterns cause harsh rains to wash away crops, families are split apart as some migrate to larger cities for paying work. **But your loving generosity is enabling just action to address these issues.**

Working with MCC partner PRODIG (Interdisciplinary Comprehensive Development Program), Lidia and farmers like her are combatting the injustice caused by climate change. By helping farmers learn new techniques to adapt to the changing climate (and sometimes even reviving ancestral agricultural techniques), they're growing heartier crops and reducing the need to migrate. And that creates more peaceful communities.

At the same time, MCC advocates to the government in Canada for policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and that provide more support for communities like Lidia's.

To read more stories about MCC and our partners responding to climate change injustice and to take positive action, visit www.ClimateActionForPeace.com.

Multimedia feature

It is estimated that less than a third of women aged 15 and older in Afghanistan are literate. In this episode of *Relief, Development and Podcast*, you'll hear from an MCC partner in Afghanistan teaching women to read while navigating the governing rule of the Taliban. "If you want to educate that generation, you have to educate a woman because, especially in Afghanistan, women are all the time with their children," says the director of MCC's local partner.

Scan the QR code to listen



Education program highlights:

19,685

children and youth participated in K-12 education supported by MCC

80%

of students across 25 schools saw significant improvements in English literacy from a project in Kolkata, India

65,711

children and youth received education supplies, including MCC school kits and locally purchased items

79%

of graduates from a vocational training program in Gaza successfully found jobs immediately after graduating

EDUCATION



You're ensuring quality education is accessible to every student.

"When I shared my exam results with my parents ... they were very happy, thanking God for this achievement."

PRATHO HALDER, RECIPIENT OF TUITION MONEY FOR NURSING EDUCATION

In the photo

Opi Sarker (right) sits with fellow students Bonnya Sarker (middle) and Pinky Das (left) in a class for their third year at the Elizabeth Conan Memorial Nursing Institute at Christian Mission Hospital in Rajshahi, Bangladesh. (MCC photo/James Kisku)



Opi Sarker always knew she wanted to help people. By the time she finished high school, she had set her sights on becoming a nurse.

“I love to serve people, and nursing as a profession seemed like a way I could serve people in my job,” says Opi.

Her father is a fisherman, while her mother stays at home caring for Opi’s older sister, who lives with an intellectual disability. So, when Opi was accepted into the nursing program at a highly reputed school 400 kilometres away, she was thrilled. But on the heels of that excitement came the dread of wondering of how she was going to pay for this chance to follow her dream.

And that’s where you stepped in. **Your generosity is helping students like Opi get the education they deserve.**

Through an MCC partner in Bangladesh, Opi, and other students like her, receive just over \$200 per year toward their education. While it may not sound like a lot of money, it’s an amount that she says makes a significant difference.

“For people from families like mine, the amount that we’re getting from MCC — that’s a big support for us: it’s really helpful,” says Opi.

MATERIAL RESOURCES



Your generosity allows children to learn better at school.

“May God bless the people who gave us these books.”

MARY ANIONG ACHIEN, 16, RECIPIENT OF SCHOOL KITS IN RUMBOK, SOUTH SUDAN

In the photo

(Left to right) John Gai Mabor, Mary Aniong Achien, Emmanuel Gaak Chol and Amida Yunis James receive their school kits during a distribution at Rumbek Comboni Primary School in Rumbek, South Sudan. (David Lomuria/MCC/Fairpicture)



Students at Rumbek Comboni Primary School in South Sudan, have limited access to basic school supplies. Even if they were able to find all the items in a school kit at the local market, it could easily cost more than an entire month’s wages — around 5,000 South Sudanese pounds. Those same items can be purchased in Canada for \$8.50.

Mary Aniong Achien, 16, is in her final year of primary school and wants to be a doctor when she graduates. She says school kits have made a huge difference for her as a student. “How do you take notes without notebooks? I did not understand well in class before I had them, but now I can take notes in all my classes,” says Mary. “And the bag makes everything easy to carry.”

She also noted that she’s very aware of how difficult it would be for her parents to buy her supplies like these. “With the school kit, my parents can buy food instead of books,” she says.

Material resources shipped last year with your support:



574,560

Canned meat (lbs)



89,369

School kits



32,285

Relief kits



10,908

Infant care kits



52,280

Hygiene kits



59,277

Comforters



1,560

Sewing kits



9,208

Dignity kits



Reducing waste and providing connection.

“At thrift, we receive things that someone does not want or that have been deemed no longer useful to the owner, and we gratefully see the potential for new life and purpose.”

MARGARET SMART, WALKING WITH PEOPLE IN POVERTY PROGRAM COORDINATOR

In the photo

Ann J.* shows a lamp she upcycled as part of Reclaiming Beauty, a joint program of MCC Thrift and MCC's Walking with People in Poverty. (MCC photo/ Ken Ogasawara)



Ann J.* was recovering from a lengthy health care journey with two children at home and no one to help co-parent them — she was feeling depressed. But when she heard about Reclaiming Beauty, a joint program between MCC Thrift and Walking with People in Poverty in Ontario, she saw a chance to reclaim some parts of her own life.

Across Canada and the U.S., MCC Thrift shops reduce waste by giving used items new life, and they also provide space for community connections. The women taking part in Reclaiming Beauty are empowered to upcycle donated thrift items into cherished treasures. Through the process of re-creation, participants reflect on their own journey and goals.

“I needed to do something gratifying and beautiful that I enjoy, that I could sit and see and spend time with,” says Ann.

*Last name withheld for privacy

2,481

people signed up for the **Thrifty 50 Challenge**, taking small and practical steps to reduce waste and care for our planet.

\$37,873,000

donated by MCC Thrift shops in Canada and the U.S. to support the work of MCC in the 2022/2023 fiscal year.



GLOBAL SERVICE LEARNING



You are helping young adults put their faith into action.

“Whoever thought up these [GSL] programs was thinking with the heart of God!”

JOSÉ DAVID DÁVILA, A PARTICIPANT IN MCC'S SEED PROGRAM IN GUATEMALA

In the photo

José David Dávila, a participant in MCC's Seed program in Guatemala, at Casa del Migrante (The Migrant House), in Guatemala City, Guatemala. (MCC Photo/Meghan Mast)



José David Dávila remembers the name Mennonite Central Committee from the cans of meat his family received when he was a young boy living in Managua, Nicaragua. So, when he grew up and was seeking direction for his life, he turned to MCC, knowing MCC's commitment to peace through all its programs.

In 2016, he served for a year with MCC's Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network (YAMEN) in El Salvador. That experience gave José David a desire for more active service: in 2021, after a few years of school, he started his term with MCC's Seed program in Colombia, then finished his second year in Guatemala.

He says both programs gave him opportunities to see his ideas of faith translated to action, helping real people in the real world. “If you want to serve God, you need to get out of your comfort zone. These programs are very transformative because you're exposed to situations that cause you to unlearn and learn, [to discover] the many forms of God's grace that are moving in the whole world.”





Investing in impact

\$229 million legacy donation supports MCC’s worldwide ministry

Globally, more than 110 million people have been forced to flee their homes. More than 43 million of these displaced people are children. And more than 800 million people – one in ten – go to bed on an empty stomach each night.

The scale of the need is staggering.

For over 100 years, MCC has been working to address challenges like these, responding to real and urgent needs around the world. These issues require innovative and bold solutions.

HyLand Properties was created to receive legacy donations as an innovative and bold way to address global poverty, managing strategic investments to support the work of MCC – today and into the future.

The origin story of HyLand is the story of one donor’s strategic generosity and faithfulness. Henry Rempel, of New Westminster, B.C., whose family benefitted from the work of MCC many decades ago, decided to donate a large portfolio of rental and development properties located across B.C. He wanted his legacy to help meet basic human needs for generations – to bless others through MCC, just as his family had been blessed.

In 2012, HyLand Properties was created to receive the first donation of property and in the fall of 2022 an additional \$229 million of property was donated and is now being managed by HyLand.

HyLand is fully owned by MCC B.C. and functions like an endowment. A separate board and staff, with related business expertise, is preserving and growing the capital while making annual donations to support MCC’s international relief, development and peace projects. Through HyLand, Henry’s legacy gift will have a global impact for generations to come.

Even in the face of daunting need, generous and faithful donors are partnering with MCC to share God’s love and compassion for all in the name of Christ.

Every gift makes a difference.
To learn more about making MCC part of your own legacy visit mcc.org/legacy

Scan the QR code for more information about HyLand



Photos above: HyLand properties benefit local families and communities, while supporting MCC’s international efforts.



Canada

492 MCC workers*

\$12 million

*includes MCC Thrift staff

United States

201 MCC workers

\$10.7 million

Latin America & the Caribbean

88 MCC workers

\$8.5 million

Europe & the Middle East

59 MCC workers

\$19.7 million

Africa

145 MCC workers

\$26 million

Dollar figures on map represent direct program expenses without fundraising and administration costs.

*Map uses Equal Earth projection

MCC around the world

FINANCES

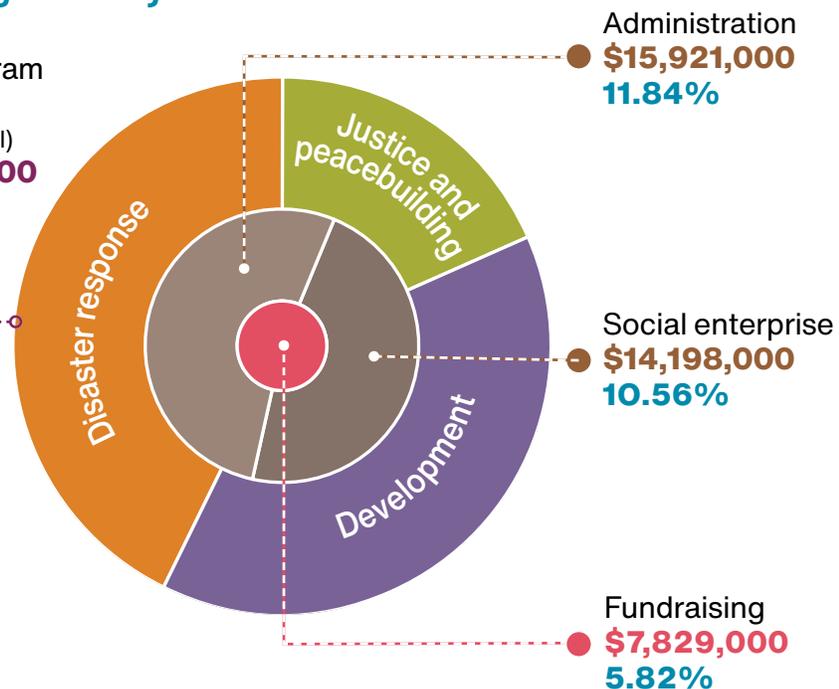
The financial information on these pages presents the combined operations in Canadian dollars of the MCCs in Canada and the U.S. for the year ended March 31, 2023. More detailed financial and program reporting, as well as complete audited financial statements are available at mcc.org/about/reports.

*For a detailed list of funding sources see the electronic annual impact report appendix online at mcc.org/about/reports.

TOTAL EXPENSES:

\$134,445,000

Direct program expenses (outer ring total) **\$96,497,000** **71.78%**





Asia
123 MCC workers
\$7.7 million

Multi-Region
\$11.9 million

45
countries

393
partners

508
projects

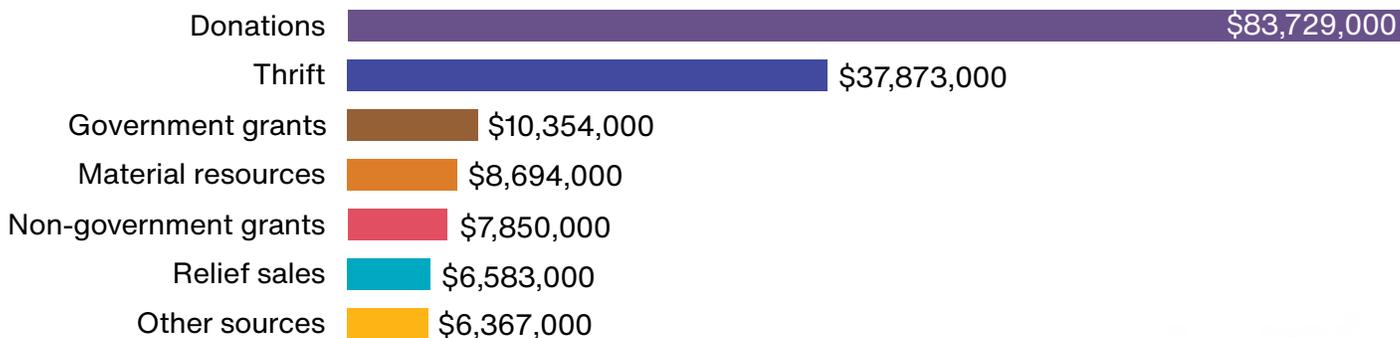
1,108
workers

95
participants in Global Service Learning
programs as of July 31, 2023:

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| YAMEN | 23 |
| IVEP | 22 |
| SALT | 17 |
| Seed | 13 |
| Seek | 13 |
| Summerbridge | 7 |

TOTAL REVENUE:
\$391,074,000*

Funding sources



* A gift of capital property of \$229.6 million to MCC B.C., managed by HyLand Properties, is excluded from the above graph to make financials comparable year-over-year. For more information about HyLand and this legacy gift see p. 25.

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