



2008 Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale Information Blurbs - U.S.

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MCC General Statements

- As Jesus Christ was moved with compassion by those in need, so we are called to respond to the needs of our world.
- Seventy countries received financial support in 2007.
- Fifty-six countries have MCC personnel.
- MCC supplies material resources to institutions such as hospitals, orphanages and prisons, where people often depend on contributions to survive.
- MCC places a priority on purchasing materials in-country.
- MCC is aware of the importance of standing with those who are suffering and caring for their needs.
- MCC sends people, food and material goods to communities recovering from war and natural disasters.
- MCC encourages and supports local churches and community groups in their efforts to provide food, health care, education, employment and social services.
- MCC's development work around the world is in areas such as education, health, agriculture, peace and justice issues, relief work and job creation.
- In North America, MCC is involved with immigration, refugee assistance, job creation, people with disabilities, offenders and victims of crime and more.
- Wherever possible, MCC works with the regions' local partners.
- When you give \$100 to "where needed most," the following breakdown applies:
 - \$29 is the average amount spent for programs in the US and Canada
 - \$54 supports international programs
 - \$5 goes to relief efforts to meet urgent needs in times of war or disaster.
 - \$41 supports development efforts through MCC partners that help families find solutions to poverty.
 - \$8 helps MCC encourage peace and understanding in places facing conflict.
 - \$17 enables MCC to have the people and resources in place to do the work of helping others.
- Help spread care and hope around the world. Donations to MCC may be made in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend. Give to a particular project or offer a general donation in someone's name to mark birthdays, anniversaries, graduations or other milestones.
- MCC helps create hope with projects that assist people to lift themselves up and become self-sufficient.

Agriculture - Change a life with livestock. Goats produce milk that provides nourishing vitamins. They can be bred and their offspring sold to supplement a family's income. The natural fertilizer animals provide helps plants to thrive. \$30 is the cost to buy, house and vaccinate one goat.

AIDS

- \$16 provides daily food for one orphaned child for a month.
- More than \$15 million children have been orphaned by AIDS.
- MCC teaches those at risk how to prevent the spread of HIV in 28 countries around the world.
- \$45 is the cost of AIDS education training at a school.
- \$15 provides a month of supplemental food and multivitamins for one patient.

Education - Global Family www.mcc.org/globalfamily -

- Sponsor children and young adults in their education to build stronger communities around the world.
- Sponsorships - \$25 monthly or \$300 annually

Food

- Food is a gift from God. Striving to ensure all God's children have enough to eat is a witness of God's grace and love.
- Those with abundant food have a responsibility to share with those who are hungry.
- Responses are based on need regardless of religion or politics.
- \$50 is the average cost of an emergency food package that can feed a family of five for a month.
- \$300 is the average cost of a food package that can feed a family of five for six months.
- \$9 provides food for an orphan for a month.
- Nearly \$10 million of food assistance was provided in 2007. This includes locally purchased and shipped foods.
- Volunteers canned nearly 700,000 pounds (valued at nearly \$1 million) of canned meat in 2007.

North Korea –

- MCC is providing 200 tons of soybeans, worth \$130,000 to make soymilk for children in schools and orphanages. The shipment is intended to alleviate malnutrition among 40,000 children.
- More than a third of North Korean children are chronically malnourished – *World Food Program*.

Guatemala – in response to the needs of victims of Tropical Storm Stan, MCC helped build sixteen fish tanks – large cement pools dug into the ground and filled with fresh water from nearby streams – then supplied the tanks with baby trout bought from another town. The fish provide needed additional income and protein. Protein intake of these people is limited.

Bangladesh – In response to flooding, MCC provided emergency food to 11,128 families.

Health

- 40 per cent of the world's population does not have proper sanitation facilities.
- \$19 provides clothing for an orphan for one year.
- \$119 covers the cost per person for a day of training to help recover from the trauma of war.

Ukraine - MCC helps fund a mobile health clinic, providing free medical services where needed.

Hurricane Katrina

- \$38 covers the cost of a cleanup volunteer for one day in New Orleans.
- \$225 covers the cost of a six-day work trip to New Orleans for one person.

Jobs

Ukraine –

- \$100 helps provide a loan for a small private business in Ukraine or Russia.
- \$1,000 is an average loan to a small private business in Ukraine or Russia.

Cambodia - \$80 provides a loan to expand a business, such as a small grocery store.

Kits – www.mcc.org/kits - When you put a Mennonite Central Committee kit together, you help provide care for people in need.

The approximate cost for creating a kit is listed below.

<i>Relief Kit</i> – Provide valuable supplies to families traumatized by war and natural disasters.	\$40
<i>Newborn Kit</i> – MCC distributes newborn kits to hospitals, clinics and orphanages.	\$20
<i>Sewing Kit</i> - Provide basic tools to make and mend clothing.	\$18
<i>School Kit</i> – Given to students displaced by natural disaster or war and to those struggling to afford schooling.	\$7.50
<i>Health Kit</i> – provide needed hygiene supplies and are given to people affected by war or natural disaster	\$8
<i>AIDS Care Kit</i> – supplies help home care volunteers provide comfort to people living with HIV and AIDS.	\$70 plus \$100 to purchase medicines and patient support.
<i>Over ¼ million kits were shipped in 2007.</i>	

Material Resources

- \$50 provides school supplies for 25 students.
- \$10 provides plastic sheeting and household supplies for one temporary shelter. \$15 is the cost of a window. \$57 covers the cost of a door.

Bangladesh - \$20 buys enough supplies for 10 school kits (each kit helps one child in Bangladesh attend school for one year.)

Darfur. - MCC has provided blankets to more than 80,000 of the estimated 2.5 million people displaced by the war.

Peace

- MCC helps people develop skills for creating peace in their families, neighborhoods, villages, towns and nations.
- MCC is helping teach children how to recognize, report and avoid cluster bombs.
- MCC's anti-racism program seeks the liberation of all people from the system of racism.
- MCC's Peace & Justice Ministries works in restorative justice, immigration advocacy, anti-racism, peace education and a focus on prevention of violence for women and children.

Tsunami

- *India* - Public infrastructure and more than 700 houses were rebuilt on land outside the 200-metre high tide line, parks with playground equipment were developed in each village and livelihoods were restored through providing fishing boats, nets, small livestock and vocational training. In some communities, fishing co-operatives were established, self-help groups were started and children received educational assistance.
- *Indonesia* – 681 houses built. Other initiatives include: a women’s farming project, a school furniture project, an English teacher project, school hygiene project, student teachers’ project, peace books project, and more.
- *India, Andaman and Nicobar Islands* – As of late 2007, as many as 8,000 to 10,000 people still live in shelters - tin barracks with cement floors - as they await the construction of permanent housing.
- *Aceh, Indonesia* – MCC has helped to rebuild a middle school where only half of the school’s students survived the Tsunami.
- *MCC’s work* in Tsunami-affected areas will continue over the next two years.

Water

- \$51 gives 25 people access to clean water
- \$1,200 purchases tubing, pumps and other supplies for a community well.
- Sand dams are concrete barriers across streams that fill with water during part of the year. Sand dams make it possible for people to grow the food they need.
- Sand dams provide drinking water for thousands of people and save men, women and children from making grueling treks to collect water.
- In countries where there is a water shortage, local men and women are volunteering to build sand dams because they are eager for relief from food shortages and the exhausting task of hauling water.

Kenya –\$8 is the cost of a bag of cement for a sand dam. \$175 is the cost of tools for a community to build one sand dam. MCC has helped build more than 130 sand dams.

India –

- \$15 makes it possible to irrigate a half-acre plot where one family can raise enough food to last six months.
- \$30 pays for labor and materials needed to bring clean drinking water to three families.

Vietnam –

- \$20 helps construct a canal to provide water for one family.
- \$200 helps construct a canal to provide water for 10 families.

Mozambique - MCC is planning to help build 16 sand dams in central Mozambique. The cost per sand dam is \$15,000.

Guatemala – MCC helped to build 46 water cisterns to provide clean water as a result of damage from Tropical Storm Stan.