
Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

Currently, more than 1,100 MCC workers serve in more than 50 countries, including the United States and Canada. 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.

MCC continues to respond to urgent needs around the globe and at home.

MCC has committed \$5.5 million to support people affected by the drought and food crisis in East Africa. MCC is supporting people in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya through emergency food assistance, services to displaced families and host communities as well as long term food security projects. The population in the Dollo Ado refugee camps in southeast Ethiopia continues to grow as unprecedented numbers of Somalis flee their own country.

Domestically, the Mobile Meat Canner operates in 33 different locations across the United States and Canada, from October thru May. Over 10,000 volunteers each year fill, weigh, stack, wash, and label every can. Over the 2010-2011 season, the collective efforts of all involved produced over 500,000 cans (over a million pounds of meat).

MCC sees sustainable community development as a key area of its work.

Because education directly affects an individual's ability to provide for the future, MCC supports creative, community-based education through the Global Family education sponsorship program. Each year MCC also provides more than 100,000 school kits, which include pencils, notebooks and other items, to students around the world. Likewise, a number of MCC workers serve in education-related assignments – from leading English classes in China or Egypt to teaching in high schools in Zambia.

MCC and partners continue to work for peaceful resolution of violent conflict.

In Brazil, domestic violence is the leading cause of death and disability for women ages 16 to 44. Counseling, shelters, training and employment are often not available for women in danger. In March 2011, MCC workers in Curitiba, Brazil began work with a local partner to construct a peace program that specifically addresses issues of domestic violence.

MCC and Allegheny Conference of the Mennonite Church USA

The Allegheny Conference, its congregations and individuals generously contributed over \$107,700 to MCC in 2011. Sewing circles, youth groups and school classes donated countless health kits, comforters, and school kits for distribution around the world. Many others gave of their time in the World's Attic and Big Valley Thrift & Gift shops, at both the Tri State and Pennsylvania relief sales, through Penny Power and in meat canning efforts. Members of the Allegheny conference currently in service with MCC include Ben Stucky (SALT) and John Hillegas. MCC gratefully acknowledges generous support from the Allegheny conference - thank you.

Mennonite Central Committee continues to be the hands and feet of Christ in a world where injustice and suffering, as well as perseverance, courage and compassion abound. Please continue to pray for the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Blessings to you as you join the ministry of MCC: "Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ."

Submitted by Bruce Campbell-Janž, MCC East Coast Executive Director and Liz Hunsberger, MCC East Coast Board Representative.

*Mennonite Central Committee, 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.*