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MCC relies on partnerships with MC USA churches so that together, by God's grace, we carry out the mission of sharing God's love and compassion in the name of Christ. MCC values the partnership of congregations and individuals in the Allegheny Conference of MC USA. Thank you for participating in the ministries of MCC.

MCC and Allegheny Mennonite Conference of the MC USA

- The Allegheny Conference, its congregations and individuals directly and generously contributed over \$76,900 to MCC in 2012.
- Churches and school classes donated various kits and comforters. Others gave volunteer time to thrift shops, the Tri State and Pennsylvania Relief Sales, the Cumberland Valley Relief Center, Penny Power and in meat canning efforts. Some support the Tri State Relief Sale by joining the Big Valley Bike & Hike.
- Currently Layne Wyse and Cadie Gilman are serving in Bolivia with MCC and John Hillegass serves in the Akron office.

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

According to United Nation estimates, the overall number of people in need of humanitarian assistance inside Syria quadrupled between March 2012 and December 2012, from one million to four million. Estimates indicate up to one million Syrian refugees will need help during the first half of 2013, with most of these located in Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Turkey and Egypt. MCC is responding by supporting distribution of food, MCC kits and blankets, winter clothing and heaters. MCC also supports training in peacebuilding, trauma and humanitarian assistance. To meet the growing needs, MCC is seeking additional funds to extend this assistance for a longer period of time.

In September 2012, several Pennsylvania congregations participated in a Gun Violence Prevention Storytelling tour. Local stories mingled with national statistics to demonstrate the heavy toll taken by firearms in the US. Churches continue to wrestle to discover how Christian faith engages this significant social problem.

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

Three years after an earthquake devastated the lives of Haitians, MCC continues to respond to basic human needs and to work for peace and justice. MCC works with partners addressing needs in education, trauma healing and providing grants for beginning businesses.

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

MCC worker, Ron Muse, serves as a chaplain in the Philadelphia prison system. Ron's ministry to inmates demonstrates MCC's commitment to seeing all people as created in the image of God. Generous donors in the Chambersburg, PA area recently donated 850 new Bibles to this prison ministry through Lifeway Christian Store.

New Wine/New Wineskins

MCC's revisioning and restructuring process that began in 2008 is now completed and is guiding MCC's work in a fresh way. Thank you to church leaders and others in the Allegheny Conference family for your role in this discernment process.

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.*