

## World's Attic Annual Report June 2016

This year, July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, has been an exciting year for World's Attic. The business moved to 304 South Main Street in Somerset. The store opened for business at the new location on July 22 and held a grand opening on July 31 and August 1. It became evident very soon after opening that the advantages of the new location were contributing to an increase in customers and sales. The new location has a parking lot and a more convenient donation drop off area. The store sales area and the work area are on one level making it easier for the workers. This year records have been broken for daily, monthly and the year's total sales. Sales for this fiscal year are \$146,769.27 and \$60,000.00 has been donated to Mennonite Central Committee. This compares to sales of \$104,205.45 and donations of \$18,000.00 to MCC for the previous year.

The successful year is also due to the dedication of the store manager, Sheri Speigle and many faithful volunteers. Eighty-five people volunteered throughout the year. There were three people who each volunteered fifty days or more. We are thankful for the many volunteers who help with this ministry and are always encouraging more people to volunteer.

The manager has been using Facebook to promote special sales and post pictures of the different displays in the store. This has also contributed to the increase in customers and sales.

We have received some quality miscellaneous donations from estates. Some of these items have been used in the silent auctions. We have two different auctions open for bidding all the time. These are a popular activity with the customers.

We were able to purchase a tandem closed trailer to use for temporary storage and to transport merchandise from estates and to the TriState Relief Sale. The trailer is lettered with World's Attic name, address and phone number and also MCC's name and logo.

Most of our unusable clothing is collected by Mission Partners Ministry who pay us by the pound for the items they receive. Some of our cotton unusable clothes are cut into rags which are purchased by local businesses. We continue to support the community with donations to organizations, clothing vouchers and donations of items to families who have had a fire.

Although we have been overwhelmed this year with the increase in customers and sales, our focus remains on our mission. The mission of World's Attic is to serve within the community and support the work of Mennonite Central Committee in the name of Christ. Every purchase is a gift to the world.

In Christ's name,

Kathy Thomas

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