



ANNUAL REPORT OF WORLD'S ATTIC

Spring 2015

Our fiscal year is not yet over and many exciting things are happening at World's Attic.

Our sales continue to increase due to the dedication and hard work of our store manager Sheri Speigle and all of our wonderful volunteers. Joni Dupstadt, in her position as part time assistant manager has been invaluable as the store continues to grow.

In October 2014 World's Attic celebrated its 35th anniversary with special sales and refreshments for the customers.

We now have our own internet access at the store, and a Facebook page has been set up to keep up with our customers need for information.

The store continues to be a presence in the community and participates in downtown activities such as Fire and Ice, the Cookie Walk, etc. We also support the local community with donations, i.e. Somerset Volunteer Fire Company, clothing vouchers for individuals, free items for fire victims, etc.

Our main goal however, is to raise money to be given to Mennonite Central Committee to continue their humanitarian work around the world. So far this fiscal year, \$18,000 has been donated.

All of this is possible because of the hard work of 89 active volunteers, (work a minimum of 2 days in a year), 49 additional volunteers who worked less than 2 days, 32 children, plus 14 JCS students, and 3 Service Adventure volunteers. Ten (10) Allegheny Mennonite Conference churches are represented, as well as eight (8) non-AMC persons. Three persons, Jeanette Alwine, Thomas Church, Jodi Mock, Thomas Church, and Carolyn Tice, Springs Church, worked 46 days!!! We are always in need of more help, and welcome new volunteers.

We try to be good stewards of the donations given to us by sending unusable clothing to Mission Partners Ministry, which pays us by the pound, unsold books are sent to Booksavers for resale, metal, glass etc. are sent to a local recycling center, and denim is cut and sent to the MCC center to be made into rugs or comforter kits to sell. We also have dedicated volunteers who cut unusable cotton clothing in to rags, which are sold in 10# bags to local businesses.

After much discussion and prayer the Board of Directors decided to incorporate and re-establish independent 501c3 non-profit status. Although we remain a ministry of the conference, this serves to separate us legally and financially from Allegheny Mennonite Conference under whose tax ID we have been operating since 1994. New by-laws were written to reflect this change, and were approved by the Leadership Council of Allegheny Mennonite Conference.

The Board of Directors has been open to the possibility of relocating the Thrift Store for several years due to some limitations in parking, accessibility and retail space in the current building. Recently, we have felt and seen God's leading in finding a space that seems to suit our needs. Much prayer has been involved and doors have opened in a remarkable and miraculous fashion to move us toward this decision.

World's Attic is planning to move to this new location in Somerset, hopefully in late June, so we can be open in our new location by the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1st, 2015. We covet the prayers and support of all involved as the store embarks on this journey.

Although World's Attic has had many changes this year as well as continued growth and outreach, our goal and mission statement remain the same. "The Mission of World's Attic is to serve within our community and support the work of Mennonite Central Committee in the Name of Christ."

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Yoder, secretary

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