

Mennonite Central Committee 2023 Report to CCMBC

Jesus promises us living water, a gift without cost, a well springing up into eternal life. What an incredible promise!

Over the past year, MCC has held to this verse with hopeful anticipation. We have seen many who are thirsty – thirsty for clean water, for food, for an end to war, for peace and justice, for life. We hold onto Jesus’s promise as we serve in his Name.

Giving Thanks

We are grateful for our partnership with CCMBC as we share God’s love and compassion with those in need. We give thanks for the many MB staff and board members who serve. We are grateful to our generous supporters and donors, and thousands of faithful volunteers.

This support has allowed us to respond to disasters and conflicts around the globe. Since February 2022, for example, MCC has reached more than 93,000 people and allocated USD \$11.8 million to our **response in Ukraine**.

We also continue to walk alongside **communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo** who are suffering from the consequences of ongoing conflict and violence. MCC is partnering with the Community of MB Churches (CEFMC) in the Kikwit region to provide agricultural support, health and trauma care, school tuition and clean drinking water.

“Peace is a synonym of shalom. When we say shalom in Hebrew, it is the total salvation of mankind,” says Antoine Kimbila, general secretary of CEFMC. “What [MCC] brings to us in the community ... when it is married with the word of Christ, that brings peace to humankind.”

Looking Ahead

MCC’s commitment to peacebuilding will continue to shape the way we care for God’s creation and accompany communities harmed by climate change. Want to get involved? Visit climateactionforpeace.com.

And in the coming year, we look forward to settling into our new head office in downtown Winnipeg. We invite you to visit our environmentally friendly space, which gives us another opportunity to be good stewards of God’s gifts.

We covet your prayers for the coming year:

- For strength and resiliency of MCC partners, many who are weary and tired after years of crisis
- For God’s nourishment and provision in places facing extreme hunger or poverty
- For wisdom for MCC staff and leaders as they shape programs and projects, including our new Seek discipleship program for 18 to 20-year-olds.

In Christ’s peace,



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A woman* in Ukraine’s Kherson region received a small wood stove from an MCC partner, helping her survive the cold winter months without electricity. *The names of people pictured are not provided for security reasons. (Photo courtesy of Uman Help Center)



Channele Kingenzi washes her hands with clean water drawn from a well in DR Congo, built by MCC and partner CEFMC. Clean water has improved the health of thousands of people in the region. It has also reduced the fighting that commonly took place at remote springs where people used to get their water. (MCC/Fairpicture photo/ Justin Makangara)

Check out MCC’s
Climate Action for
Peace campaign!



**“Come, all who are thirsty,
come to the waters....”**

— Isaiah 55:1