

Peter describes the actions of Jesus’ followers: they love without failing, show hospitality and serve with the gifts of God’s grace—all with strength. To receive a gift is to be sent to give it to others in loving gratitude.

Is it surprising to see these qualities in MCC’s many friends, supporters, staff, partners and volunteers in Manitoba? The stories, images and data in this report speak clearly of this sharing. Each one calls out, “Thank you!”

This year, the MCC Manitoba (MCCM) board visited the Material Resource Centre in Plum Coulee. There, local volunteers sew, receive and bale comforters, and pallet and ship kits for international program—familiar MCC gifts and tasks, done with care.

Guided by MCCM’s volunteer and engagement coordinator, Konrad Loewen, the centre is a hub for material resources from across the province. Every comforter and kit sent from Manitoba to MCC’s international programs passes through Plum Coulee. Church and community groups often join in this work at the centre or when Konrad visits their communities.

For MCCM, Plum Coulee and its people truly are Manitoba’s gateway to the world. And again, the stories say, “Thank you!”

Also this year, colleagues in MCC Thrift approximated the value of a volunteer hour: \$20. It’s a number with many applications around the world. That’s more than enough to provide a fuel-saving rocket stove. These stoves use one-third the fuel and save about 2,000 hours of wood gathering each year—time often carried by girls. Less time gathering wood means more time in the classroom—a seemingly simple gift that helps open the door to education for girls.

Your care, your time and your gifts make all of this possible. Thank you!



DARRYL LOEWEN
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Program Highlights

from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

\$ 3.25 million

forwardings from
MCC Thrift shops in
Manitoba to MCC

4,200

individuals,
businesses and
churches made a
donation



30

youth and young
adults gained
employable skills



7,317

comforters shipped from
Manitoba



12

local partners supported by the
Indigenous Neighbours program



200

participants in
climate and creation
care events and
activities



101

refugees welcomed
to Manitoba



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MCC in Manitoba and Around the World: Celebrating 10 years of growing food and hope

This year marked 10 years since the start of Grow Hope in Manitoba – a unique partnership between dedicated farmers and generous urban sponsors who work together to grow food and raise funds for people facing hunger around the world.

Since its launch in 2015, Grow Hope Manitoba has raised nearly \$2 million to support global food security projects through Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). Each year, local farmers donate their land, time and resources to grow food crops, while sponsor donations help cover input costs like seed

and fuel. The proceeds from the harvest are deposited to Mennonite Central Committee’s (MCC’s) account with CFGB, where they’re eligible for up to 4:1 matching from the Government of Canada – multiplying the impact of every acre grown.

“Supporting farmers who are donating their time, their land and their resources – you feel that you’re part of a bigger picture,” says Willie Reimer, a Grow Hope supporter from River East Church.

That bigger picture includes Joseph Hofer, a Grow Hope farmer from Greenwald Hutterite Colony near Beausejour, Man., where 20 to 25 people help with fieldwork during seeding and harvest, and others pitch in by preparing meals. Supporting people facing hunger and hardship connects deeply with their faith and values. It’s a way, Hofer says, “to be a bigger part of the hands and feet of Jesus.”

Watch our 10 year Grow Hope celebration video



MCC Manitoba Financial Highlights



TOTAL EXPENSES:
13,734,287

- International program
\$8,646,809 (64%)
- Manitoba programs
\$2,478,706 (18%)
- Fundraising
\$559,755 (4%)
- Social Enterprise
\$474,298 (3%)
- Administration
\$1,574,719 (11%)

TOTAL REVENUE:
13,981,966

Funding sources

- Donations ■ **\$6,914,309 (49%)**
- Thrift ■ **\$3,248,074 (23%)**
- Internal grants ■ **\$1,041,840 (7%)**
- Estate bequests ■ **\$842,745 (6%)**
- Sales & events ■ **\$641,214 (5%)**
- Material resources (in-kind) ■ **\$533,990 (4%)**
- Grants ■ **\$218,170 (2%)**
- Other sources ■ **\$541,624 (4%)**

