



## MCC and Central District Conference Connections

- MCC speakers shared during virtual worship services at Milwaukee Mennonite and Silverwood Mennonite (Goshen)
- Congregations used online resources to host virtual celebration Sundays for MCC's centennial in 2020
- Individuals and congregations supported relief sale activities in Goshen, Kidron and the Twin Cities
- A family from Hively Avenue Mennonite (Elkhart) hosted an International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participant in 2020

Women from Sinisingi village, Odisha state, **India**, are adapting well to COVID-19 precautions by maintaining appropriate social distancing and wearing face masks while waiting to get drinking water in April 2020. MCC's partner Institute of Social Action and Research Activities (ISARA) installed a spring water harvest system in communities in Odisha state in 2014 using nearly 3,000 meters of piping. Later in 2018, communities had taken initiative to set up a water collection tank with a fixed tap system for easy access to the water. The water is mainly used for irrigation purposes, but communities also purify it with chlorine tablets before using the water for cooking and drinking. (ISARA photo/Jajati Pandit)



Upon receiving 550 gallons of hand sanitizer and 270,000 cloth face masks through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Kristin Overstreet, MCC Appalachia program coordinator, coordinated the distribution of these much-needed resources to the vulnerable communities in Kentucky and West Virginia where MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program does home repair work. (Photo/Hannah Overstreet)



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*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. —Psalm 46:1 (NRSV)*



**We [now] have water in our village.**

*“Otherwise this pandemic could have had a more adverse impact on our lives.”*

—Padma Pradhan

Since 1920, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has worked with the church, partner organizations and supporters to share God's love and compassion by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice.

While this past year didn't look like what any of us imagined, MCC is grateful for the many people like you who continue to support MCC in lots of ways.

Relief sales transitioned to online auctions and came up with creative ways to raise money like drive-thru food events and outdoor concerts. Thrift shop volunteers adapted to new guidelines to re-open safely.

Meat canning committees restructured their sites to can meat during a shortened season. People knotted comforters and put together kits at home to send to our material resources centers.

In a time when finances are uncertain for many, those of you who were able still gave generously to support MCC's programs around the world. MCC is grateful for the ongoing gifts of funds from CDC churches, whether through the conference office, My Coins Count, directly from individuals to MCC or by estate bequests.

Thanks to your generosity, MCC continues to address the threats of COVID-19 for some of the world's most vulnerable people through ongoing water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health and food programs.

Thank you for partnering with MCC,  
Eric Kurtz,

MCC Great Lakes executive director  
Peter Martin,

MCC Great Lakes Board Representative  
for Central District Conference

**51**  
countries

**511**  
partners

**619**  
projects

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