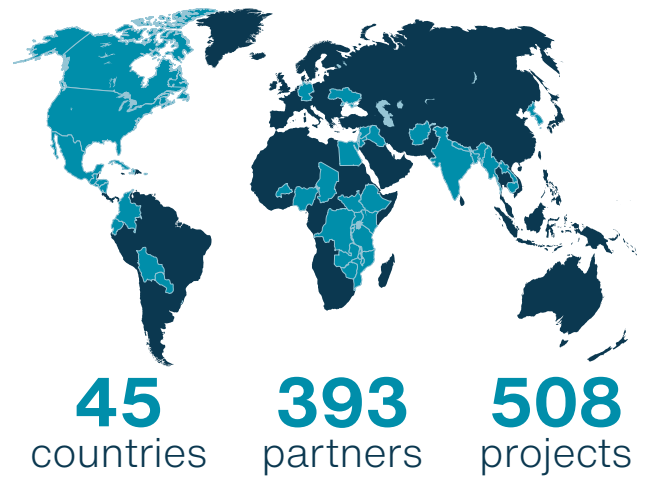


2024 report for Central District Conference

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In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, through MCC-supported Women Situation Room groups, people like Melanie Mafinga are trained to resolve conflicts, mediate and prevent violence. (MCC/Fairpicture photo/Justin Makangara)

MCC and Central District Conference connections

- Congregations and individuals from Central District Conference play important roles in MCC relief sales, thrift shops, My Coins Count fundraisers, material resources drives and meat canning.
- Various CDC congregations hosted MCC speakers, either virtually or in person.
- Thank you to the families from Central District Conference churches who host International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participants.
- Bluffton University students volunteered with the Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP) home repair program in Elkhorn City, Kentucky.

MCC's 2024 guiding scripture

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

MCC works in 45 countries thanks to strong partnerships, not only with organizations on the ground but also with supporters like you.

You're helping to provide food, bedding and hygiene items to families in Gaza. In Mexico, your support helps farmers learn new agricultural techniques so they can stay on their land. And in Kentucky, you are helping to provide safe, warm and dry housing through MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP).

We are grateful for each of you and the role that you play. Whether you donate financially, pray for MCC, volunteer at an MCC thrift shop, pack kits, knit comforters, can meat or bid on items at a relief sale, we appreciate you. You are sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ.

With thanksgiving,

Eric Kurtz, MCC Great Lakes executive director
Peter Martin, MCC Great Lakes Board representative for Central District Conference

“In MCC, peace is at the root of what we do. Our vision is God's shalom for all people.”

-Eric Kurtz

Comforter Bashes throughout the Great Lakes region bring together people of all ages, abilities and faith traditions to knit comforters and fellowship with one another. Participants work together to combine handmade comforter tops, warm batting and sturdy backing

fabric into warm, durable and beautiful comforters. The hands-on project is one way that MCC supporters are putting their faith into action. Each handmade comforter is unique and provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

