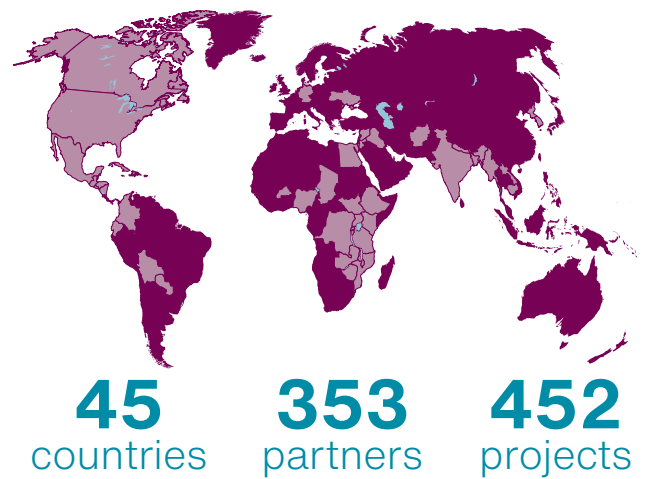


# 2025 report for Central District Conference

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At left, Mary Nyashin Tsief, 70, who receives monthly food packages of sorghum, beans and oil through an MCC-supported project, leads visitors to her dwelling in a camp in Rubkona, South Sudan, for families displaced by conflict or flooding. (MCC photo/Mackenzie Schwarz)

## MCC's 2025 guiding scripture

"Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him.

**John 1:39 (NIV)**

"Come and see," said Jesus. MCC's partners often invite us to spend time learning about the people we serve and the realities they face. People like Mary Nyashin Tsief, living in a camp for displaced people in South Sudan. Around the world, more than 120 million people have been displaced by conflict, drought, disaster, or economic conditions. With your help, MCC is responding to the refugee crisis by providing food, clean water, shelter, education, trauma healing and much more. Whether you donate financially, pray for MCC, volunteer at an MCC thrift shop, pack kits, knot comforters, can meat or bid on items at a relief sale, you are part of sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ. Thank you!

With thanksgiving,

Eric Kurtz, *MCC Great Lakes Executive Director*

## MCC and Central District Conference connections

- Central District Conference congregations play important roles in MCC relief sales, thrift shops, My Coins Count fundraisers and meat canning. They also help with comforter bashes and material resources drives, like the school kit challenge.
- Various CDC congregations hosted MCC speakers.
- Groups from Columbus Mennonite Church and Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship volunteered with Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP) in Kimball, West Virginia.
- MCC has connected on various levels with Moveable Feast faith community in Chicago, including partnering on immigration work.
- MCC staff are also developing a relationship with the newly emerging Grand Rapids Mennonite Fellowship.
- CDC churches and families are hosting International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participants.
- Peter Martin represents Central District Conference on the MCC Great Lakes Board.**

“'Come and see' is an invitation to approach our work with humility and curiosity.”

- Eric Kurtz

We are grateful to the many churches, businesses and individuals who have supported the building of a new MCC Material Resources Center in Kidron, Ohio, over the past several years.

We are excited about the opportunity to partner with local communities and increase the amount of kits and comforters from our region that will spread relief and hope to people around the world.

