

A year of restoring hope with love

"Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14



ANNUAL REPORT 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

From tornadoes to floods, fires, drought and hurricanes, the past year was one of the costliest on record for natural disasters in the U.S. and Canada. How did MDS respond?

From August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021...

...In the U.S., MDS assisted more than 178 Pennsylvania farmers impacted by drought through the purchase, donation and transport of corn and hay. In Canada, farmers in Ontario donated truckloads of hay through Hay West to help farmers in Saskatchewan dealing with drought.

...MDS continued partnering with Mennonite Central Committee and Everence to create a COVID-19 Congregational Relief Fund, which ultimately provided grants of up to \$5,000 each to 216 congregations to support their needs as a result of COVID-19.

...MDS Canada created a response to the pandemic in the spring 2020, called the Spirit of MDS Fund. It provided a total of 81 grants worth \$161,500 U.S. until spring, 2021. The funds were used to help congregations and other organizations respond to needs in their communities due to the disaster of COVID-19.

Thank you, volunteers and donors! You are MDS's most prized assets because of your creativity, tenacity and willingness to serve and donate through all kinds of challenges. Let us continue to restore hope with love.

3,393 volunteers

from across Canada and the U.S. gave their time, skills and compassion

to build

74 new homes,

complete

115 repairs,

finish

343 cleanups,

and build

5 new bridges

for households who experienced a disaster.

This volunteer labor is a value* of

**\$5.7 million USD/
\$7.1 million CDN**

Statistics from Aug. 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021 (our 2021 fiscal year)

* Based on a volunteer rate of \$28.54 USD/hour
— www.independentsector.org



MDS volunteers served
25,286 days helping
739 households
recover from disasters.



Respond. Rebuild. Restore.



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