



2025 Conference Related Ministry Update – Marlene Derstine, Coordinator

MRC Mission: Material Resource Center (MRC) supports the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) through the production Material Resources – kits, comforters and canned meat. Material Resources meet basic physical needs and share God’s love with those facing poverty, oppression, natural disasters and war.

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Update 2026:

In the past year almost 200 volunteers contributed 25,183 hours to the MRC. Projects included checking and packing MCC kits, cutting and sewing patches for comforters, cutting and sewing kit bags, quilting, knotting comforters, cutting and packing discarded tee shirts for sale as rags, sorting and baling excess items from local thrift stores, baling cardboard for recycling, weaving rugs from strips cut from jeans and corduroy pants, making unique gift items for the Darning Egg gift shop and assisting with office work.

In 2025 the following items were sent to MCC for distribution to people in need around the world:

1,782 Comforters	3,822 Relief Kits	4,800 Hygiene Kits
3,520 School Kits	72 Prisoner Care Kits	199 Sewing Kits
213 Food Boxes	101 Infant Care Kits	50 Christmas Care Packages
15,890 Cans of Meat		

Upcoming Events:

Annual Fundraising Dinner – Saturday, October 24

Christmas Market – December 2-5

Meat Canning Event – April 19, 20, 21, 2027

**We are grateful for the many individuals, churches, and businesses
that support us so generously throughout the year!**

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