

2017 MCC Central States Executive Director's Report

"... Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:36-39, NIV

These verses, MCC's focus text for this year, are part of the larger passage known as the Parable of the Sheep and Goats. In this parable, the King separates the sheep and goats based on those who have and/or have not served those who need food, clothing, water, shelter, and hospitality. Because of your generosity and love for MCC, we are able to live out this call as followers of Jesus. We know we can't do this alone.

Last year, MCC's work took us to 54 countries (including the US and Canada) where we have 528 partners and are involved in over 700 projects. In every country where MCC works, we partner with local churches and organizations with similar values.

Thank you so much for supporting and partnering with us!

Your support has helped us to show the love of Jesus by:

- providing tutors for Roma children in Serbia
- Supporting places/spaces, in Afghanistan, that provide women with access to education
- Providing formerly incarcerated persons with basic hygiene items when they are released from prison
- In India, working beside farmers to find better ways to farm and support their families
- Providing food and other needed supplies to orphanages, hospitals and flood-affected communities in North Korea.
- Offering a Pipeline to Prison Learning Tour to New Orleans, Louisiana.

Since we participate in over 700 projects, these are just a glimpse of the ways we love our neighbor.

This year, we are committed to visit with you. We intend to have at least one staff person present at MCC related conferences and gatherings. If there are other ways we can connect, let us know. We have staff who has traveled to: Colombia, Honduras, Haiti, Israel/Palestine and Zimbabwe.

They are available to speak on their experiences and learnings. Other staff are available to share on programs for young adults, Thrift Shops, peace and justice, immigration, anti-racism, anti- sexism, mass incarceration and preach.

We are here for you.

Thank you for being a part of MCC's ministry of *relief, development and peace in the name of Christ.*



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