



*Sharing God's Love  
in the name of Jesus Christ*

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## MCC Canner Operates at MRC'S New Facility

When the "MCC Canner-man", Abe Landes, heard that the MCC Canner truck was headed to our new facility, he kicked this year's canning operation into high gear. It was Monday, March 28th. Everything was ready: volunteers, cans, chunks of meat, boxes, food for the volunteers -- it was all ready to go!

Even though a few glitches delayed the operation's start time until after noon of that day, the volunteers worked feverishly and were able to produce 6,214 cans of meat throughout the remainder of Monday and all day Tuesday. Next year in 2012, we plan to operate for the entire three days.

A single can of meat will feed 10 persons at approximately 23 cents per meal. From MRC, the boxes of canned meat were shipped to the warehouse in Ephrata, PA. From that location, it will be sent to needy areas around the world. Some recipients get paid with meat for their labor, others receive meat in times of war, natural disaster or poverty. Total costs are covered by donations and volunteers contributing their labor.

**I was Hungry,  
and you gave me food  
I was Thirsty,  
and you gave me  
something to drink  
I was a Stranger,  
and you welcomed me.**



God bless all who made this effort a very rewarding time of service!



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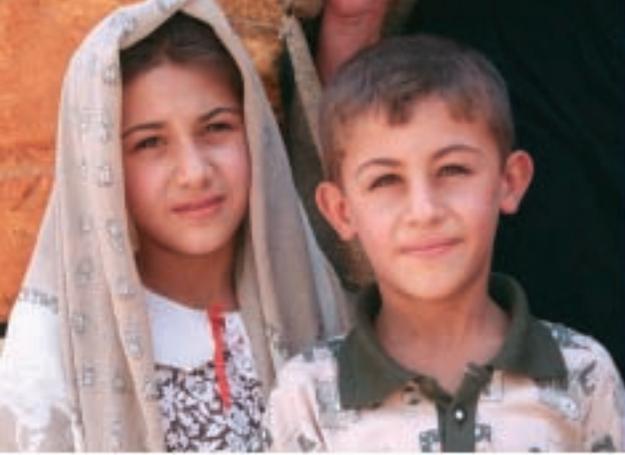
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## MCC School Kits Needed

Summer months are a good time to put MCC school kits together. When you buy school supplies for your children or grandchildren, pick up some extras for school children who receive school kits from MCC.



Last year MCC sent school kits to many countries including Afghanistan, Haiti and Jordan. Mrs. Seham Makhamreh, school director in Jordan says "For many, these kits may seem really simple but the reaction of those students when receiving and starting looking inside those kits cannot be described. I can assure you that the joy of those kits is reflected within the whole school as well as in the family of every student."

## Oyster Express News



In the spring of each year, MRC offers a bus trip to Harrison's Chesapeake Inn on Tilghman Island in Maryland. This fund raiser is an opportunity for MRC's constituents to get together, listen to MCC stories, have fun, sing, eat oysters (and other buffet choices) and just plain "have a good time".

This year, on April 8th and 15th, a bus full of MRC supporters made the journey once more. On the first trip, Henry Moore hosted the trip and Ken Sensenig, MCC East Coast Assistant Director was the speaker. Sharon and Gladys Hunsberger, as well as Addie Gehman provided the music. On the second trip, Sharon Swartzentruber hosted, Fred Kaufman, director of MCC Philadelphia shared stories and Rita Hoover led a spirited hymn sing.

A one-hour cruise along the Miles River in St. Michael's on the Patriot line, was another part of the trip that some persons chose to experience. Another option was to stay in town and stroll, shop or just sit on a bench and enjoy the beauty of the quaint town of St. Michael's – just a few minutes from the Inn.



A total of \$6,800 was raised for MRC's work through this enjoyable time!



**Annual Fried Oyster and Roast Beef Fundraising Dinner will be held October 29 at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School**



**Volunteer for an evening**

If your Sunday School class, youth group or other group would like to volunteer for an evening please call 267-203-8074 to schedule a time. **There will not be OPEN NIGHT** on the third Tuesday night during the summer months of June, July and August. Instead, please call to schedule evening volunteer times.



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### USED to USEFUL

MRC volunteers turn used T-shirts into useful rags which are sold to area businesses. If you have T-shirts that can no longer be worn bring them to the MRC, M-F from 9-3:00, or drop them in the drop off bin behind the building. We will turn them into useful rags.

The official registration and financial information of MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.