



Mennonite
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MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville



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in the name of Jesus Christ*

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Newsletter - Winter 2010

A Special Birthday Celebration



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When Alverda Landes recently celebrated her 80th birthday, her family honored her life with an open house party inviting her friends and family. In keeping with the life of service that Alverda lives, guests were invited to give donations to Mennonite Central Committee's Resource Center at Harleysville where Alverda enjoys volunteering at least one day a week. \$525 was given which Alverda donated to MRC.

The family also had a comforter available for knotting which was sewn together by some of Alverda's grandchildren.. The comforter will be donated as well to MCC in honor of Alverda. Alverda and her husband, Clayton, raised five children and she also worked part-time as her children grew up. Since her retirement she has enjoyed volunteering with Care and Share one day a week, hemming comforters knotted by the



residents of Souderton Mennonite Homes and other sewing projects for the MCC Material Resource Center. Service and joy in life seem to go hand in hand for Alverda!

Send your gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or whatever you feel led to give to:

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Make checks payable to MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville.

**Did you know that in 2009
MRC of Harleysville sent for distribution:**

77 AIDS kits	231 Relief Kits
332 Blankets	7288 School Kits
1886 Comforters	32 Boxes Soaps
2687 Health Kits	201 Sewing Kits
509 NewBorn Kits	763 Grocery Bags
35 Skids of Books for Book Savers	



Norman Good opening the door to the new MRC Building



Penny Power Project



Up to \$50,000
of the 2010
"Food for All"
collection at the
PA Relief Sale
will be matched
by a donor!

Once again, it is time for the annual Penny Power Project. The project this year is Food for All. Drought, violence, floods, lack of land, no money for seeds and tools – the causes of hunger vary. The world produces enough food for everyone, yet millions go hungry every day. MCC projects like Penny Power help hungry people have food for today, grow food for tomorrow, and share food for all. MCC is committed to helping to alleviate hunger around the world.

So, how can you help? Involve your family by placing a container on your kitchen table or counter where you can place your loose change on a daily basis. On Sunday, take turns letting family members place your coins in the jug at church. Perhaps a family or Sunday School class would be interested in matching what is collected by your church. Last year, one family invited all the neighbors on their street to drop their coins into the family's container. There are many ways to help this project grow. As in the past, up to \$50,000 of the 2010 "Food for All" collection at the PA Relief

Sale will be matched by a donor!

The last day to bring your change (and bills) to your church is Sunday, March 7. Your Penny Power coordinator should bring your jug to the Harleysville MRC at 737 Hagey Center Drive (off Schoolhouse Road) on Monday, March 8. Our Center is open from 9 AM to 3 PM. Thank you for your help.

If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness and your night will become like the noonday. Isaiah 58:10

MRC Has Moved!

We invite anyone
who would like
to be involved
at the MRC
to come and visit.

The Harleysville Material Resource Center (MRC) began its work in 2003 in an old Indian Creek Foundation Building on Indian Creek Road. Many know the location as the farm where the Apple Butter Frolic takes place each year. It is time to say good bye to the 3,000 square foot space where thousands of kits, quilts, blankets and other items have been processed to be sent to MCC.



Steve Halteman and Abe Landes receive school kits from Bailey Kratz

MCC School Kits

Perkasie Mennonite Church made 833 school kits in 2009, 1030 school kits in 2008 and 825 school kits in 2007. This project is one that everyone in the congregation gets involved in either through helping to make the bags, buying supplies, giving money or helping fill the bags. The congregation schedules a special night to fill the bags, inviting families in the neighborhood to join in. Linda Gahman, who had a drapery business, donates the fabric scraps along with her basement space to make the bags.

The Harleysville MRC has officially moved to its new 11,000 square foot space on Schoolhouse Road next to the Hagey Bus Company. About 25 volunteers packed and moved the center during the last week in January. "We couldn't be happier with our new space," said Abe Landes, the MRC board president. "The new location will allow us to substantially increase the number of items that we can provide to those in need in our world."



Moving Out (above) • Moving In (below)

The new space will allow for the baling of clothes and other items from the Care and Share Shop that were previously shipped to Ephrata for baling. Cardboard will also be baled and sold to help with the cost of operating the new space. A loom for rug making, space for the MCC canner, a gift shop, and an educational area to accommodate youth groups, are all possible because of the increased space.

We are very grateful for the present group of volunteers who have faithfully given of themselves in the past years. We invite anyone who would like to get involved at the MRC to come and visit. We will be happy to give you a tour and help you find an area where you can help. An open house to celebrate the move will be held this spring.

