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Greetings Friends,

A happy new year from all of us in MCC Ontario Material Resources! As we look back on the previous year, we're so grateful for the generosity of each one of you and the impact you've had in our work this year. It has been a busy couple of months capping off a busy year and your partnership has been a vital resource for us.

After some significant delays in our shipping schedule we finally sent off our first container for the year in November, to our partners in Ukraine. It's loaded with a mixture of everything we have to offer, from comforters to relief kits, and hygiene kits to infant care kits. It should help fill a broad variety of need for those living daily in the conflict zone, and act as a very concrete reminder that those of us donating here in North America remember them. We appreciate continued prayers for the container's safe travel, arrival, and distribution as it arrives in the hands our partners.

In my last letter I mentioned there would be more information forthcoming about the Centennial Blanket Blitz, and for those of you waiting with anticipation I have some more details to share. Save the date of Saturday January 18, 2020 for your sewing groups to join in with people all over North America as they make blankets for MCC's relief work. Let us know where and what time your group will be joining in with this Blanket Blitz so we can track participation and celebrate together!

Looking ahead in this year we're excited by the possibilities 2019 holds for us in Material Resources. With your help we will continue the longstanding tradition of Material Resources in MCC, and grow to send more aid from Ontario and improve our practices. As always we love to hear from you regarding our work and want to make ourselves available to help you. If you need questions answered, guidance in planning kit packing events or anything else, please let us know.

Blessings and thanks,

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Reid Kennel
Assistant Manager
Material Resources & Thrift on Kent

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Lebold".

Jon Lebold
Material Resource Manager



"I can finally sleep warmly. For two winters, my son and I were sleeping together with one old blanket; we were so cold. But now we can have nice dreams."

—Mother in central Iraq who received an MCC comforter

Donating *comforters*

Bringing warmth and sharing God's love

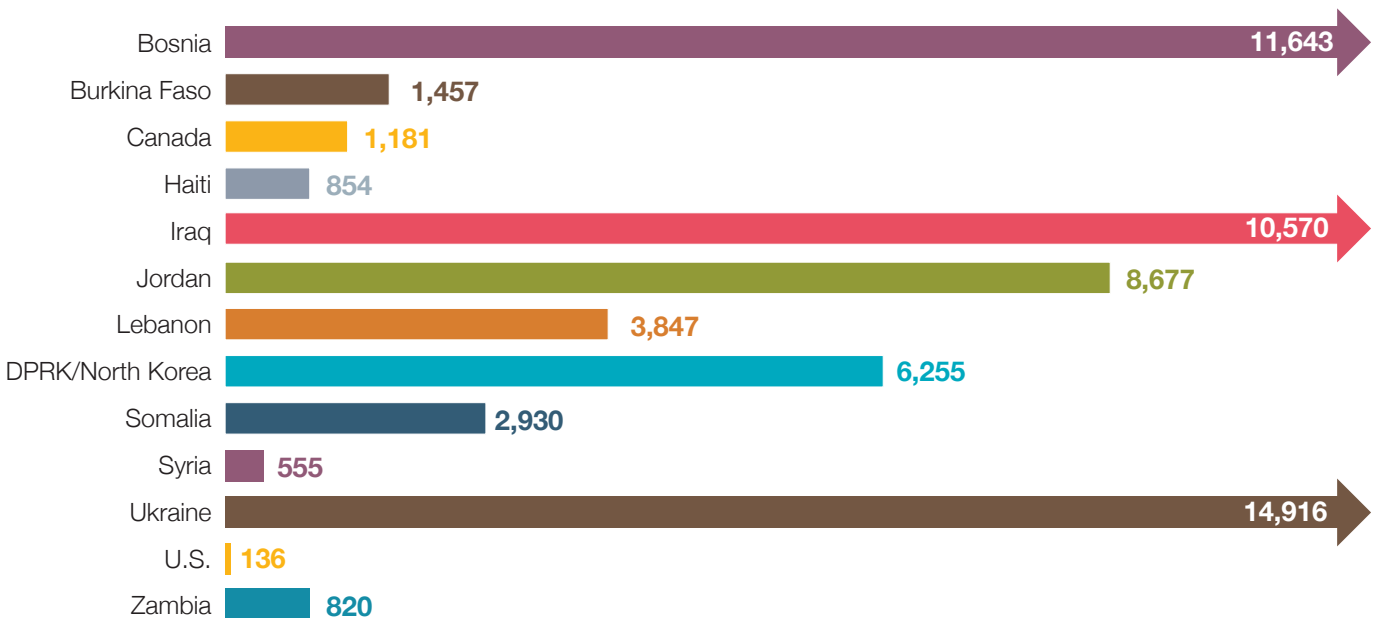


THANK YOU for your gift of comforters to families forced to leave their homes because of disaster or conflict. A hand-made comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

Libsenia Bogmwen receives MCC relief supplies in La Chapelle, Haiti, after Hurricane Irma, a category-five hurricane, struck the Caribbean region in September 2017, causing extensive damage. MCC distributed comforters, relief buckets and water purification tablets in conjunction with the local government. (MCC photo/ Annalee Giesbrecht)

Countries receiving MCC comforters

Shipped between April 1, 2017 — March 31, 2018



Total comforters
63,841

MCC continues to need a high volume of comforters. Make one today!

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