



Giving projects

LATIN AMERICA

Ecuador

Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador supports a variety of ministries in their community. There are currently four Sunday school classes for children ranging from 5 years old through high school. Workshops are conducted for teachers to help them develop into better educators, and to give ideas for planning different activities inside and outside of the classrooms. The church offers children's workshops in the El Inca neighborhood where children often turn to drugs, alcohol and gangs.

The church also seeks to offer hope to refugees who have lost their homes and, in some cases, their families and have had to flee their country. The church has a refugee house where families can live for a short time upon arrival in Ecuador, as they look for more permanent housing and job opportunities.

Here are some examples of projects that your money could support:

- **\$5** can help pay for children to attend the peace project in the El Inca neighborhood.
- \$25 helps to purchase Sunday school materials for children and youth.
- \$25 helps the church support a refugee family.

Colombia

Colombia Mennonite Church provides financial support as a part of helping new worshiping groups in various stages of development toward becoming recognized churches. Funds this year support nine of these groups. The worshiping

groups have many projects that help share the love of Christ with those around them.

Gifts that you give to this fund will help to support ministries of the Colombia Mennonite Church like these:

- **\$3.50 a month** helps the *Esperanza Viva* (Living Hope) Mennonite Church just South of Barranquilla to buy food and supplies for their program in which 50 children come each Saturday for Bible classes.
- **\$7** helps the *Rincón del Lago* (Corner of the Lake) Mennonite Church in Bogotá with one of their four workshops for 30 children on nonviolence, tolerance and respect.
- **\$3.50 a month** supports the Mennonite Church in Facatativá in purchasing food and supplies to help support 24 children by serving lunch twice a week, teaching Bible classes, and providing tutoring for their schoolwork.
- **\$3.50 a month** supports the Mennonite Church in Pereria in purchasing supplies for making puppets. They teach children to make puppets and then use them to tell stories from the Bible, and stories about values in peacebuilding, citizenship, and ecology.
- **\$3.50** a **month** supports the *Semillas de Esperanza* church in Ibague with the cost of snacks, materials and transportation for their nonviolent conflict resolution work with children and youth.
- **\$2.50** a month helps the *Semillas del Reino de Dios* Mennonite Church near Bogotá teach classes on kingdom values with approximately 60 children and youth.

Bolivia

Mennonite Mission Network partners with the *Iglesia Evangélica Menonita Boliviana* in areas of shared vision. There are now eight Mennonite congregations in Bolivia with a growing vision for mission and a need for more trained leaders. Your gift to support the Bolivia Mennonite Church will help to fund many ministries. Here are some examples:

- **\$640** helps support youth and adults participating in *Sirviendo a Cristo*, a 30-day discipleship program that helps deepen faith and prepare for mission involvements (\$16 average per participant). The first part will be in June/July and the second in November.
- **\$850** supports Anabaptist workshops a year for around 30–40 participants, including both church leaders and new believers. These are opportunities to learn more about Anabaptist biblical understandings as well as the history of their church. (\$350 for transportation, \$400 for materials, and \$100 for food.)
- **\$400** supports 30–40 leaders in two retreats a year. This is also a time when special themes can be presented.
- **\$2.50** helps a teenager to attend camp. (More than 300 adolescents and youth participate in three retreats during the year.)
- \$250 supports the training provided for Sunday school teachers. Around 20 teachers meet three times a year.
- **\$260** helps subsidize leadership training materials for church leaders.
- \$400 supports 30-40 leaders in three retreats a year. This is also a time when special themes can be presented. Another
 \$250 is budgeted to help make other brief workshops or seminars available to pastors.
- \$550 a year (\$45 a month) for transportation helps church leaders make monthly visits to five congregations to provide encouragement and counsel, and support the activities of the church.

ASIA

Give any portion of the total needed for these grants.

Hospitals in India: Support a grant sent annually to Emmanuel Hospital Association

in India, which disperses the grant 50-50 to two small hospitals: Sewa Bhawan Hospital in Jagdeeshpur, and Champa Christian Hospital in Champa. Both use these funds for capital improvement projects. (\$2,000)

Training small business owners: This is a grant to support long-term workers (names withheld due to security concerns) who are formally employed by Global Disciples, another Mennonite agency. They provide training for trainers in Africa and Asia for helping local church planters create small businesses to help themselves finance their ministries. **(\$73,000)**

Grant for theological education in Laos:

Annual grant to support educational opportunities for Laotian pastors, usually attending Bible college in Thailand. **(\$2,500)**

Supporting workers in Thailand: Pat and Rad Houmphan are appointed by Mennonite Church Canada and serve in partnership with Mission Network. The Borabu Church is a growing fellowship of believers seeking to reach out in their community and surrounding villages with the good news of Jesus Christ. **(\$21,000)**

Pastoral training in Thailand: An annual grant for ministries in Thailand, often used for pastoral training purposes. (\$1,200)

EUROPE

France

The Paris Mennonite Centre has the only Anabaptist library in greater metropolitan Paris. The Centre also hosts ecumenical dialogue encounters, social events, and a guesthouse. Here are some examples of ways your gifts may be used:

- \$25 helps to buy one French-language book for the PMC library.
- \$100 helps to ship a collection of Anabaptist history and theology books to Mennonites in French-speaking African countries. Paris Mennonite Centre is connected with the Francophone network (a French-speaking mission network). Also, things that Paris Mennonite Centre staff write or translate can be sent on to French-speaking African countries and serve as resources for them.

United Kingdom

Anabaptist church planters are working to share the way of Jesus in urban locations around England. **\$25** helps to subsidize church-planting training for new church planters.

Spain

For many years, the church in Burgos has been reaching out to their local community and to Christians around the world, and helping to redefine people's image of Christianity and Jesus. Burgos Mennonite Church is helping to share a different picture of Christianity. They are inviting people to take a new look at what it really means to follow Jesus. They have an active youth group and are always looking for new ways to reach out to youth in their community.

\$50 helps cover the cost of a youth retreat for youth relating to the Burgos Mennonite Church.

AFRICA

Benin

La Casa Grande, in Benin, is a home for children whose parents cannot care for them. **\$100** helps cover the living costs and education of a child living at *La Casa Grande*.

UNITED STATES

Christian Service programs continue to attract young adults, families and retired people to various kinds of ministry around the country. Mission Network programs include Mennonite Voluntary Service, Service Adventure, Youth Venture, Radical Journey and SOOP. Mission Network staff are also working with Racial/ Ethnic leaders to develop new service initiatives.

- **\$6** supports one Mennonite Voluntary Service participant for one day of service.
- **\$50** helps cover the cost of orientation for one first-year Service Adventure leader.
- \$100 helps young adults spend a year learning and serving around the world with the Radical Journey program.
- \$200 helps Christian Service staff meet with growing Racial/Ethnic churches to develop new service initiatives.

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