



# Festival & Sale For World Relief

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Sponsored by the Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale and Area Mennonite Churches

## Sale Summary 2008 Sale

Rebuilding homes was the theme of the 2008 Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale. The special project for the auction was rebuilding homes for victims of cyclones in Bangladesh. Every time enough funds were pledged to build a new house, youth were brought out of a simulated refugee tent. Wall hangings and special pieces with a house theme were sold at this time as well as the US traveling house block quilt. Nearly \$7,000 was raised for this project during the auction. The House Block project raised \$108,090 in Canada and the US in 2008!

This was an uplifting, lively, and happy sale. Music from the "Whistlepigs String Band" and "Menno' Faith", a men's group formed from local churches, helped make the atmosphere festive.

The children had a good time purchasing items at the children's table, at their auction and in the children's activity room. Here they could sit in a tent and feel what it was like to be a refugee. The theme of the entire room was providing shelter. Kids built buildings with LEGOs, filled school kits and bundled layette kits (this was especially enjoyed). An "MCC Story Shirt" was created by Colleen Graber and could be purchased and colored with fabric markers and taken home.

People unfamiliar with MCC received the message while they were on the premises that something good and worthwhile was happening here. All of the preparation made for a successful event and we thank all of the volunteers!

As a result of the November 2008 sale (which grossed \$84,294), four fundraising events, and a portion of the New Hope Church gift, TCMCC was able to contribute \$1,140 from Penny Power to the Laos Agriculture College, \$53,000 to the MCC general fund, and a designated \$7,176 to the Tents to Houses project for Bangladesh. This was more than the 2007 contribution, and was greatly

appreciated by MCC in these tough times. As in the past, half of the Penny Power funds raised, (\$1,140) were sent to an organization supporting Mennonite-affiliated Ukrainian orphanages, and this in turn generated a matching grant from a donor in Canada. For a local connection, \$2,165 was raised, along with clothing and personal care items for the St. Stephen's Thanksgiving Day Free Store. They were very pleased with our event and contribution.



## Thanksgiving Free Store

The Thanksgiving Free Store was given a huge boost last year when it was chosen as the local connection for supporting those who are homeless by the Festival and Sale for World Relief. The generosity of those who donated items or gave during the Live Auction were greatly appreciated. Over \$2,500 was raised. They will be back again in 2009 with an information table, and be an item in the Live Auction.

The Free Store had 530 shoppers on Thanksgiving Day 2008 at St. Stephen's School. The store had to close two hours early because they ran out of most items. The need will be even greater this year and a large increase in shoppers is expected. The goal for 2009 is to outfit 650 guests.

Stop by their information table and pick up last year's report from the Thanksgiving Day Free Store. Board members will be there to answer your questions.

Backpacks are a very popular item for shoppers and their children. Having portable storage is important to those who carry most of their worldly goods wherever they go. In addition to backpacks, men's belts, white athletic socks and new or slightly used winter jackets run out fast and would be appreciated. Start collecting now, and bring them November 7 to the Thanksgiving

Free Store table at the Festival and Sale for World Relief.

If you have any questions that just won't wait, call Jo Senander at 952-926-8390.

### Food for All



2009 MCC Food Assistance Project for Sudan, Zimbabwe, Burma

Food for All: "I was hungry and you gave me food." (Matthew 25:35) will be the theme for the special sale activities that will be scheduled during the 2009 1:00 to 1:30PM time slot. Our special project last year, "Tents to Houses", brought us tents and bare floors. Our project this year will bring us bread and baskets in various presentations that include a skit, a 12 loaves of bread cash bidding opportunity, a "Parade of the 12 Baskets" and various, auction items specifically focused on the bread/basket theme. An intergenerational Sunday School hour will be the formal kick-off for this activity.

Details for the half hour are being finalized so watch for more information in upcoming news releases.

### Donations Sought

The Children's Auction needs donations of items attractive to children. Items can be combined to be about a \$25 value, so donate what you have, and I will put it together. We also have a special request for pre-teen and teen books. Contact Evelyn Turner at 507-288-7554 or evelynturner1@msn.com. I will be in the Twin Cities periodically and will happily pick items up from your homes. Thank you! Evelyn Turner



### Festival Opportunities

The Twin Cities MCC Sale will again have the opportunity to be one of the vendors in the Marketplace at St Mary's Greek Orthodox Church Festival at 3450 Irving Avenue South in Minneapolis. This festival will be held on September 11, 12 and 13, 2009. In addition, we will also be participating in the St. George Greek Orthodox Church Festival at 1111 Summit Avenue in St Paul on August 22 and 23, 2009. Both of

these Festivals are exciting opportunities to display and market some of our smaller handicraft items, and they also offer unique opportunities to talk about our mission, traditions and our MCC sale.

### Sponsorship Opportunity

Voluntary donations are important to our TCMCC Relief Sale and we continue to depend upon them for the success of our sponsorship program. This concept has proven very successful and we wish to thank each of you who has sponsored a quilt or a wood product in the past. With the high level of interest in sponsorships continuing, we have found good sources for the product, representing variety and high quality.

We invite you as individuals, couples, families, friends or church groups to donate toward the cost of a quilt or wood item in the form of a sponsorship. With a \$300 donation you will be assigned to a quilt or wood item and your name will be listed in the auction booklet as the sponsor of that item.

You may indicate your desire to sponsor a quilt or wood item by completing the form below and mailing it with your donation to:

ELAINE UNRUH  
1669 YANKEE DOODLE RD. #316  
EAGAN, MN 55121  
Telephone: 651-994-9081  
e-mail elunruh2@aol.com

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Checks should be made payable to *TCMCC Relief Sale*.

Enclosed is my/our donation of \$300 for a quilt and/or \$300 for a wood item. Please indicate your selection by circling quilt and/or wood

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



## Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale Calendar

**August 22-23:** St. George's Greek Festival (St. Paul) Tentative plans to sell sewn and quilted items

**September 11-13:** St. Mary's Greek Festival (Minneapolis) Will sell sewn and quilted items. Last year was the first year with a table at the Festival Boutique. It was successful, lively and entertaining with a chance to talk with many people and raise some money.

**September 19:** House of Heinrich concert  
This should prove to be a wonderful concert again, with goodies to eat and a chance to meet old and new friends.

**November 14:** Festival and Sale for World Relief  
This is the date of the 9th annual sale. This year the theme will be "Food for All" with a not-to-miss half-hour at the auction.

**mid November:** Debriefing meeting  
Share your observations of the sale, and contribute to plans for the next year. Watch for the official date announced in church bulletins, emails, and date cards at the sale.

**end of November:** The World Jubilee  
Plans are to have a table at the Ten Thousand Villages room to introduce people to the 10th annual sale.

**Nov. or Dec.:** Benefit night at Ten Thousand Villages We hope to have a benefit night at Ten Thousand Villages during the holiday shopping season. A percent of the proceeds that evening would go to TCMCC.

*All dates and plans in italics are tentative at this point.*

### General questions about any of this?

Contact Thaine Dirks (sale board chair)  
612-724-6450 or lapha002@umn.edu

## Pre-Order Your Favorites!

Many people come to the Relief Sale with the hopes of taking home some extra Russian Mennonite food. This year we will be offering a way to pre-order verenika, prieshka/prescke and sausage so you won't be disappointed if supplies run out. Watch for the details in the next few months through email and the website, [tcmccreliefsale.org](http://tcmccreliefsale.org), or drop a card/letter to TCMCC Relief Sale, 2720 East 22nd St., Minneapolis, MN 55406 and ask for order forms and prices when they become available.

## Feature Quilt

You won't want to miss this year's feature quilt, truly a "one of a kind" work of art in a display quilt size, 56" x 56." **Faith, Hope, Love** was designed by McKenna Ryan from Hoffman Fabrics, who also designed the spectacular line of fabrics for the pattern.

The feature that takes your breath away however, is the hand appliqué on all nine blocks done by Karen Hauff of Shoreview, MN. The final touches of hand quilting around all the appliqué motifs and throughout the quilt was a gift to us from MCC Headquarters, Ephrata, PA. The soft neutral shades, including sage and soft blue, make it easy to fit into many decor themes.

Congratulations, Karen, on this beautiful quilt!



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## 2009 Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale Donor Form

### ***Donor Information:***

Name:	
Address of Donor:	
Phone (H/W)	Email:
Church Affiliation and Address:	

### ***Item Information:***

Type of Item (Queen Quilt, Art Piece, Wood Piece, or other Item):	
Unique Descriptors (color, design, size, type of wood, etc):	
Name of Quilt, Art, or Other Item:	Value of donated item (for silent auction items):

Please advise of your initial intentions as soon as possible. Final confirmation is needed by **September 1, 2009** for item to be included in the Mennonite World Relief Sale Auction Booklet.

Return form to:

Gene Friesen Wood and Art Vice Chair 6032 Boone Avenue N New Hope, MN 55428 <a href="mailto:efriesen@comcast.net">efriesen@comcast.net</a> Telephone: 763-537-4307	Elaine Unruh Quilt Vice Chair 1669 Yankee Doodle Road Eagan, MN 55121 <a href="mailto:elunruh2@aol.com">elunruh2@aol.com</a> Telephone: 651-994-9081	Evelyn Turner Children's Vice Chair 1038 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Rochester, MN 55904 <a href="mailto:Evelynturner1@msn.com">Evelynturner1@msn.com</a> Telephone: 507-288-7554
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**Note:** Ownership of product donated to the sale transfers at the time of donation from the donor to Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale. The placement in the sale of the donated product will be at the discretion of the Auction Committee. Product will not be returned to donor unless arrangements are made prior to auction with the TCMCC Auction Committee.

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