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## Mission Action Profile (MAP) in Israel

Israel is a country with ancient connections to the stories of the Bible, yet it also suffers from major divisions, injustice and violence between Israeli and Arab peoples. In this place of tremendous turmoil, Mennonite Church Canada Witness supports ministries that witness to Christ's gospel of peace, justice and reconciliation.

### **Mennonite Church Canada Witness**

*Encourages peace and reconciliation ministries by:*

- Promoting Anabaptist peace and justice traditions and inter-religious dialogue between Jewish, Muslim and Christian people
- Providing resources for North American Christians to understand and respond to current peace issues of the Israeli-Arab conflict.
- Educating Holy Land visitors by providing resources and leading tours.
- A monthly newsletter "MennoLetter from Jerusalem," about peace issues in Israel/Palestine, written by Witness worker Glenn Edward Witmer.

*To subscribe email [office@mennojerusalem.org](mailto:office@mennojerusalem.org)*

*Promotes reconciliation through Nazareth Village*

- A re-creation of what the town may have looked like 2000 years ago when Jesus lived here.
- Visitors learn about Jesus' land and culture, his teaching ministry and his purpose in coming.
- Visitors come from local Muslim, Christian, and Jewish communities, including many school children.
- In a country that has experienced much tension between Jewish and Arab people, Nazareth Village is a starting point for reconciliation.

*Website [www.nazarethvillage.com](http://www.nazarethvillage.com)*

**This year, Mennonite Church Canada Witness has committed \$23,400 for this work in Israel.** Your contribution is an important part of our shared commitment to this ministry.

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## Mission Action Profile (MAP) in Botswana

In Botswana it is estimated that up to 40 percent of active adults are infected with HIV.

Botswana abounds in vibrant churches, many of them initiated by Africans. They are seeking assistance in addressing the needs and opportunities in this country. Witness workers help build the churches foundation through teaching and leadership training. Unfortunately, the ministry is impeded by the AIDS epidemic.

### **Mennonite Church Canada Witness**

Workers, Glyn Jones and Susan Allison-Jones, seek to:

- cooperate with "African Initiated Churches" (AIC) through Bible teaching
- respond to the upheaval in church /community activities and relationships due to the presence of AIDS
- nurture and train leaders in the AIC churches
- help communities develop initiatives in dealing with AIDS-related issues

MC Canada Witness is a member of the Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) which partners with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and African Church groups to form Mennonite Ministries. Glyn Jones and Susan Allison-Jones are finding ways that Mennonite Ministries can respond to the AIDS crisis, especially in anticipation of an end to MCC's involvement in Botswana.

Your support allows the Allison-Jones family to teach leaders and encourage local initiatives in response to the AIDS epidemic. The church is working to break the silence around the disease of AIDS, share information so that people can stay healthy, and address the reasons for why the disease continues to spread so rapidly.

**MC Canada is investing \$68,000 in Botswana ministries to support this vital work.**

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