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Mission Action Profile (MAP) in England

The people of Britain, as in most of Europe, are abandoning traditional churches and no longer regarding Christianity as the basis for their ethical and spiritual direction. The London Mennonite Centre is challenging this trend through its empowering of congregations and individuals to ask new questions and provide alternate perspectives. Christians, dispersed in the various church traditions, are finding relevant insights in Anabaptism for their witness and faith community.

The London Mennonite Centre provides an array of resources for helping individuals engage their communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ in a language and manner that is making a difference. These resources include a library, a book order service, conflict mediation training and services, and seminars.

Vic and Kathy Thiessen, from the Holyrood Mennonite Church in Edmonton, were called to serve at the London Mennonite Centre in 2002. Vic is a sought after speaker who uses a number of themes including contemporary movies to help people reflect on the gospel message in their context. Kathy and their daughter Janelle help people use the resources of the centre, reflect on the needs of individuals and minister to people taking new paths on their faith pilgrimage. As a family, which also includes a younger daughter, Katrina, they are active in the only Mennonite church in England, Woodgreen Mennonite Fellowship.

Mennonite Church Canada Witness contributes \$32,400 to support the needs of the centre and the Thiessens in reaching out with an important alternative approach to the gospel in this post-modern context.

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Mission Action Profile (MAP) in Democratic Republic of Congo

Spanning the bulk of central Africa is a country with the second highest number (200,000) of Mennonites on the globe. In size, the Democratic Republic of Congo is slightly smaller than Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan combined. It is rich in mineral and agricultural resources, and has a plethora of tribal cultures and languages.

The Mennonite churches in DR Congo are engaged in evangelism and church planting efforts in neighbouring Angola and in various parts of their country even as they struggle to provide adequate training of their own children, members and leaders. Indeed many Congolese Mennonites, especially in the eastern regions, subsist with a meagre income and few meals. Yet their worship services resound with passionate and dynamic singing and preaching. In the midst of DR Congo's economic crisis and political instability, the Mennonite churches have set evangelism and economic development as their priorities.

Mennonite Church Canada Witness is privileged to partner with three Mennonite conferences in DR Congo as part of our role on a Partnership Council facilitated by Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission. Together, Congolese and North Americans are seeking how to provide leadership and significant funding for evangelism and mission efforts, Christian education programs, publishing, and theological/pastoral training.

Your support and prayer for this ministry is requested as difficult decisions are made about how to discern God's leading in the midst of more ideas and passion than funds.

MC Canada Witness is investing \$28,000 in 2005 in the Democratic Republic of Congo for evangelism, peace, education and service ministries of the Mennonite conference bodies.

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