

Mission



MercyCorps

Both the Peacemaking and Mission Committees at Faith Church support the work of MercyCorps as it brings emergency relief and development efforts to communities around the globe. Today, it helps more than ten million people each year recover from disasters, build stronger communities and find their own solutions to poverty. It has been an international leader in responding to the massive tragedy of the Indian Ocean tsunami, war in Afghanistan, massive food shortages in North Korea, ethnic conflict in the Balkans, economic transitions in Central Asia, and most recently the earthquake relief efforts in Haiti.

Book Distributions in Zimbabwe's Schools.

Imagine being in a school classroom with 40 other children and only having one book to share. This is what school is like for some children in Zimbabwe.

MercyCorps has been working there since 2002, helping orphaned children grow up to be strong adults. It has shipped over 20,000 donated books to eager school children, including high school math books, elementary-level reading and language books, and many more university textbooks on science, engineering and economics. It has dramatically improved the textbook-to-student ratio in over 50 schools in Zimbabwe. Its goal is to give these children, many of whom have lost one or both parents to AIDS, a fighting chance. Helping them receive an education is the first step in building a strong sense of self and preparing for the future.

Stoves Help Women Survive.

Already MercyCorps has helped more than 20,000 women in eastern Congo and thousands more in Darfur build fuel-efficient stoves--made from just sand, mud, rocks, and water. In both places these stoves ensure that women only have to leave the camps once or twice per week for firewood, which significantly reduces their burden and exposure to attack. It also teaches women how to make and sell the stoves in the local markets, so they can earn much needed income.

For more than 30 years, in the midst of economic collapse, political transitions, armed conflict, and natural disasters, MercyCorps has been helping millions of individuals, families and communities turn crises into opportunities for sustainable, positive change.