

## Bring coin containers to the **Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale**

at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds

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Children at Rumah Harapan in Southeast Asia lead their classmates in a song with mission workers Grace and Yugo. Besides teaching, Rumah also focuses on healthy practices and vaccinations for the children and parents alike. (Photo by Carmen Schrock-Hurst)

## Meeting children's basic needs Albania, Jamaica, Southeast Asia, Uganda

The **Joshua Center** in Albania serves children from the marginalized Roma people with education opportunities, life skills, hygiene practices, promoting literacy and teaching children about God's love. Your gifts to *My Coins Count* will help cover the center's operating costs, where a dedicated staff led by worker Norma Teles has been shaping their young lives for nearly two decades.

Maranatha School for the Deaf in Jamaica provides a Christian school environment for deaf students with care, love, community and spiritual instruction. Your gifts to My Coins Count will assist with educational expenses.

At the **Rumah Harapan** (House of Hope) in a slum on the outskirts of a major Southeast Asian city, children from the lowest rungs of society learn to read, sing and play together, learn how to stay healthy, and learn that despite their dire circumstances, God loves and cares for them. Your gifts to My Coins Count will assist with educational materials and supplies.

In Bundibugyo, Uganda, mission worker Alisha Justice is a registered dietitian who leads the **BundiNutrition program**. The health center treats and works to prevent severe malnutrition in the region. Your gifts will provide treatment and will be a blessing to mothers and families who visit the center.



Students participate in class at a kindergarten in Wadi El Zayneh, Lebanon. This kindergarten started in 2016 to give Syrian refugees and Palestinian refugees from Syria and Lebanon access to free kindergarten classes. (MCC photo/Matthew Sawatsky/January 2017)

## Responding to refugee crisis Syria and Iraq

MCC continues to meet the urgent needs of people affected by the crisis in Syria and Iraq. Throughout the past six years of war and violence, MCC has been able to continue to provide tangible hope through food, rent assistance, winter clothing, heaters and fuel, water, education and peace initiatives, including trauma healing.

An important part of MCC's relief work is in the lives of children that have been affected by this prolonged crisis. Your gift will help MCC meet these urgent needs.



A child receives an MCC hygiene kit and part of an MCC school kit at a facility that provides care and treatment for children with cancer. Staff from MCC partner Middle East Council of Churches distributed a shipment of relief kits to many neighborhoods in war-torn Aleppo, Syria. (Photo courtesy of MECC/July 2016)



