



New Hamburg
**Mennonite
Relief Sale**



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Dear fellow quilters,

Thank you! Words cannot express the appreciation we have for the many quilts that were submitted for the 2022 NHMRS quilt auction. Each quilt was unique and obviously created with dedication and love. The successful bidders were thrilled with their purchases and marveled at the beauty of your creations.

2022 Sales Results:

- 25 Vintage quilts (sold on Friday night) for \$2740 (vintage quilts are those made more than ten years ago or have been used)
- 214 Quilts (sold on Saturday) for \$133,100.

Because of you, communities around the world are experiencing positive change. Villages that relied on contaminated river water now have wells with clean, safe water. Neighbours who once experienced religious tension are learning how to repair broken relationships. Mothers displaced by conflict can bring their children back from the brink of malnutrition with access to nutritious foods.

It is difficult to fully communicate the depth of your impact. We were amazed to learn about several communities in Burkina Faso where infant mortality has plummeted by 83 per cent thanks to a health project supported by people like you. This translates to 26 fewer child deaths per year in these communities.

As we look forward to the 2023 sale, please keep in mind the factors that help to increase the value of quilt:

- Quality and consistency of fabric and workmanship
- Using current colours and patterns
- Many beds are now queen size or bigger so larger bed quilts are more desirable and sell for higher prices.

Before you submit your quilt, please trim off strings and loose threads and check to ensure there is no lint or animal hair. Also, please ensure that all spots, markings, and stains are removed.

We also want to note the importance of ensuring you have permission to use a quilt design. Recently, one of the MCC quilt auctions in the United States was advised to stop using a quilt pattern or face legal consequences. Published patterns in books or magazines or individual patterns are generally okay, but a quilt pattern taken off the internet may not be. Please follow-up with the designer to get permission and note the designer on the quilt form.

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Our long serving and dedicated craft tent coordinators stepped down last year and we are in the process of searching for someone (or a group of someones) to lead this team in 2023. Let us know if you are interested in taking on this important task. Please hold your craft items until we have clarification regarding the craft tent.

Thank you again for your hard work and ongoing support. Attached is the 2022 quilt form and drop-off instructions. Please be sure to read and follow them closely.

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

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