

30 years of Faithfulness
Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief
April 19, 2015, 2:30 p.m.
Lebanon Mennonite Church

Welcome	Brent Kauffman, Pastor
"To God Be The Glory"	Hymn #102
Introduction of Speaker	Jerry Barkman, PNMHS President
Address	Bill Braun
Offering	
Pictorial Review	Don Bacher
Panel Discussion	Margery Barkman Faye Claassen Larry Passmore Margaret Shetler Judy Stutzman
Closing Words	Ron Litwiler, Fall Festival Chair

The Oregon Fall Festival for World Relief.

Beginnings

- A. First meeting of the MCC Oregon Relief Committee was held on May 25, 1961. Its purpose was to be the contact between MCC and the Mennonite constituencies in Oregon.
- B. 1978-1983, Mennonites were involved in the Oregon State Fair, through the sale of Self-Help items. During this period, \$28,112 was raised for MCC.
- C. First relief sale was held on October 13, 1984 at the Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, Oregon. Kate Brenneman was the director. She continued on until 1988.
- D. The 1986 sale was moved to the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany, Oregon. Following sales were held at the same venue until the old fairgrounds were condemned and the new fairgrounds were completed in 1997. Current sales continue to be held at the Linn County Fairgrounds.
- E. Two "House Against Hunger" projects were completed in 1996. The first was located in Lebanon, Oregon, and the second in West Salem, Oregon.
- F. The first bike tour was held in 1998 with events currently being held on a bi-annual basis.
- G. The total amount of funds raised from 1984 – 2014 from all sources is \$2,488,644.00.