## **M&M** Cookies

1 cup shortening (I use margarine)

1 cup firmly packed brown sugar

2 tsps vanilla

2 eggs

2 ½ cups sifted all-purpose flour

1 tsp baking soda

1 ½ to 2 cups M&M Plain Chocolate Candies (3/4 pound)

- 1. Blend shortening and brown and granulated sugars in a large bowl. Beat in vanilla and eggs. Sift remaining dry ingredients together; add to sugar-egg mixture, blending well. Stir in ½ cup (I use a cup) of candies (reserve remaining candies for decorating).
- 2. Drop from teaspoon on ungreased cookie sheet; decorate tops with remaining candies (I usually put three on top). Bake in moderate oven (375°) 10 minutes or until golden brown.
- 3. Remove cookies with spatula to wire racks; cool completely. After baking, some candies may be slightly cracked. This adds texture and interest to cookies still the same delightful flavor.