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## Cultivadores Pick Up Needed Supplies from Midwest Mission



On **Thursday, April 4**, long-time partner, **Cultivadores**, came to Midwest Mission and picked up a load of supplies to bless people in need in Rantoul, IL.

Cultivadores is a non-profit based out of Rantoul that has a mission to take a healthy approach in providing or locating services for families in their community. Established in 2004, Rev. Nelson Cuevas and his team have worked hard to meet the pressing needs of their community, answering God's call to love our neighbors.

They serve Rantoul through social services, counseling, a food pantry, youth programs, summer camps, and day care.

We partner with Cultivadores to provide needed hygiene and school supplies, as well as bikes,

that they can give to those in need.

Their organization received **400 Student Kits** containing basic school supplies, **408 UMCOR Hygiene Kits**, and **12 bikes** from Midwest Mission.

**The value of this disbursement was \$12,669.76.**

These items will truly bless those who receive them. Each item they receive has been prayed over, and each recipient has been prayed for by our dedicated volunteers.

No one should be without basic resources. One gift, one Kit, could completely

change the outlook of their life, by providing hope and empowerment, and a little encouragement that things can truly get better. More importantly, they are shown the love of Christ in a practical way.

## PERMANENT COLLECTION SITE *News*

Midwest Mission has been blessed with volunteers across the Midwest who give of their time, energy and resources to assist us in carrying out God's mission to help those in need. Some of these volunteers use the facilities God has blessed them with to provide a donation collection point for needed supplies. These are our Permanent Collection Sites!

Find their contact information at [midwestmission.org/permanent-collection-sites](https://midwestmission.org/permanent-collection-sites).

### What's Happening @ Permanent Collection Sites?

**Nebraska City FUMC, Nebraska City, NE** – Dean Thompson reported that they are working hard on their Sleeping Mat project and have collected bicycles for Midwest Mission. He will be delivering these when he comes to our warehouse in June if not sooner.

**Glenwood UMC, Glenview, IL** – Ethyl Doyle shared that the church is planning a rummage sale and they hope to collect bicycles & sewing machines for Midwest Mission. We will be excited to see what you can collect!

**Mequon UMC, Mequon, WI** – Joe & Karen shared that their church will be collecting 5 gallon buckets with lids and work gloves for their Annual Ingathering. Thank you for thinking of Midwest Mission!

**Pathway Methodist Church, St Joseph, MI** – Ron wanted to let us know that they are including our needs list in their church bulletins and have sent three bicycles & much needed medical equipment to our warehouse. They also created a lot of interest by displaying their loom during Easter service.

**Emmanuel UMC, Noblesville, IN** – Pat is working with Midwest Mission to get proceeds from four Rice Meal Packs, bicycles, and three and a half pallets of Cleaning Kits to our warehouse. Thank you so much!

If your congregation is interested in becoming a new Permanent Collection Site in 2024, please contact [teresa@midwestmission.org](mailto:teresa@midwestmission.org) for more information.

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Psalm 119:49-50*

## Midwest Mission Weekly Projects Work of the Mission Volunteers

### Work Done

- 250 Personal Dignity Kits
- 520 Layette Kits
  
- Bike Shop
- Desk Shop
- Sewing Machine Shop
- Poly Shop
- Rice Meal Prep
- Counting into Inventory
- Bag Wipes
- Off-site Pack Prep

### Mission in Motion

6,285 Rice Meals

- Home State Bank - Jefferson, IA

### Disbursements

- CICIM, Decatur, IL: 233 Furnishings Value: \$932.00
- Cultivadores — see story above

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Glen Carbon, IL



Karen Chumbley  
Savoy, IL



Donna Downen  
Tolono, IL

## Volunteer Teams

### Illinois



Simpson Group  
Springfield, IL



First UMC  
O'Fallon, IL



Taylorville UMC  
Taylorville, IL



Wesley UMC  
Bloomington, IL



**River of Life UMC**  
Beloit, WI



**Gibson City UMC**  
Gibson City, IL



**Plainfield UMC**  
Plainfield, IL

**Athens UMC**  
Athens, IL  
Not Pictured

**Linda and Alan Simonson & Friends**  
Hartsburg, IL  
Not Pictured

## Iowa



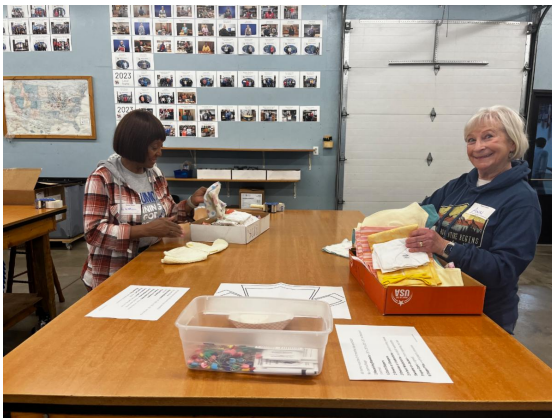
**Carol Etzel and Jayne Cassidy**  
Fort Dodge, IA



**Rus and Tony DeBonis**  
Cedar Falls, IA



Ruthven UMC  
Ruthven, IA



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## Disaster Relief Supplies Sent Across the United States



This week at Midwest Mission, we had the opportunity to spread hope and empowerment across the Midwest. There were two disbursements within the United States that were sent out to meet the needs of those in crisis.

The first disbursement went to [Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky](#). We have partnered with Red Bird Mission in the past, after a string of disasters swept through the area. Once again, they are experiencing devastating flooding. Red Bird notes that “the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area.”

Red Bird Mission works hard to care for their community. In the midst of a crisis, they step up. The 1,440 requested UMCOR Hygiene Kits we were able to provide, will help them meet needs following the flooding in the area.

We also sent 1,344 requested UMCOR Hygiene Kits to the Cheyenne River Youth Project (CRYP) in Eagle Butte, South Dakota. According to their [website](#), “The Cheyenne River Youth Project is dedicated to giving our Lakota youth and families access to the culturally relevant, enriching, and enduring opportunities we need to build stronger, healthier communities and a more vibrant future together.”

We are grateful for the opportunity to provide needed resources to both of these strong communities in the midst of uncertain times. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus, to show God’s love in a practical way. Our prayer is they feel the

love of God and His people, and that these supplies will provide a window of hope for their future.

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Midwest Mission is one of seven cooperating depots in the UMCOR relief supply network. Midwest Mission is not funded or run by UMCOR but receives, assembles, and stores all UMCOR Kits and disburses them upon the request during disasters in the United States.

To learn more about our UMCOR partnership, visit [midwestmission.org/umcor](http://midwestmission.org/umcor).

## Reusing God's Resources at Midwest Mission



We have all heard of the three R's of waste management; reduce, reuse, and recycle. Recycling is often considered the most important out of the three, but reusing is equally, if not more, important than recycling. Reusing is the

act of taking an item you might not use anymore and finding a new use for it. Here at Midwest Mission, reusing is an important part of our mission.

We accept donations of items that you might have at home, but no longer use. We reuse and refurbish these items to give them a new life. These items are then sent all over the world to help people in need. We reuse and refurbish bleacher wood, medical and orthopedic equipment, sewing machines, billboard advertisements, and so much more!

When a school is redoing their gymnasium, they might remove and replace their wooden bleachers. But what happens to all the old bleacher wood? Schools can donate their bleacher wood to Midwest Mission, and we give it a new life, by making it into desks. In our desk shop at Midwest Mission, we scrap the gum off the bleacher wood (seriously!), sand the pieces down, cut them to size and then assemble them into desks. These desks are then disassembled for easy shipping. Then, the desks are sent to schools all over the world so that students have a sturdy surface to work on.

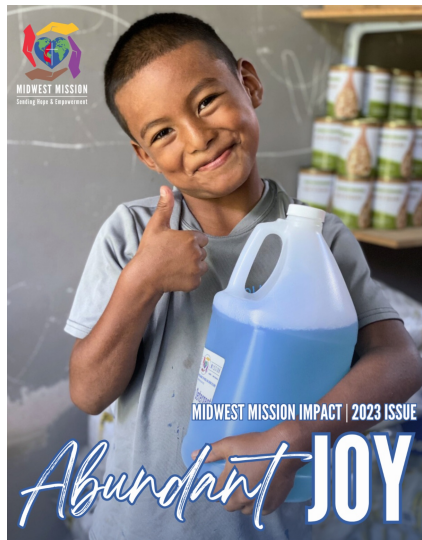
We can also reuse medical and orthopedic equipment. We all might have some medical equipment that we are holding onto just in case we or someone we love get injured in the future. But those items that we are holding onto for "some day," someone around the world or even around the corner needs today. We accept donations of these items and send them out when someone requests them so their lives are not disrupted by their injury. Your donation could mean someone who has always lived a life of dependence, could finally live a life of freedom and independence. Midwest Mission accepts leg braces, walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, home care beds, and so much more.

We also refurbish used treadle and electric sewing machines in our sewing machine shop. Some of us might have a sewing machine at home that we use for a hobby, but for many people around the world, a sewing machine can be their saving grace.

We accept donations of new or used sewing machines that are in good working condition that will be refurbished. These refurbished sewing machines are then sent to nonprofit organizations all over the world where they teach people how to sew so they can make items for their families or to sell.

Another item we are able to creatively reuse are billboards. We have all seen billboards on the side of the road, and you might wonder where they go when a new sign is put up. Billboards are typically made of steel, wood, or a combination of both. The advertisement on them, however, is made of a vinyl sheet. When the company Lamar Advertising takes down one of these vinyl sheets, they send them over to Midwest Mission. We are able to transform these vinyl sheets into tarps, sending them internationally when a disaster happens.

Reusing is an important part of our mission here at Midwest Mission. We are able to creatively refurbish a variety of items and give them a new life. We reuse gymnasium bleacher wood to create desks for students all across the globe to have something sturdy to work on. We reuse medical and orthopedic equipment so people's lives are not interrupted by their injury. In our sewing machine shop, we refurbish used treadle and electric sewing machines that will be sent to nonprofits globally where they teach people how to sew so they can make items for their families or to sell. We also reuse billboard vinyl sheets as tarps that are sent out after a natural disaster. Visit [midwestmission.org/collect-donate](https://midwestmission.org/collect-donate) to learn about all the things you could donate, and give a new life.



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- Bike Shop
- Desk Shop
- Sewing Machine Shop
- Poly Shop
- Counting into Inventory
- Off-site Pack Prep
- Sewing
- Cleaning

### Mission in Motion

1000 Rice Meals

- Olney FUMC, Olney, IL

### Disbursements

- Red Bird Mission, Inc., Beverly, KY; 1,440 UMCOR Hygiene Kits Value: \$17,280.00
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Savoy, IL



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Tolono, IL

## Volunteer Teams

### Illinois



**Sewing Group First UMC**  
Springfield, IL



**Catherine Brookens**  
Taylorville, IL



Great Plains Conference UWF  
Nebraska and Kansas



Green Trails UWF  
Chesterfield, MO



Douglas Avenue UMC  
Springfield, IL



Catherine and Cassia Brookens  
Taylorville and Owaneco, IL

## Iowa



Swaledale UMC  
Swaledale, IA





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## Two International Shipments Made Possible Through Partnerships



What a blessing this week was! We were able to send out two international shipments to meet the needs of those in crisis around the world.

We are reminded this week of how much good we can do in the world when we work *together*. This world is full of division, and that's never going to go away. The world tells us to divide, to alienate one another. When COVID happened, that brought in new levels of separation and division. But we are called to *togetherness*. We, especially as Christians, must make the choice to come together and work with one another so more good can be done — so more people have what they need in Christ's name.

Midwest Mission is blessed to be able to work with so many amazing organizations and people, all with the goal of doing good in the world.

These two shipments were sent through two of our international partners — Food For The Poor and Northstar Foundation. These organizations work with numerous nonprofits on the ground to disburse the requested items. Several of the items donated were from our corporate partners who generously give what they cannot use. And, none if it would happen without the hundreds of volunteers and donors who make this ministry possible.

None of us can change the world alone. None of us *should* do it alone.

But together, we can make a real difference in people's lives — giving them hope and empowerment for their future.

Once again, we were reminded of this *togetherness* as we crowded around the shipments to pray. The names of churches and individuals were read off in the spirit of sharing just how much goes into a single shipment. A church in Illinois built Kits at their church, a church in Wisconsin came down to volunteer at Midwest Mission Iowa, individuals came to Midwest Mission in Pawnee ... and the list went on.

Around the prayer circle was the Great Lakes Team. The group is made up of 18 people, from two different states, and eight different churches, all coming together to serve alongside one another. What a beautiful example of what the Church can do when we work together!

The first container of supplies is headed for Jamaica through Food For The Poor. It included bikes, sewing machines (electric and treadle), Layette Kits, Rice Meals, Cover Them With Love Quilts, Mobility Carts, Student Kits, Tarps, and other cleaning, medical, and hygiene supplies. The value of the shipment was \$170,961.00.



The supplies on the second container will be going to Guatemala. Northstar Foundation (who we have worked with for our Ukraine shipments) connected us with Hope of Life International in Rhode Island. The container — full of Rice Meals, Personal Dignity Kits, gloves, and cleaning wipes — will land in Rhode Island, where Hope of Life will add these items on several different shipments to Guatemala. The value of this container was \$148,793.70.

It takes a village. And we are SO grateful for our village of volunteers, donors, partners, and prayer warriors who pour out love on people in need around the world and around the corner.

## Serving With Midwest Mission from Home

Did you know we have many opportunities for you to serve people around the world from right where you are?

From sewing to weaving, assembling Kits to collecting items, there's something for everyone. Visit [midwestmission.org/at-home](http://midwestmission.org/at-home) to learn more about ways you can start getting involved where you are.

If you've been serving from home, let us know. We love to share what people have been doing!

Here are two recent stories that have been shared with us:



### Girl Scout Troop 6457

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois, Troop 6457, led by Kelly Dunkirk, has been getting involved in our mission through the Sleeping Mat Project! The girls have loved cutting the bags, and looping them together. They've even made a mat! Thank you, Girl Scouts!



### Sewing Group from Auburn UMC, Michigan

Becky Jenkins, long-time supporter of Midwest Mission and former board member, shared about her sewing group. The group was *busy* in 2023, making a total of **3,581 items** for several different organizations, including Midwest Mission.

Of the 3,581 items, 856 were made at the church while their sewing group met, and 2,725 items were made at home! An average of seven people gather at their church as they sew and fellowship, with many more at-home workers.

They've made diapers and receiving blankets, outfits and dresses, school bags, washcloths, and more.



Thank you for using your talents to serve people in need, that you might never meet. The work

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*" Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."  
Galatians 6:2*

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- 80 Personal Dignity Kits
- 18 Desks
- 1,160 Student Kits
  
- Bike Shop
- Desk Shop
- Poly Shop
- Off-site Pack Prep
- Cleaning
- Grounds keeping
- Trace Patterns
- Paint Truck

### Mission in Motion

6871 Rice Meals

- Plainfield UMC - **Plainfield, IN**
- Lake Williamson Christian Center - **Carlinville, IL**
- Riverside UMC - **Moline, IL**
- Brookville UMC - **Brookville, IL**
- Great Lakes Team - **MI and WI**

50 Student Kits

- Jerome UMC - **Springfield, IL**

### Disbursements

- **Food For The Poor**, Jamaica — see story above
- **Northstar Foundation**, Guatemala — see story above
- **Savoy Food Pantry**, Savoy, IL; Redirect Food Items **Value: \$25.50**

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# Volunteer Teams

## Illinois



**Great Lakes Team**  
Michigan and Wisconsin



**Grace UMC**  
Jacksonville, IL



**Batestown UMC**  
Danville, IL



**St. Joseph UMC**  
St. Joseph, IL



**Monticello UMC**  
Monticello, IL

# Iowa



Windsor UMC  
Des Moines, IA





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## Every Personal Dignity Kit in the Building is Headed to Guatemala



One question people ask about Midwest Mission is “how long are items in the warehouse before they get shipped out?”

The answer to this question depends on what the items are, if they are common requests or if we are waiting to see where they will go, and sometimes it depends on how quickly shipping companies can get shipping containers to us.

Kits generally don't sit on the shelf

longer than three months, and it tends to be much shorter than this. Kits are heavily requested items with vital resources for those in the midst of crisis, so they cycle in and out the warehouse very quickly.

Personal Dignity Kits specifically go out really fast — and this week was a prime example.

On Tuesday, April 23, we sent our 12th international shipment of the year. This was an Angels of Hope shipment that will be disbursed in Guatemala. Angels of Hope shipments are full of supplies solely for children's homes. Because of this, the container is packed full of Personal Dignity Kits, Home Care Kits, and disinfectant wipes. All of these items will help the homes be a healthy environment for their kids to grow up in.



As the team loaded the container, Brad Walton, Operations Manager, realized they could fit more Personal Dignity Kits, so he gathered *every last Personal Dignity Kit that was on the shelf*. They added the Kits, and added a few more Home Care Kits, and realized there was *still more room!*

When the shipping container had first arrived, a group from Laurel UMC in Springfield was unloading their [Off-Site Personal Dignity Kit Assembly](#) that they hosted on Monday. Remembering this, Brad decided to take six boxes from their event, and add them to the shipment, to complete the packed-full container.

Talk about turn around time... those boxes of Personal Dignity Kits were in the warehouse for *less than one hour* before they were shipped out!

After this shipment, **we don't have a single full pallet of Personal Dignity Kits ready to go out.**

You can help us.

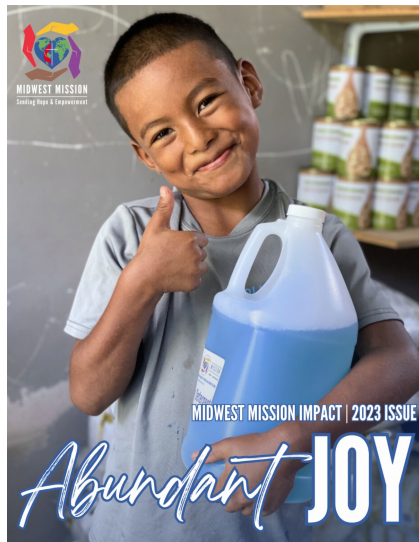
Get your family, small group, or coworkers together, and have a mission moment right where you are! You can purchase the supplies needed (see the list at [midwestmission.org/kits](http://midwestmission.org/kits)), and pack Personal Dignity Kits at home using [this video](#).

Then, when you are done, you can bring them to Midwest Mission, a [Permanent Collection Site](#) near you, or bring them to your UM Annual Conference Collection if they are hosting a Midwest Mission Truck — [click this link to see if your conference is participating](#).

Not interested in packing, but still want to help? You can purchase supplies for the Kit and have them sent directly to Midwest Mission! [Use this link to see what you can buy](#). And, as always, you can [make a monetary donation](#) towards the Kits.

Most importantly, you can pray! Pray that the items in this container will bless those who are recipients, pray for life change through knowing that they are loved by God and they have hope in Him. Pray that they will feel all the love that people around the Midwest put into the kits for someone they will never meet.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!



Our 2023 Impact Report is available for download! Using the button below, you can download the report and share with someone you know!

[Download](#)

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## April Church Bulletin Insert

We offer monthly church bulletin inserts that you can slide in your church's bulletin. These inserts keep your congregation up-to-date on our current needs and upcoming events!

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# CURRENT *Needs*

You can purchase these items at your local store and take them to Midwest Mission

or a Collection Site near you. You can also buy items online and have them shipped right to Midwest Mission.

### Onesies

(We are in BIG need of Onesies!! Please purchase when you are out, or click the link below.)

Size 0 - 6 Months, New  
[click here to purchase online](#)

### Day and Night Pads

You can make them at home using our patterns — [click here and scroll down to Feminine Hygiene Kit](#). Tips and tricks: [Click here to visit the page](#)

Or, you can purchase them online and have them sent to Midwest Mission — [Click here!](#)

### Personal Dignity Kits

Read the above article and learn more at [midwestmission.org/kits](http://midwestmission.org/kits)

## Prayers to Lift Up

Pray that the items in this container will bless those who are recipients, pray for life change through knowing that they are loved by God and they have hope in Him. Pray that they will feel all the love that people around the Midwest put into the kits for someone they will never meet.

*" But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. "*

*Jeremiah 17:7-8*

## Midwest Mission Weekly Projects Work of the Mission Volunteers

### Work Done

- 561 Personal Dignity Kits
- 1,140 Student Kits
- 80 Feminine Hygiene Kits
  
- Bike Shop
- Desk Shop
- Poly Shop
- Cleaning
- Grounds keeping
- Counting into inventory
- Informational folders

### Mission in Motion

7224 Rice Meals

- Hartford UMC - Hartford, WI
- Oak Creek Community UMC - Oak Creek, WI
- Wauwatosa UMC - Wauwatosa, WI
- Mt. Carroll UMC - Mt. Carroll, IL

270 Personal Dignity Kits

- Laurel UMC - Springfield, IL

### Disbursements

- CICIM, Decatur, IL: Hygiene Supplies, Furniture/furnishings Value: \$1,068.00
- Academic and Career Center Education Academy, Midland, MI: School Supplies Value: \$184.00

Midwest Mission is able to do this work because of your generous donations and willingness to volunteer.

Thank you!



# Share some GOD news with those you love!

Do you have family or friends that need some GOOD News - GOD News - to uplift them? If so please click on the button below and share the link provided. The more we can spread the word about the work God is doing here, the more we can make the world a happier place.

[Link to Share the Midwest Mission Newsletter](#)

## Ready to Get Involved?



Here are three ways you can get involved at Midwest Mission:

### 1. Host an Off-Site Event

We have several hands-on mission opportunities you can host at your location! Visit [midwestmission.org/off-site](http://midwestmission.org/off-site) to learn more. Contact Melissa Brookens at **217-483-7911** or [melissa@midwestmission.org](mailto:melissa@midwestmission.org) to book your event or for questions.

### 2. Serve From Home

You can serve people around the world from right at home! From sewing, to assembling kits, there's something for everyone. Learn how at [midwestmission.org/at-home](http://midwestmission.org/at-home).

### 3. Volunteer at Midwest Mission

We have dates available in 2024 and 2025! Have questions or need assistance in booking? Contact Pat Wright at [pat@midwestmission.org](mailto:pat@midwestmission.org) or **217-697-4063**.

[Click here](#) to check calendar openings and to reserve your spots.

2025 and 2026 Volunteer Calendar is open for dorm reservations!

Go to our [Reservation Calendar](#), log in, reserve your rooms, and submit payment for your Non-refundable Reservation Fee via credit card or electronic check. We will email you the Access Code to reserve Volunteer Shifts for your team. You must complete this step for your team to volunteer at Midwest Mission.

For local teams and individuals: Volunteer Shifts will only be available 3 months ahead of time. For example, December 1, 2023 you will be able to reserve Volunteer Shifts for March of 2024.

#### Midwest Mission Iowa

If you would like to do the Midwest Mission Experience at our Jefferson, IA location, visit [midwestmission.org/iowa](http://midwestmission.org/iowa) - or reach out to [Melissa Brookens](mailto:Melissa Brookens).

## Volunteers at Work

## Volunteer Leaders



Ron and Sharon Monroe  
Fairbury, IL

## Volunteer Teams

### Illinois



Sewing Group First UMC  
Springfield, IL



Grace UMC  
Lansing, MI



First MC  
Flora, IL



Union Reunion  
St. Louis, MO



**UMC**  
Knoxville, IL



**UMC Missions**  
Mahomet, IL



**First UMC**  
Beardstown, IL

## Iowa



**Grace UMC**  
Des Moines, IA



**Ames First UMC UWF**  
Ames, IA



We are so grateful for all our local and regular volunteers, and the time they give towards volunteering at Midwest Mission. We appreciate their passion and dedication to the ministry!

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