

June 6th, 2025



28th International Shipment of the Year

Medical Supplies Will Change Lives!



On Tuesday, June 3rd, the 28th international shipment left the warehouse! This shipment is destined for Guatemala City in Guatemala.

This shipment contained a lot of medical supplies. One of our core areas of ministry is health. When someone's health is in jeopardy, everything else is. When you aren't feeling well, or can't get around, it can affect your ability to go to work, attend school, care for your family, and more.

For many people around the world, access to basic medical help is limited. Something as simple as a wheelchair can be impossible to find, or unreasonably expensive for someone already living in poverty.

That's why Midwest Mission collects used walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, home care beds, orthopedic supplies, and many other new medical supplies. Together we can provide the resources to meet the medical needs of so many people around the

world.

So often, we tuck items away in a closet for “someday” we might need it again. But, we implore you to donate these items so that someone who needs it *today* can use it. And, it will change their life.

We learned of a young boy who had been paralyzed from the waist down since birth. For his entire life, he had to rely on other people to take him to the bathroom, get him food, and go anywhere inside or outside of his home.

But then, he received a wheelchair from someone who had donated their used wheelchair to Midwest Mission. Since then, he has had independence! He can go where he needs to, when he needs to.

Before, there wouldn't have been a chance that he could work, and school was difficult, but now because he is mobile, he will be able to work as he grows up!

Because someone made a donation, his life was changed.

If you have medical supplies you'd like to donate, please take a look at [this flyer](#). You could change lives!

Also included in this week's shipment:

- 7,200 Rice and Soy Blessing Bags that will feed 43,200 people
- 6 Treadle Sewing Machines
- 34 Tarps donated by **Lamar Advertising**
- 38 Sleeping Mats made out of grocery bags
- 42 Coolers donated by **Dometic**
- 364 Cover Them With Love Quilts
- 60 Wheelchairs
- 178 Walkers
- 495 Pieces of orthopedic supplies such as boots, splints, and braces
- 151 Canes
- 76 Pairs of crutches
- Other medical supplies such as gowns, cast protectors, oxygen tubing, shoe covers, ultrasound gel, and more

Weight of the shipment: 23,931lbs

Value of the supplies: \$168,876.50

What's Stitching?

SEWING GROUP NEWS

Midwest Mission is blessed beyond measure with talented volunteers who stitch, knit and crochet beautiful Baby Sweaters, Children's Outfits, Cover Them with Love Quilts, Diapers, Day/Night Pads, School Bags and much more.

[What's Stitching?](#)



Laurie Collert (Woodsfield, OH):

Woodsfield United Methodist Church recently held an event called **Super Service Sewing Saturday**.

There were four project stations with a team captain at each station. The projects were: One-Handled Bags, Baby Kimonos, Reusable Feminine Hygiene Pads, and Boys Outfits (shorts and tanks). Each person could choose the project they wanted to complete.

The United Methodist Bishop in Ohio has been promoting the 3 F's: Faith, Fire, and Fruits. This sewing day was a great way to meet all three. They completed 17 bags, 7 boy outfits, 25 pads, and 10 baby kimonos, with many taking items home to complete. Of the 22 in attendance, 16 asked to do the project again. Looks like it may be the beginning of a sewing circle! They hope to have another sewing day early in June.

What a great way to teach many people at one time, and to get many people involved in sewing! Thanks for sharing this great idea, Woodsfield!





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Prayers to Lift Up

God, thank you for being there even when we have our doubts, even when we are struggling and don't know what is to come. We thank you for the plans you have for us and for the joy we feel in following you! Amen.

"and though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy"

-1 Peter 1:8

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- 90 Birthing Kits
- 404 Blessing Bags
- 16 Layette Kits
- 80 Student Kits
- 32 Tornado Kits
- 288 UMCOR Hygiene Kit
- 10 UMCOR Menstrual Kits

Disbursements:

- Harbor House- Superior, WI; 144 UMCOR Hygiene Kits and 60 UMCOR Menstrual Kits: **Value: \$3,168.00**
- Northcott Children's Home- Milwaukee, WI; 24 UMCOR Hygiene Kits and 60 UMCOR Menstrual Kits: **Value: \$1,728.00**
- Rooted and Rising.- Milwaukee, WI; 408 UMCOR Hygiene Kits and 110 UMCOR Menstrual kits **Value: \$7,536.00**
- Sew Much Joy, Glen Carbon, IL. 1 Treadle Machine and Fabric: **Value: \$712.00**
- Missouri UMC, Columbia, MO. 432 UMCOR Cleaning Kits and 200 Menstrual Kits. **Value: \$23,592.00**

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Jeff & Jane Johnson
Glen Carbon, IL

Illinois Teams



Salem UMC
Evansville, IN

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St James UMC
Kansas City, MO





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Three More International Shipments This Week!

Every week, things get more and more exciting! This week, three more shipments were sent to international partners. This makes 31 international shipments for the year!

There is so much beauty in a shipment. It's the culmination of many hands' work coming together to bless people we may never meet. A single desk is worked on by at least six or seven people before it's ready to go out. A single Kit has been blessed by several people who donated towards and assembled the Kit. One Rice and Soy Blessing Bag is touched by ten people before it lands in a box. And, each item is prayed over several times before it leaves the warehouse!

That's why there is so much gratitude in each and every shipment. We know it wouldn't happen without the hundreds of people who make each one happen. Every Kit, desk, pallet, and item is being shipped because of one of YOU.



The first shipment was sent to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, to our partner CEPUDO, through Food For The Poor.

It included:

- 9,600 Rice and Soy Blessing Bags that will feed 57,600 people
- 126 Midwest Mission Desks
- 1,680 Student Kits
- Woodworking equipment
- Puzzles and games
- Scrubber sponges
- New clothes donated by our partner, North Star Foundation
- 94 Walkers

Value: \$214,486.00



The second shipment is headed towards St. Georges, Grenada, a small island in

the eastern part of the Caribbean.

This included:

- 2,240 Student Kits
- 14,400 Rice and Soy Blessing Bags to feed 86,400 people
- 10 Wheelchairs
- 26 Pairs of crutches
- 68 Walkers
- 196 Orthopedic items
- 28 Cover Them With Love Quilts
- 105 Little Boy Outfits
- 4 Treadle Sewing Machines
- Medical supplies

Value: \$187,095.50



The third shipment of the week has a final destination of Honduras as well. This was an Angels of Hope shipment with supplies that will be distributed to children's homes around the country.

It included:

- 480 Home Care Kits
- 6 Mattresses
- 6 Bed Packs
- 35 Cover Them With Love Quilts
- 560 Personal Dignity Kits
- Cleaning wipes
- Scrubber sponges
- Games and puzzles

Value: \$38,624.00

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!

You can find their contact information at www.midwestmission.org/permanent-collection-sites.

Nebraska City First United Methodist Church Partners with Local School to Donate Bleacher Wood

The Nebraska City First UMC was a key in getting a donation of bleacher wood from the Nebraska City Public Schools. The team responsible included Dean Thomson (contact for the Nebraska City Permanent Collection Site), Howard Orndorff (Volunteer Leader at Midwest Mission), Paul Stevenson, Tom Hall, and Jon Habben.



When they heard about a potential bleacher replacement project at the local high school, they made sure to let the school know that people around the world could be impacted by their removed wooden bleachers.

Over four days, the team worked to take out the old bleachers, and get them ready to load onto a truck.

Volunteer driver, Jeff Honold, drove from Midwest Mission Iowa to Nebraska City to meet the great team, and pick up the bleacher wood.

Over 475 full-length boards were donated. A Team from Nebraska City First UMC is at Midwest Mission in Illinois this week, and were ecstatic about the donation.

Thank you, Nebraska City, for your dedication in getting this wood! So many more students around the world will have a solid, sturdy space to work, which will aid in

their education.

An article was published about this great endeavor in The News-Press. [You can read the full article here.](#)



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“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

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- Springfield Park District- Springfield, IL: 40 Bikes: Value: \$3,600.00
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Houston UMC
Rushville, IL



First UMC
Springfield, IL



Pamela Woodard George
Conway, AR



Grace UMC
Jacksonville, IL



St Joseph UMC
St. Joseph, IL



United Women in Faith
Bellflower, IL

Iowa Teams



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Iowa





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Midwest Mission Iowa Celebrates 2nd Anniversary!

Midwest Mission Iowa, Midwest Mission's first satellite site, opened its doors two years ago on June 17, 2023 with an exciting grand opening celebration. The purpose of the site? To get more people involved in the western part of the Midwest, so that more supplies are cultivated, and therefore more people around the world and around the corner have what they need.

It has been a huge success! The word has spread, and people are eager to get involved and learn how they can bring hands-on mission to their community.

The mission is the same: to bring the hearts and hands of God's people together (that's all of you!) to transform resources (donated items and funds) into humanitarian relief.

Since Midwest Mission Iowa opened, more than 500 volunteers donated 7,400 hours of serving at this Jefferson location. Now, you are donating two semi-loads worth of items *every single month!*

Danille Curtis, Iowa Public Relations Coordinator, reflected on this milestone:

"As we celebrate the second anniversary of Midwest Mission's Iowa location, I'm filled with deep gratitude and reflection. I am so honored that God called me and placed me in a position to witness the work He is doing in Iowa and beyond through

Midwest Mission. After my family first visited Midwest Mission in 2019, I knew God had placed this ministry on my path for a purpose. And what a blessing it has been!



The past two years have brought incredible growth. From increasing the number of volunteers walking through our doors to the huge rise of in-kind donations being generated—we are touching so many lives! People are coming together here with a shared purpose: to serve those in need around the world, starting right here in Iowa.

Each kit packed, each donation delivered, each story shared, and every volunteer who gives their time is a reminder of why we do this work. Looking ahead, I'm so excited about what's to come—this is just the beginning! I truly believe the best is yet to come for Midwest Mission, and I'm so glad Iowa is a part of that journey. Together, we're building something that is changing lives today AND inspiring hope for the future."



Alaire Willits, Iowa Volunteer Coordinator, commented:

"It's inspiring to reflect on a Saturday morning, just over two years ago, when a small group of people looked at an empty building in Jefferson and said, "Yes, this is it!" A few months later, Midwest Mission Iowa opened its doors, marking the beginning of an incredible adventure in faith.

Iowans have kind and giving hearts. Donations have poured in from all across Iowa and surrounding states. Volunteers sign up to sort and box items. They come for the Experience to learn how to teach kits back in their church. At times, we need to carefully navigate our way through the pallets waiting to be loaded onto trucks bound for Illinois.

The bike shop is bustling with activity every day. Quilters and seamstresses come in, often leaving with ideas they can easily work on at home and bring back. It's amazing to see refreshed sewing machines, knowing how they will empower the recipients.

Weaving has often served as a starting point for renewal through fellowship, laughter, and the joy of helping others. I frequently hear that coming together once a week is strengthening their congregation. It's delightful to receive inquiries from those who've heard about us and want to know how they can get involved in the mission. Our reputation is growing, and the phone is busy!

Being part of a mission that creates such meaningful impact is exhilarating. Our volunteer shifts are filling up quickly – a clear indication of our expanding influence, with multiple groups requesting the same days. It's a wonderful dilemma to have. To see the joy of those who do the work here with tangible things fills me, to hear "I got it!" as they work, and talk about who they'll ask to come with them next time – Ah, the Holy Spirit is at work!

Thank you for your dedication over the past two years. We look forward to carrying this great mission on so that more people have what they need in Christ's name.

SUPPORT MIDWEST MISSION IOWA



1. Pray for the people we serve, volunteers, and donors.
2. [Schedule a visit to Midwest Mission Iowa](#) — you can come on a tour, or volunteer with your group!
3. Give [needed items](#), or [donate funds towards the Iowa Building Campaign](#).
Purchasing the building we are currently leasing will allow us to expand and grow the ministry.



Iowa Building Campaign Update

There is still \$54,000 left in the matching fund. For every \$1 donated, the Endowment Fund will donate an additional \$1 towards the campaign.

You have already raised over \$45,000! Thank you SO much for your generosity. By donating to this Campaign, you are ensuring that more work can be done, so that more people's lives are changed.

[Donate](#)

**Best Way to Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage?
A Blessing Bag Pack!**



Mark and Mary Grant have been Volunteer Leaders for Midwest Mission for the past several years. After volunteering with the NOMADS on a several-week-long construction project, they decided they wanted to come back and serve every year.

Over the past two years, they've learned a lot about the ministry, ways people can get involved, and the great impact that is made in the world by people all over the Midwest.



So, when their 50th wedding anniversary was nearing, they knew how they wanted to spend it: with their family, helping people in need.

Their family of about 20 packed 320 Rice and Soy Blessing Bags that will feed 1,920 people who are in desperate need of a meal.

"When we explained to our family that we chose to provide 1,920 meals to people in need instead of taking them to a restaurant, they were totally on board. It was truly a bonding event and they had many questions about the meals and the mission. Several took small bags to prepare at home!"

What a beautiful picture of what being the hands and feet of Jesus looks like. Thank you, Mark and Mary, for sharing your love for serving with your family, and for sharing this great story with us!

Congratulations on 50 years of marriage!

Prayers to Lift Up

Lord, thank you for your goodness and gentleness. We thank you for always providing for us and we rejoice in you. We ask that you shine your light on others that may need it and remind everyone there is always something to be grateful for! Amen.

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- 770 Student Kits
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Disbursements:

- St. Martin de Porres- Springfield, IL: Dish washer sanitizer: Value: \$1,080.00
- Midwest Food Bank: 216 Boxes of sponges Value: \$25,920.00

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Nebraska City, NE



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Mercer, WI

Illinois Teams



First UMC
Dixon, IL



Richmond UMC
Whitewater, WI



Pathway Global UMC
St. Joseph MI



Lori Payne-Mullett
Springfield, IL



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Nick Smith
Rochester, IL



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June 27th, 2025



Cepudo Celebrates 252 Schools Constructed in Honduras!



Education changes lives, and is a key to breaking the cycle of poverty. But, in many countries in the developing world, education is not a priority.

This isn't because people don't think education is important, it's because circumstances cause children to be unable to attend school as they get older. It's not as important as survival.

Some children have to work at a young age to support their family, others have to take care of their family, and others just don't have access to a school.

In the United States, children are required to attend school, and many kiddos aren't too happy about that fact. But, it's such a privilege, and one that gives our students a step up in life.

In Honduras, there is not the same level of focus given to education. Because of this, as children grow up, they struggle to get jobs that require a strong education — not even a college education, just simply a high school level of learning. And, those are the jobs that pay well, and help them support their family.

The ability to get an education changes the outlook for generations. It breaks the generational cycle of poverty, and gives so many opportunities for their future — further studies, better-paying jobs, owning a business.

Cepudo, Midwest Mission's partner on-the-ground in Honduras, is working to make education a priority. They are providing safe, well-equipped learning environments for schools, they are supporting teachers and staff, and they care deeply about the students.

On Monday, June 23, Cepudo held an inauguration for the 252nd school they've constructed! Each school that is constructed means more children will have access to life-changing opportunities.



Cepudo builds the schools and works with the staff and local families. **Then, their partners help fill the school with equipment and tools to make a great learning environment.**

Food For The Poor makes sure there is clean, running water. **Then, they connect with Midwest Mission to receive desks to fill the rooms, and Student Kits for each of the students.** This way, all of the children have what they need for a great learning environment.

Because of the gifts you've given, the time you've spent volunteering, and the prayers you pray, so many children have life-changing opportunities because of the learning environment we are able to help create. Thank you for your generosity!



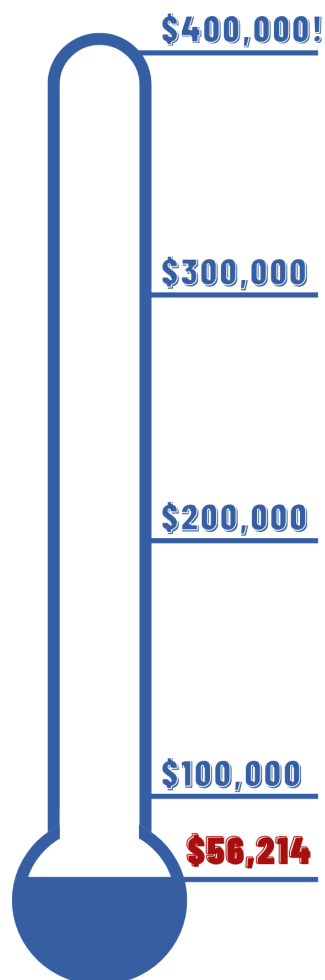
Iowa Building Campaign Update

There is still **\$43,786** left in the matching fund! For every **\$1** donated, the Endowment Fund will donate an additional **\$1** towards the campaign.

You will be DOUBLING YOUR IMPACT!

You have already raised **\$56,214**! Thank you SO much for your generosity. By donating to this Campaign, you are ensuring that more work can be done, so that more people's lives are changed around the world and around the corner.

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Prayers to Lift Up

Father we thank you for always being faithful and for providing for us. We ask that going into this week you provide us with joy and happiness and that we will carry that on! Amen.

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the

gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
-Philippians 1:4-6



Our 2024 Impact Report is available for download! Using the button below, you can download the report and share with someone you know!

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CURRENT Needs

Please consider collecting and donating:

- Day and Night Pads
- Baby Sleepers (Size 0 to 6 months)
- Leather Work Gloves (size Large)

You can purchase items on Amazon [here](#).
Sewing Patterns and instructions [here](#).

You can bring items to Midwest Mission or a [Permanent Collection Site](#) near you — or send them through the mail to 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558.

Download the June Church Bulletin!

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Midwest Mission Weekly Projects Work of the Mission Volunteers

Work Done

Onsite:

- Desk Shop
- Bike Shop
- Poly Shop
- Sewing Machine Repair Shop
- Sewing Shop
- Cleaning
- Groundskeeping
- Items counted into inventory

Offsite:

- 2,721 Blessing Bags
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- 1040 Personal Dignity Kits
- 176 Layette Kits
- 108 UMCOR Cleaning Kits

Disbursements:

- Auburn MI Sewing Group: Fabric: Value: \$436.00

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

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