

First Shipment of Relief Heads to Venezuela



On June 24, two major earthquakes struck Venezuela, devastating communities across the country. Thousands of children and families were affected, losing homes, schools, medical facilities, and, most tragically, loved ones.

In the days that followed, Midwest Mission stayed in close contact with our partner, Food For The Poor, as they assessed the damage and identified the greatest needs.

Immediately after the disaster, emergency response organizations provided lifesaving aid such as food, clean water, and temporary shelter. But long after the rescue efforts end and the news cameras leave, families continue facing the difficult work of recovery.

That is where Midwest Mission comes in with disaster relief.

As Food For The Poor evaluated the ongoing needs, they requested medical supplies, hygiene items, bedding, food, mobility equipment, and resources for children. Over the next three weeks, Midwest Mission's Operations Team carefully assembled a shipment designed to meet those specific requests.

On Wednesday, August 5, the first shipment of relief left our warehouse.

It included:

- 560 Personal Dignity Kits
- 24 Wheelchairs

- 86 Sleeping Mats
- 180 Walkers
- 60 Bedding Kits
- 300 Crutches
- 10 Knee Scooters
- Orthopedic Supplies
- 5,406 Disposable Diapers
- Hospital Scrubs
- 560 Student Kits
- 1 pallet of shampoo and deodorant
- 2,400 Rice and Soy Blessing Bags
- 7 Cots

Disaster relief is not a sprint, it is a marathon. The response to a disaster continues days, months, and sometimes years after the devastation occurred.

The people of Venezuela know what they need best. That is why Midwest Mission never sends supplies based on assumptions. One of the greatest challenges after a disaster can be receiving well-intentioned donations that aren't actually needed, creating additional work for communities already overwhelmed by loss.

Instead, we work through trusted partners who are serving on the ground. They tell us exactly what is needed, and together we respond with resources that will make the greatest difference.

More than a month after the earthquakes, the need remains significant. Many people are still recovering from injuries, hospitals continue rebuilding, and mobility equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches, and orthopedic supplies is urgently needed.

We anticipate sending another shipment to Venezuela as additional requests are received.

Thank you for praying, giving, and volunteering so that, even after the headlines fade, hope continues to reach those who need it most.

To learn more about the response in Venezuela or how you can help, visit midwestmission.org/venezuela.

Welcome Teresa Auble to the Midwest Mission Team!



This week, we welcomed our newest staff member, Teresa Auble, to the Midwest Mission team! Teresa has joined us as our Reservations Coordinator, helping teams and individuals sign up to volunteer, and working with groups to book their Mission Events. We are so excited to have her joyful heart and kind spirit join this mission. The next time you're here, be sure to say "hello!"

Here's a little bit about Teresa:

Teresa and her husband, Jeremiah, live in Springfield and have two awesome children and a wonderful daughter-in-law. Their son, Nehemiah, and his wife, Grace, live in Florida, where he works in financial planning. Their daughter, Lydia, is studying elementary education and plays soccer for Lincoln Land Community College. Teresa enjoys reading, studying God's Word, spending time with her family, and watching sports, whether live or on television.

Teresa serves at Midwest Mission because, "I love being the hands and feet of Jesus and helping people use the gifts God has given them to make a difference in the lives of others."

Teresa's prayer for Midwest Mission is: "That every volunteer who walks through our doors would experience the joy of serving Christ and leave encouraged, knowing God can use ordinary people to make an extraordinary impact."

Feel free to send Teresa an email and welcome her to the Midwest Mission Family — auble@midwestmission.org.

Volunteer Opportunity: Bike Blitz on August 15



A bicycle can be much more than a way to get from one place to another. It can be the key to getting to work, attending school, reaching medical care, or starting a small business.

That's why Midwest Mission is inviting volunteers to join us for our **Bike Blitz** on **Saturday, August 15** from 8:30am-3:30pm

Whether you're an experienced bike mechanic or have never picked up a wrench, there's a place for you. Volunteers will work together to inspect, repair, and prepare donated bicycles that will soon be shipped to people around the world.

It's a fun, hands-on day of serving, and every bike completed has the potential to change someone's daily life.

Bring a friend, your family, or your small group, and help bring hope to people through bikes!

To learn more and to register, visit midwestmission.org/weekendworkshops.

CURRENT Needs

Please consider collecting and donating:

- One-handed bags
- Student Kits
- Brand new pillows

- Feminine Hygiene Kit Items:
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Work Done in Illinois

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 - Desk Shop
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 - Sewing Shop
 - Sewing Machine Repair Shop
 - Cleaning
 - Groundskeeping
 - Campus Improvements
 - Items counted into inventory
 - Offsite pack prep
 - Unload trailers
-
- 191 Blessing Bags
 - 290 Personal Dignity Kits

Disbursements:

- CICIM - Decatur, IL - 15 wheelchairs, 505 towels - Value: \$1,752.50
- Food for the Poor - Coconut Creek, FL - 560 Personal Dignity Kits, 24 wheelchairs, 86 sleeping mats, 180 walkers, 60 Bed Packs, 10 knee scooters, 300 pairs of crutches, 1 safety vest, 38 shower chairs, 11 toilet seats, 890 Orthopedic items, 5,406 disposable diapers, 400 hospital scrubs, 560 Student Kits, miscellaneous hygiene supplies, 2,400 Blessing Bags, cots - Value: \$75,221.00
- Food for the Poor - Coconut Creek, FL - 2 hospital beds, 25 home care beds, 71 walkers, 30 wheelchairs, 30 shower chairs, 520 hospital blankets, assorted bedding items, 18 bikes, 7 knee scooters, 2 rolling blood pressure carts, 9 toilet seats, 1 electric exam table - Value: \$33,510.00
- Food for the Poor - Coconut Creek, FL - 560 Student Kits, 120 Bed Packs, 15 bikes, 60 twin mattresses - Value: \$41,794.00
- Food for the Poor - Coconut Creek, FL - 299 used school desks, 96 tables - Value: \$16,016.00

Work Done in Iowa

Onsite:

- Bike Shop
 - Sewing Shop
 - Cleaning
 - Campus Improvements
 - Items counted into inventory
 - Sorting/cleaning medical
 - Cutting fabric for sewing projects
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- 160 Blessing Bags
 - 20 Personal Dignity Kits
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Iowa:

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Volunteers

August 7th, 2026

Volunteer Leaders



Jane Wolf



Lori Payne-Mullet



Jennie & Stan Lowry

Illinois Teams



**Whitewater, WI Area Regional
Ministries**

Whitewater, WI



Bethel UMC

Shannon, IL



Mt. Vernon UMC
Champaign, IL

Iowa Teams



Walnut Hills UMC
Urbandale, IA



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Midwest Mission Sends First International Shipment from Jefferson, Iowa Location



Midwest Mission celebrated a historic milestone on **Tuesday, August 4**, as it sent its first international shipment from its Jefferson, Iowa location.

Since opening in 2023, it's been a dream for our Iowa team to send an international shipment from Midwest Mission Iowa, and last week, that dream became a reality.

Jefferson Elementary School was ready to find a new home for desks and school tables they no longer needed. After learning about the need for school furniture around the world, the school district generously decided to donate the furniture.

The school had over 100 tables and almost 200 desks to load up and send. It was decided that instead of loading all of those items onto a truck, sending it to Illinois, unloading it at the Midwest Mission warehouse, then loading it once again onto a container, it made the most sense to load the container right in Jefferson.

On shipping day, the container arrived almost two hours late due to issues with the truck, but over 40 great volunteers stayed to be a part of this momentous day. They worked tirelessly to move all of the desks and tables out of the gym and into the container. The many hands ensured the container was loaded in an hour and 45 minutes!

The desks and tables were sent in coordination with Midwest Mission's long-time partner, Food For The Poor, who is working to build one new school every month in Honduras.

Earlier this year, several volunteers from Midwest Mission Iowa traveled to Honduras to visit four schools that Midwest Mission has previously supported. During their visit, they saw firsthand how donated desks, school supplies, and food are helping students learn and thrive.

Danille Curtis, Iowa Director, shared about the experience:

"Everywhere we went, we saw the same thing: children eager to learn, teachers determined to teach, and parents willing to sacrifice everything they could so their sons and daughters might have a different future than their own.

We are excited that this shipment will bring even more hope and empowerment to students and their families in Honduras. It is extra special knowing that the furniture is coming right here from Jefferson — the community that has loved and supported Midwest Mission so well."

Be a Part of the Growth

The first international shipment from Midwest Mission Iowa represents a significant step forward for the Jefferson location. The Iowa facility has grown through the generosity of volunteers, donors, churches, and community partners who have helped expand Midwest Mission's ability to collect, prepare, and distribute resources around the world.

Now, you can be part of what's next.

There are many ways to get involved at Midwest Mission Iowa:

- Volunteer as an individual or bring a team.
- Pick up donated supplies from churches and community partners.
- Refurbish sewing machines.
- Repair and prepare donated bicycles.
- Sew handmade items for Kits.
- Help keep the facility clean and welcoming.

Whether you have a specialized skill or simply a willing heart, there's a place for you to serve.

Traveling from out of town? Thanks to our partnership with Jefferson First UMC, volunteers have access to comfortable rooms and suites at a very affordable cost, making it easy to serve for a day—or stay a little longer.

To learn more about volunteering, lodging, or Midwest Mission Iowa, visit **midwestmission.org/iowa**.

Help Pack Hope During Serving September



Looking for a meaningful way to serve? Join us for the **Serving September Blessing Bag Pack** on **September 24-25** at either Midwest Mission location.

In just a two-hour volunteer shift, you'll help pack **12,000 Blessing Bags**, enough to provide **72,000 nutritious meals** for people facing hunger because of disasters, conflict, and humanitarian crises around the world. No experience is needed, and individuals, families, churches, businesses, and community groups are all welcome.

Volunteer shifts are available:

- **Thursday, Sept. 24:** 9–11 am, 1–3 pm, and 5–7 pm
- **Friday, Sept. 25:** 9–11 am and 1–3 pm (IL only)

Sign up for Illinois pack:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DADA922AAF8C52-64780630-serving>

Sign up for Iowa pack:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DADA922AAF8C52-64781345-iowa>

Come be part of something bigger than yourself and help bring hope to those who need it most.

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 - Cleaning
 - Groundskeeping
 - Items counted into inventory
 - Offsite pack prep
 - Unload trailers
-
- 10 Bedding Kits
 - 420 Personal Dignity Kits
 - 60 Student Kits

Disbursements:

- New Castle First UMC - New Castle, IN - 108 UMCOR Cleaning Kits, 96 UMCOR Hygiene Kits, 10 UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kit - Value: \$9,492.00

Work Done in Iowa

Onsite:

- Bike Shop
 - Sewing Shop
 - Cleaning
 - Campus Improvements
 - Items counted into inventory
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August 14th, 2026

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Jane Wolf



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Ron & Sharon Monroe

Illinois Teams



New Life UMC
Six Lakes, MI



Buhler Group
Pratt, KS



Taylorville UMC
Taylorville, IL

Iowa Teams



Bethel Warriors
Boone, IA



Lanesboro UMC
Lanesboro, IA



Radcliffe Community Volunteers
Radcliffe, IA



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Hitting Close to Home: Midwest Mission Sends Flood Relief Supplies to Indiana and Illinois



Last week, torrential rains caused devastating flooding across the Midwest, leaving families with flooded homes and communities facing the long, difficult work of cleanup and recovery.

Because of the generosity of you—our donors and volunteers who prepare supplies before disaster ever happens—help was ready to go.

In **New Castle, Indiana**, flooding created an urgent need for Cleaning Kits and hygiene supplies. Midwest Mission received a request from New Castle UMC, and the timing was remarkable—something only God could orchestrate. Operations Manager Ramon Ortiz was already planning to travel through Indiana with a trailer.

So, last Friday, supplies were added to the trailer and delivered along the way:

- **180 Cleaning Kits**
- **96 Hygiene Kits**
- **10 Menstrual Hygiene Kits**

In **Lansing, Illinois**, Cleaning Kits were distributed to help families clean, disinfect, and begin restoring homes damaged by floodwaters. More than 100 Kits were distributed in less than an hour. The City of Lansing was deeply grateful for the quick response as they navigate a devastating time for their community.

In **Bloomington, Illinois**, the Illinois Great Rivers Conference Early Response Team identified another need: a generator to assist with recovery efforts. Midwest Mission had one available, and on Monday, Curt Franklin, Midwest Mission board member and the staff member who oversees the Conference's Early Response Team program, picked it up and delivered it to Bloomington.

On Tuesday, the response in Indiana continued. The town of **Anderson** was also hit by torrential rain and flooding, affecting much of the community. Ramon Ortiz delivered **1,020 Cleaning Kits and 1,526 Menstrual Hygiene Kits** to their location.

More than 120 families were served in less than an hour, with additional supplies available to distribute over the next several days. Because of this response, they will also be able to share supplies with neighboring communities that were affected.

The past two weeks have been a reminder of how grateful we are for you. At least four communities received necessary relief within days of the flooding. In the midst of a crisis, when they don't know what to do, Midwest Mission was there.

And that was possible because someone prepared each Kit and gathered each supply **before the disaster happened**.

When a flood hits, there isn't always time to start collecting supplies, assembling Kits, or searching for resources. Because donors give and volunteers serve throughout the year, Midwest Mission can have supplies ready to move when they're needed.

That's what your generosity makes possible. That's what YOU make possible.

Thank you for helping Midwest Mission be ready to respond. Whether the need is across the world or right here in our own backyard, we are grateful to partner with you to send hope in a crisis.

You can help us be prepared for the next disaster by [assembling Kits](#) and [donating supplies](#) or [monetary gifts](#) now.

**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 Collection Sites!

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

What's Happening @ Permanent Collection Sites?

Steven Hanas, DeWitt UMC, DeWitt, IA – has received their first donation for Midwest Mission after becoming a PCS in June 2026. So glad to have you on board!

Robert Soltysik, McKinney, TX – Bob shared that he has collected over 24 treadle machines since becoming a PCS in February 2026. He may be planning a trip to Pawnee, IL in the near future. Can't wait to see you in person!

Beth Biever & Brad Spice, Avon UMC, Avon, IN – Beth shared about seeing a middle school class being taught how to sew on treadle machines in Guatemala. Brad shared that he is a member of the Nomads. Two people with a heart for missions!

Pat Baumer, Emmanuel UMC, Noblesville, IN - mentioned how he has shared with others about Midwest Mission and how those conversations have led to donations such as the large school desk donation we recently shipped. Keep sharing!

Ann Champion, Riverside UMC, Moline, IL - Welcome to one of our newest Collection Sites. Riverside joined our team in July 2026. So needed in that area. Thank you!

Linda Bair, Riverside UMC, Park Rapids, MN – shared that her church has acquired a trailer to store donations for Midwest Mission. Linda searches for treadle machines on Facebook Marketplace and will be taking 22 treadles and other donations to our location in Jefferson, IA soon. Thank you for your dedication!

** If you would like to learn how to repair bikes, sewing machines or learn how to sew our patterns, please see our website for Weekend Workshops <https://www.midwestmission.org/weekendworkshops> .

If your congregation is interested in becoming a New Permanent Collection Site, please contact Teresa@midwestmission.org for more information.

Save the Date
Help get sewing machines into the hands of
people who need them!

On Saturday, October 17, Midwest Mission (Illinois) is hosting a Sewing Machine Repair day, as part of our Weekend Workshop series.

Sewing Machine Repair Day is a focused workday where we inspect, test, and repair donated sewing machines to make sure they are safe, functional, and ready for use.

Verifying machines means:

- Plugging in and powering on each machine
- Checking that it runs smoothly (needle, motor, foot pedal)
- Testing basic stitches and tension
- Identifying machines that need minor repairs, major repairs, or parts
- Labeling machines as Ready, Needs Repair, or Parts Only

The goal is to ensure every verified machine is reliable and ready to serve its purpose before it moves on for distribution or use.

This is from 8:30am-3pm — please bring your own lunch or make plans to eat out.

There are two positions offered:

- 1) Threading & Running (Testing Machines)
- 2) Tuning & Cleaning (Making Repairs)

This is a great opportunity to serve with Midwest Mission if you can't come during our regularly scheduled shifts.

The machines you test or repair will go on to change someone's life. Someone will have a means to make a living, and care for their family.

We'd love for you to join us. Spots are filling up, so reserve yours today!

To sign up, [click here](#), or visit midwestmission.org/weekendworkshops

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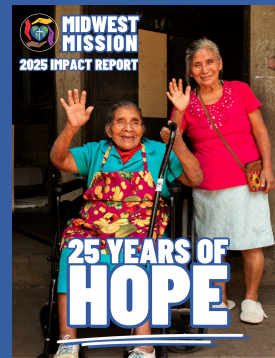
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- Groundskeeping
- Campus Improvements
- Items counted into inventory
- Offsite pack prep
- Unload trailers
- Stuffed Summer Mailer

- 10 Birthing Kits
- 186 Blessing Bags
- 60 Personal Dignity Kits
- 20 Student Kits
- 60 UMCOR Cleaning Kits

Offsite:

- 2,005 Blessing Bags - Union UMC - Belleville, IL
- 2,000 Blessing Bags - Trinity UMC - Mt. Gilead, OH

Disbursements:

- IGRC Disaster Response - Bloomington, IL - 1 portable generator - Value: \$300.00
- City of Lansing - Lansing, IL - 108 UMCOR Cleaning Kits - Value: \$8,100.00
- Nancy Conway - Decatur, IL - Fabric - Value: \$120.00
- My Brother's Keeper Street Ministry - Greenville, IL - 10 bikes - Value: \$900.00
- Brent Fawns - Williamsville, IL - 2 bikes - Value: \$180.00
- Turn Away No Longer - Anderson, IN - 1,020 UMCOR Cleaning Kits, 1,526 UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits - Value: \$113, 124.00

Work Done in Iowa

Onsite:

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- Sewing Shop
- Cleaning
- Campus Improvements
- Offsite pack prep
- 50 Personal Dignity Kits
- 50 Student Kits

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Ron & Sharon Monroe



Joanne & Dennis Spiro

Illinois Teams



Erie UMC
Erie, MI



Grace UMC
Springfield, IL



Douglas Avenue UMC
Springfield, IL



Steve Main



St. Joseph UMC
St. Joseph, IL

Iowa Teams



Russell Faith UMC
Russell, IA



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Grace in Motion: Bicycles Help Open the Door to Hope and New Beginnings



For many people, a bicycle is simply a way to get from one place to another. But for someone working to rebuild their life, it can mean so much more. Bicycles can provide reliable transportation to work, recovery meetings, and other opportunities that help create a brighter future.

That's the heart of Midwest Mission's partnership with the MBK (My Brother's Keeper) Bike Ministry in Springfield, Illinois. Together, we help remove transportation barriers by providing bicycles to individuals who are working hard to move forward.

Two recent recipients, Bob* and Joe*, are reminders of how a simple gift can make a lasting difference.

Bob is celebrating 37 days of sobriety and is living at a local sober living house. His job is several miles from where he lives, making dependable transportation a daily challenge. Thanks to the gift of a bicycle, he can now get to work and his recovery meetings more easily. Bob has also demonstrated a servant's heart by volunteering with the MBK Street Ministry and helping move the ministry into its new home at the Dream Center.

Joe is 56 days clean and had been faithfully walking nearly 50 minutes each way to work. His bicycle will help him get to work more quickly, attend recovery meetings, and take on a second job to help provide child support for his children. After battling meth addiction for 25 years, Joe was recently baptized and now volunteers every Monday evening with the MBK Street Ministry while continuing his own recovery journey.

Bob and Joe's stories remind us that meeting a practical need can open the door to lasting change. A bicycle is more than transportation. It can mean a steady job, continued recovery, opportunities to serve others, and hope for the future.

Do you have a bike you're no longer using? Donate it to Midwest Mission or volunteer to help repair bikes in Illinois or Iowa. Your time or donation could help provide someone with reliable transportation and a new opportunity to move forward.

*Bob and Joe are fictitious names used to protect the identity of the recipients.

Back to School Sales: An Opportunity to Give



As students head back to school, stores are filled with discounted school supplies. For many, it's a familiar sign that summer is coming to an end and a new school year is beginning.

Back-to-school season can also be a reminder of something bigger: **every student deserves the opportunity to walk into a classroom prepared, confident, and ready to learn.**

At Midwest Mission, we believe practical resources can be a powerful way to show God's love. Through donated supplies, dedicated volunteers, and generous supporters, items that may seem simple can become meaningful gifts to students and families who need them.

When you see those back-to-school sales this year, consider picking up an extra item or two to donate. Your gifts can become part of a larger effort to provide students with the supplies they need to learn while helping families carry one less expense.

Back-to-school shopping can help you save money. This year, it can also help you give.

Invite your family to choose something together, or encourage your church, school, small group, or community organization to collect supplies.

This back-to-school season, let's make room for generosity and help students begin the school year with hope, confidence, and the tools they need to succeed.

Looking for a practical way to help? Use the Student Kit as your guide! [Click here](#) for the Student Kit shopping list.

OCI Therapy 5K Will Benefit Midwest Mission – Join Us!



The Orthopedic Center of Illinois has chosen to support Midwest Mission through the proceeds from their annual 5K in Rochester, Illinois!

If you're in the Springfield area, we'd love to see you there! Grab your friends, family, coworkers, or running buddies and join us for a morning that supports a great cause.

The race is on Saturday, October 3 at Rochester Community Park in Rochester, IL. Check-in is at 7:00 AM and the race starts at 8:00 AM.

Whether you run, walk, cheer from the sidelines, or simply share this with friends and family, you're helping make a difference for people in need around the world and right here at home.

[Click here](#) to register or learn more. Can't make it or prefer not to run/walk? You can still support Midwest Mission by making a donation [here](#).

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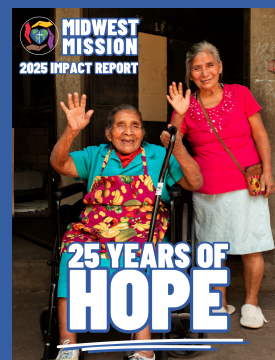
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 - 790 Personal Dignity Kits
 - 50 Student Kits
 - 360 UMCOR Hygiene Kits

Offsite:

- 1,000 Blessing Bags - Sugar Grove UMC - Rushville, IL

Disbursements:

- Rantoul First UMC - Paxton, IL - 72 UMCOR Cleaning Kits - Value: \$5,400.00
- Ridge UMC - Munster, IN - 432 UMCOR Cleaning Kits, 672 UMCOR Hygiene Kits, 720 tubes of toothpaste - Value: \$41,184.00

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We have dates available in 2026 and 2027! [Click here to check calendar openings and to reserve your spots.](#)

For local teams and individuals: Volunteer Shifts will open 3 months from the present date.

Learn more at midwestmission.org/at-midwestmission.

Iowa:

If you would like to volunteer at our Jefferson, IA location, visit midwestmission.org/iowa.

Volunteers

August 28th, 2026

Volunteer Leaders



Tom & Denise Patterson



Debbie & Stan Stadel

Illinois Teams



University UMC
East Lansing, MI



Monticello UMC
Monticello, IL

Iowa Teams



St. John's UMC
Davenport, IA



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