

The Freedom to Bless Others

Tomorrow is Independence Day, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It is a meaningful opportunity to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and to remember those whose sacrifice, service, and courage helped make those freedoms possible.

At Midwest Mission, we are especially grateful for the freedom to live out our faith through service, showing God's love in a practical way and giving thanks to God for all He has done.

As you enjoy fireworks, hot dogs, and time with family and friends, take a moment to reflect on the freedoms you have and how they shape the way you live.

Freedom gives us opportunities and choices. It allows us to care for our neighbors, extend generosity, and use what we have to serve others.

Midwest Mission is proud to support communities right here in the United States. We are also extremely grateful to serve people around the world who do not have the same privileges as we do. Places that need hope and empowerment, and desperately need simple resources that will make a huge difference.

Over the years, that has included sending relief to Ukraine during war, food to Haiti during times of instability, and medical supplies to communities throughout Central America where access to resources can be limited.

But above all, this Independence Day invites us to remember another kind of freedom.

Because of Christ's sacrifice, we are offered freedom from sin and death and the hope of life with Him. Our greatest freedom is not found in what we possess or where we live, it is found in the grace we have received through Jesus.

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death." — Romans 8:1–2

Praise God for the freedoms we enjoy, and praise God that through Christ we are invited to be His hands and feet, serving others with the freedom we have.

International Shipment #18 Heads to El Salvador



On Wednesday, July 1, Midwest Mission's 18th international shipment of the year left the warehouse and began its journey to El Salvador.

El Salvador is the smallest, and most densely populated, country in Central America. Known as *The Land of Volcanoes*, it is home to more than 100 volcanoes across roughly 8,000 square miles. While rich in beauty and culture, many communities continue to face challenges including poverty, natural disasters, political instability, and limited access to resources.

Through our partnership with Food For The Poor, Midwest Mission helps support communities in El Salvador by providing tangible resources that bring hope and empowerment. One way we are doing that is by helping furnish newly built schools.

Food For The Poor is working to build one school each month across 10 countries and has asked Midwest Mission to partner in this initiative by helping provide desks and chairs to fill these classrooms.

This shipment to El Salvador included **21 school computer desks and 57 children's stacking chairs** that will help furnish one of these new schools.

Education can open doors to learning, opportunity, and future possibilities. When children have access to safe places to learn, they are given opportunities to grow and build toward a brighter future.

We regularly send as many Midwest Mission desks as we can build, but the need for classroom furniture extends far beyond what we are currently able to provide.

Recently, after conversations with Food For The Poor's team, we learned that donated used school furniture is highly needed. Desks and chairs that may no longer fit a school's current needs here in the U.S. can become valuable resources for a community that is receiving a classroom.

If you know of a school that is remodeling or replacing desks, tables, or computer desks, we would love to connect with them. Giving used school

furniture a second life could help equip classrooms and support students around the world.

Beyond the classroom furniture, this shipment will also support the broader community in El Salvador.

The shipment also included:

- 1,120 Student Kits
- 15 Bikes
- 54 Electric Sewing Machines
- 5 Treadle Sewing Machines
- 120 Bed Packs
- 53 Tarps
- Hospital linens
- Walkers, canes, and crutches

Weight: 16,948 lbs

Value: \$87,389

Thank you for praying, giving, and volunteering so that children can access education and communities can be transformed through hope and empowerment.

CURRENT *Needs*

Please consider collecting and donating:

- One-handled bags
- Student Kits
- Bed Packs (Twin flat sheet, twin fitted sheet, pillowcase, pillow)
- Feminine Hygiene Kit Items:
 - Day and Night Pads
 - Waterproof Bags
- Layette Kit Gowns & Sleepers (Size 0-6 months)

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Volunteer WORK & PROJECTS

Work Done in Illinois

Onsite:

- Desk Shop
- Poly Shop
- Sewing Machine Repair Shop
- Cleaning
- Campus Improvements
- Items counted into inventory
- Offsite pack prep

- 189 Blessing Bags
- 120 Feminine Hygiene Kits
- 24 UMCOR Hygiene Kits

Offsite:

- 290 Personal Dignity Kits - Minnesota Annual Conference

Disbursements:

- My Brother's Keeper Street Ministry - Greenville, IL - 10 Bikes - Value: \$900.00
- Ron Reid - Springfield, IL - 1 Bike - Value: \$90.00
- Brent Fawns - Williamsville, IL - 2 Bikes - Value: \$180.00

Work Done in Iowa

Onsite:

- Bike Shop
 - Sewing Shop
 - Cleaning
 - Campus Improvements
 - Items counted into inventory
 - Offsite pack prep
 - Cutting fabric for sewing projects
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- 120 Blessing Bags
 - 70 Student Kits

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Volunteers

July 3rd, 2026

Volunteer Leaders



Lori Payne-Mullett



Rus & Tony DeBonis

Illinois Teams



Pathfinder Church
Portage, MI



Grace UMC
Jacksonville, IL



Melissa, Mathya, and Baylee
Morrisonville, IL



Wesley & Garver Brick
Decatur, IL



Iowa Teams



Ankeny First UMC
Ankeny, IA



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International Shipment #19 to Haiti



Another shipment of hope is on its way! On Wednesday, July 8, Midwest Mission's 19th international shipment departed for Haiti.

Through our partnership with Food For The Poor, Midwest Mission continues to support communities in Haiti by providing humanitarian relief requested by our partners on the ground.

This shipment began with a request for Birthing Kits. After hearing about the need, Melissa Brookens, Director of Missions, asked if Layette Kits, a baby incubator, and other baby items that had been donated could also be included. The answer was a resounding, "Yes!"

Because of that conversation, this shipment grew to include additional supplies that will help care for mothers and newborns alongside many other essential resources.

The shipment included:

- 560 Birthing Kits
- 224 Layette Kits
- 120 Home Care Kits
- 280 Personal Dignity Kits
- 7,200 Blessing Bags (providing 43,200 meals)
- 65 Plarn Sleeping Mats
- 4 Treadle Sewing Machines
- 6 Electric Sewing Machines
- 4,720 Disposable Diapers
- 12 Wheelchairs and 34 Walkers
- 1 Baby Incubator

- Food handling gloves, cloth bags, buckets with lids, tools, scrubber sponges, orthopedic supplies, and hospital scrubs

Weight: 21,780 lbs

Value: \$110,176

Every shipment begins with a need and is made possible by the generosity of donors, the dedication of volunteers, and the strength of partnerships. Thank you for helping provide resources that support families and communities in Haiti!

Looking Back. Looking Forward.



As we reach the halfway point of the year, it's a natural time to reflect on what God has been doing through Midwest Mission—and to look ahead with anticipation for what's to come.

In the first six months of the year, we've sent 17 international shipments and 73 domestic disbursements. \$1.73 million worth of supplies are now in the hands of those who need them most.

If you've been following our shipments, you may have noticed we've sent fewer international shipments so far this year than we did during the same time last year.

While that number tells part of the story, it doesn't tell the whole story.

Over the past six months, we've been intentionally strengthening the way we serve. Behind the scenes, our team has been refining processes, improving the flow of our warehouse, and adapting to extensively more shipment requirements from our partners that have come from changes in country. These changes require more planning and coordination on the front end, but

they also help ensure that every shipment is even more effective once it reaches its destination.

Just as importantly, we've been asking a simple question:

How can every shipment create the greatest possible impact?

That focus has shaped many of the decisions we've made this year.

While Personal Dignity Kits, Layette Kits, Home Care Kits, and our other Kits remain a vital part of our ministry, we've also placed renewed emphasis on resources that can transform lives for years to come.

A wheelchair can restore independence.

A sewing machine can help someone earn an income and provide for their family.

A bicycle can give someone reliable transportation to work, school, or medical care.

Firefighting equipment can help protect an entire community.

These are the kinds of resources that continue changing lives long after they arrive. But take more effort to process.

As we continue to send Kits alongside these transformational items, our goal is not simply to fill containers. It is to send the right resources to the right places at the right time—meeting the needs our partners identify and helping communities thrive and become self-sustaining.

As we look toward the second half of the year, we are excited. The work of strengthening our systems today is preparing us to serve even more effectively tomorrow.

Thank you for walking alongside us through your prayers, generosity, donated items, and time. Every wheelchair, sewing machine, Kit, bicycle, and prayer is part of something much bigger than a shipment count. Together, we are showing God's love in a practical way, and letting God's love transform lives in every aspect for generations to come.

When we look into the eyes of recipients, it is so clear that your help has brought hope, empowerment, and love in Christ's name.

CURRENT *Needs*

Please consider collecting and donating:

- One-handled bags
- Student Kits

- Bed Packs (Twin flat sheet, twin fitted sheet, pillowcase, pillow)
- Feminine Hygiene Kit Items:
 - Day and Night Pads
 - Waterproof Bags
- Layette Kit Gowns & Sleepers (Size 0-6 months)

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Onsite:

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- Sewing Machine Repair Shop
- Cleaning
- Groundskeeping
- Campus Improvements
- Items counted into inventory
- Unload trailers

- 185 Blessing Bags
- 310 Feminine Hygiene Kits
- 10 Layette Kits
- 530 Personal Dignity Kits
- 30 Student Kits
- 168 UMCOR Hygiene Kits

Offsite:

- 150 Student Kits - Springfield First UMC VBS - Springfield, IL

Disbursements:

- American Indian Christian Mission - Show Low, AZ - 192 UMCOR Hygiene Kits, 192 toothpaste tubes - Value: \$2,496.00
- CICIM - Decatur, IL - Washing machine, Furniture/furnishings, 26 wheelchairs, 4 walkers, Clothing - Value: \$3,160.00
- HSMO/Mission Outreach - Springfield, IL - Medical supplies - Value: \$41,984.00

Work Done in Iowa

Onsite:

- Bike Shop
- Sewing Shop
- Cleaning
- Items counted into inventory
- Offsite pack prep
- Sorting/cleaning medical
- Cutting fabric for sewing projects

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July 10th, 2026

Volunteer Leaders



Deb & Howard Orndorff



Lori Payne-Mullett

Illinois Teams



First UMC
Nebraska City, NE



Petersburg UMC Youth Mission
Camp
Petersburg, IL



Athens UMC
Athens, IL



SPARC Summer Program

Taylorville UMC
Taylorville, IL



Wesley UMC
Macomb, IL



Weldon UMC
Weldon, IL



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God is Working Through the Mission



One of our favorite phrases around Midwest Mission is "**God moment.**"

It's those moments when the right item seems to arrive at exactly the right time. We know they aren't coincidences — they are reminders that God is already at work, preparing the way long before we can see His plan unfold.

Recently, we experienced one of those moments through a shipment to Honduras.

Back in March, several dental chairs in excellent condition were donated to Midwest Mission. Ramon Ortiz, Operations Manager, wasn't sure what we would do with them. Dental chairs weren't something we had ever shipped before, so the donation sat waiting while Ramon traveled to Honduras.

During the trip, the team visited a local dentist. Although the clinic had a dental chair, many of the attachments needed for routine procedures were missing. The dentist could perform basic cleanings and extractions, but much of the equipment needed for additional care simply wasn't available.

Ramon immediately thought of the donated chairs waiting back in Illinois.

He asked our partners, "We just received dental chairs in great condition with all the correct equipment. Would they be useful here?"

The answer came without hesitation:

"Yes!"

Those dental chairs had a purpose all along. We just didn't know it yet.

The first chair was shipped a few weeks ago and has now arrived in Honduras, where it is already bringing new opportunities for dental care. Then, on Thursday, July 16, the second dental chair left Midwest Mission as part of our 21st international shipment of the year.

That shipment also included:

- 840 Personal Dignity Kits
- 120 Home Care Kits
- 7,200 Blessing Bags—providing enough food for 43,200 meals
- 60 Sleeping Mats
- Fire gear, including one Jaws of Life system
- 12 Wheelchairs
- 200 Canes
- 3 Pallets of tools
- Cribs and cots

As if that weren't enough, the day before we celebrated another shipment leaving the warehouse.

On Wednesday, July 15, our 20th international shipment of the year departed for the Dominican Republic, carrying resources carefully selected to meet medical needs in communities throughout the country. It included:

- 23 Home Care Beds
- 5 Hospital Beds
- 125 Walkers
- 34 Wheelchairs
- 16 Shower Chairs
- 410 Hospital Blankets
- 1,350 Hospital Pillowcases
- 1,370 Hospital Sheets
- 18 Bikes

We praise God for His perfect timing. Time and again, He reminds us that He already knows the need before we do and faithfully provides the right resources at the right time. Thank you for being part of those God moments through your prayers, your generosity, and your willingness to give what God has placed in your hands.



CURRENT *Needs*

Please consider collecting and donating:

- One-handed bags
- Student Kits
- Bed Packs (Twin flat sheet, twin fitted sheet, pillowcase, pillow)
- Feminine Hygiene Kit Items:
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 - Waterproof Bags
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Work Done in Illinois

Onsite:

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

- 77 Beddings Kits
- 254 Blessing Bags
- 400 Personal Dignity Kits
- 70 Student Kits

Disbursements:

- Love Packages - Butler, IL - Reading materials including Bibles - Value: \$3,968

Work Done in Iowa

Onsite:

- Bike Shop
- Sewing Shop
- Sewing Machine Repair Shop
- Cleaning
- Items counted into inventory
- Sorting fire gear
- Sorting/cleaning medical
- Cutting fabric for sewing projects

- 280 Blessing Bags
- 40 Layette Kits
- 110 Personal Dignity Kits
- 410 Student Kits

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Volunteers

July 17th, 2026

Volunteer Leaders



Lori Payne-Mullet



Mary Marty



Howard Orndorff

Illinois Teams



Christ UMC
Algonquin, IL



Petersburg UMC Youth Mission
Camp
Petersburg, IL



First UMC
Pontiac, IL



St. Joseph UMC
St. Joseph, IL



Winamac UMC
Winamac, IN



Ellettsville First UMC
Ellettsville, IN



Douglas Avenue UMC
Springfield, IL



Morton IL Methodist
Morton, IL

Iowa Teams



Lanesboro UMC
Lanesboro, IA



Gowrie First UMC
Gowrie, IA



St. Mark's UMC
Iowa City, IA



Hope UMC
Marshalltown, IA



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Looking Back: A Shipment That Continues to Bring Hope



Every shipment has a story that continues long after it leaves our warehouse. As we look back on Midwest Mission's March shipment to Haiti, we're reminded that the generosity of volunteers and donors continues to change lives long after a container reaches its destination.

Through our partnership with **Love A Child**, medical equipment and supplies arrived at the **Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope** in Fond Parisian, Haiti where they are already making a difference for patients and healthcare workers.

Recently they shared with us that many of the hospital beds we sent have been set up in the surgicenter's newly opened maternity center, providing greater comfort for mothers, newborns, surgical patients, and others receiving care.

The shipment also included linens, scales, a sonogram machine, shower chairs, IV poles, overbed tables, laboratory materials, an exam table, and other much-needed medical supplies. Each item is helping equip the medical team to provide quality care for the people who depend on the facility.

As the only hospital providing 24-hour care for the surrounding region, the **Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope** serves patients with a wide range of medical needs. The dedicated staff continue to provide compassionate care despite limited access to medical equipment and the growing demand for healthcare services.

As the shipment was unloaded at the hospital, Head Nurse VJ expressed gratitude for the adjustable hospital beds, explaining that they will better serve patients with respiratory conditions. VJ also shared how the additional sonogram machine will be a blessing, allowing staff to care for multiple patients at the same time when emergencies arise.

Head Surgeon, Thosiac, expressed his appreciation for the shipment, which will strengthen the hospital's ability to care for patients receiving surgical, emergency, and outpatient services.

When items reach their final destination, and we hear of the impact they are making, we are full of gratitude. Gratitude for the generosity of volunteers, donors, and partners who, months later, continue to provide comfort, strengthen healthcare, and share hope with communities around the world and around the corner.

Serving September: An Invitation to Serve Together



This September, people across the Midwest will come together for Serving September—a month dedicated to putting faith and love into action through practical acts of service.

Serving has a unique way of bringing people together. Friendships are formed, conversations begin, and communities grow stronger when people work side by side toward a common purpose. For many, serving is also the first step toward discovering a church community. While someone may not be ready to attend a Sunday service, they may gladly accept an invitation to

make a difference alongside friends and neighbors. Through simple acts of service, they experience the love of Christ in action.

Chantel Corrie, our Executive Director, says that Jesus is often “caught,” not “taught,” and serving together is a great way to share Jesus.

There are many ways to participate in Serving September:

[Collect supplies](#) for Midwest Mission Kits.

[Assemble Kits](#) with your family, small group, church, workplace, or community organization.

[Create handmade items](#) that provide comfort and care for people around the world.

[Host a Serving September event](#) at your church or community, inviting others to serve together.

Sometimes the greatest impact of Serving September begins before a single Kit is packed. It starts with an invitation to serve — a simple “Would you serve with me?”.

This September, be that person. Invite a friend, gather your family, encourage your small group, or organize an event at your church. You may be surprised by the conversations that begin, the relationships that grow, and the lives God touches through simple acts of service.

And, the work done during Serving September doesn't end when the event is over. The Kits, handmade items, and donated supplies will continue serving children, families, and communities long after September has passed.

To learn how to participate, visit midwestmission.org/servingseptember.

Together, let's make September a month of serving, connecting, and sharing God's love in practical ways.

Volunteer Opportunity: Concrete Project Leader Needed

Do you have experience with concrete work and a heart for serving?

Midwest Mission is preparing to begin a large concrete project, and we're looking for a **Volunteer Concrete Project Leader** to help guide the work. We will have weekly volunteers who are ready and willing to serve. Now we simply need someone with concrete experience to lead the team and provide direction throughout the project.

If you're local or would be willing to travel to serve in this role, we'd love to talk with you.

To learn more or express your interest, simply reply to this newsletter or call our office at **217-483-7911**.

CURRENT *Needs*

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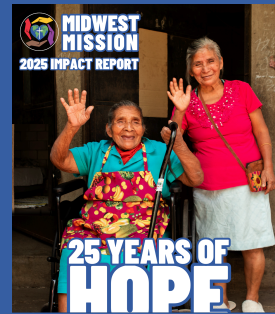
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- Cleaning
- Groundskeeping
- Items counted into inventory
- Offsite pack prep
- Unload trailers

- 60 Bedding Kits
- 418 Blessing Bags
- 15 Layette Kits
- 660 Personal Dignity Kits
- 130 Student Kits

Disbursements:

- Hope Church - Springfield, IL - 120 UMCOR Hygiene Kits, 144 tubes of toothpaste, 96 sticks of deodorant, 108 bottles of shampoo - Value: \$1,911.00
- First UMC - Springfield, IL - 1 Wheelchair - Value: \$100.00

- West Side Christian Church - Springfield, IL - 1 Wheelchair - Value: \$100.00

Work Done in Iowa

Onsite:

- Bike Shop
- Sewing Shop
- Cleaning
- Items counted into inventory
- Sorting fire gear
- Cutting fabric for sewing projects
- 360 Blessing Bags
- 130 Personal Dignity Kits
- 200 Student Kits

Offsite:

- 320 Blessing Bags - Asbury UMC VBS - Webster City, IA
- 100 Personal Dignity Kits - Iowa Conference Mission U

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July 24th, 2026

Volunteer Leaders



Lori Payne-Mullet



Mary Marty

Illinois Teams



Coal City UMC
Coal City, IL



Trinity UMC
Huntington, IN



King Family
Glenarm, IL



SPARC Summer Program



Grace UMC



Pride Linc

Jacksonville, IL



Crossroads UMC
Waunakee, WI

Iowa Teams



Gowrie UMC & Cornerstone UMC
IA



Bethel Warriors
IA



Hampton UMC
IA



First UMC
Atlantic, IA



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Exciting Milestone: Midwest Mission Ships 400 Desks and Chairs Directly from Indiana School



On Friday, July 31, Midwest Mission celebrated an exciting milestone by completing its first international shipment loaded entirely from a remote location.

Western School Corporation in Russiaville, Indiana, recently replaced classroom furniture and was looking for a new home for approximately 400 desks and chairs. At the same time, Midwest Mission's warehouse was temporarily at capacity as work continues to expand outdoor storage space.

Rather than letting those challenges stand in the way, Midwest Mission and Western School Corporation found a creative solution.

Chantel Corrie, Executive Director, and Melissa Brookens, Director of Missions, worked with the school corporation to coordinate loading the shipping container directly at the school. The furniture never had to travel through Midwest Mission's warehouse before beginning its journey to Haiti.

"We're always looking for opportunities to be good stewards of the donations entrusted to us," said Chantel Corrie, Executive Director of Midwest Mission. "Being able to load this container directly in Indiana is an exciting opportunity. It means these desks and chairs can begin serving students in Haiti sooner while allowing us to use our warehouse space and transportation resources as efficiently as possible."

The furniture will help equip a new school being built in Haiti by Midwest Mission's partner, Food For The Poor, giving students a welcoming place to learn, grow, and build their futures.

Western School Corporation's generous donation ensures these desks and chairs will continue serving students for years to come, this time in classrooms across the globe.

"This shipment is a wonderful example of what can happen when schools and communities work together," Corrie said. "Resources that are no longer needed in one classroom can become an incredible blessing in another."

This shipment also highlights a growing need. Food For The Poor is building new schools throughout Central America and the Caribbean, and quality used school furniture is in high demand. If a school in your community is replacing desks and chairs, Midwest Mission may be able to give them a second life in a classroom where they are urgently needed. Download and share [this flyer](#) with a school administrator to help connect us with future donations.

Serving September: One Month Away!



In one month, people across the Midwest will be serving with their churches, small groups, businesses, and families for a common goal: putting faith and love into action through practical acts of service.

Your community can be a part of it!

Why get involved?

Serving together brings people together. Despite differences, people connect over the common good.

It might be someone's first step towards discovering a church community — Jesus is often "caught," not "taught," and serving together is a great way to share Jesus.

There are many simple and easy ways to serve that make a big impact in people's lives around the world and around the corner.

Which way will you serve?

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- Unload trailers

- 15 Bedding Kits
- 222 Blessing Bags

- 260 Personal Dignity Kits
- 90 Student Kits
- 264 UMCOR Hygiene Kits
- 10 UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits

Offsite:

- 1,269 Blessing Bags - River of Life - Beloit, WI
- 20 Personal Dignity Kits - Richfield UMC - Richfield, MN

Disbursements:

- Roberts Park UMC - Indianapolis, IN - 864 UMCOR Hygiene Kits, 100 UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits, 864 tubes of toothpaste - Value: \$13,632
- The TEEM Center - Idewild, MI - 12 Electric Sewing Machines, Miscellaneous sewing items - Value: \$2,412.50
- Fifth St. Renaissance - Springfield, IL - 1 Bicycle - Value: \$90.00
- Patty Marx - 1 Walker, Medical supplies - Value: \$68.00

Work Done in Iowa

Onsite:

- Bike Shop
- Sewing Shop
- Cleaning
- Campus Improvements
- Items counted into inventory
- Offsite pack prep
- Sorting fire gear
- Cutting fabric for sewing projects
- 50 Feminine Hygiene Kits
- 150 Personal Dignity Kits
- 220 Student Kits

GET *involved*

Host a Mission Event

We have several hands-on mission opportunities you can host at your location! Contact Melissa Brookens at **217-483-7911** or melissa@midwestmission.org to book your event or for questions.

[Learn More](#)

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 More](#)

Serve at Midwest Mission

Illinois:

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

July 31st, 2026

Volunteer Leaders



Jennie & Stan Lowrey



Debbie & Stan Stadel

Illinois Teams



Lanark UMC
Lanark, IL



Faith UMC Adult Group
Champaign, IL



Sewing Group First UMC
Springfield, IL



Baker Memorial UMC
St. Charles, IL



Troy MC Youth
Troy, IL

Iowa Teams

Asbury UMC
Sioux Falls, SD

Immanuel UMC
Des Moines, IA

ALIGN Youth
Madrid, IA

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