

July 4th, 2025



Three International Shipments in one Week!



Just when we think things have slowed down, we turn around and there is even more to do! This week we were blessed to have three international shipments, which will now make a total of 34 shipments for this year!

There are so many steps that go into

a shipment, some bigger than others, and some that may even go unnoticed. But nonetheless, each one plays an important role, and together they create something truly beautiful. From receiving donations, unpacking and sorting every single item, to packing kits and supplies and loading them onto the truck. It's all a process that takes many hands and hearts to accomplish. Not to mention the special moments shared with volunteers and staff as we talk about the supplies, where they're going, and end with a prayer.



Shipments are incredibly important to all of us here at Midwest Mission. They are a chance to praise God for all the work He has done and an opportunity to help those in need. We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate our freedom this 4th of July than by celebrating our ability to serve the Lord and help others!

The first shipment was an Angels of Hope shipment sent to San Pedro Sula. Honduras to our partner CEPUDO, through Food for the Poor. It included:

- 480 Home Care Kits
- Mattresses and bed packs
- 35 Quilts
- Toys and Games
- 560 Personal Dignity Kits
- Scrubber Sponges

Value: \$36,331.00

The second shipment was sent to Georgetown, Guyana through Food for the Poor. It included:

- 24 Sewing machines and sewing supplies
- 5,331 disposable diapers
- 159 woven sleeping mats
- 116 walkers
- 54 pairs of crutches
- 86 canes
- 10 wheelchairs
- Tons of medical supplies and equipment
- 475 Baby items
- 142 Hygiene supplies
- 142 School supplies

Value: \$172,719.50

The third shipment of the week was also sent to San Pedro Sula to our partner CEPUDO through Food for the Poor. This shipment included:

- 40 mattresses
- 114 bed packs
- 58 sewing machines along with 290 Miscellaneous sewing supplies
- 870 birthing kits
- 888 Layette Kits
- 205 Feminine Hygiene Kits
- 57 Walkers

- 30 wheelchairs
- 3,600 Rice and Soy Blessing Bags to feed 21,600 people
- Tons of Fire Equipment (Boots, gloves, helmets, jackets, pants)
- 218 little boy outfits and 135 little girl outfits

Value: \$130, 732.40

As we near the end of the week and reflect on all that's been accomplished, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude. None of this would be possible without you, our generous donors and dedicated volunteers. Whether you gave financially, donated items, or offered your time and energy, every act of kindness plays a vital role in helping us fulfill our mission. Because of you, lives are being touched, hope is being restored, and faith is being shared. Your support allows us to serve others in ways that truly make a difference. We pray that every volunteer and donor feels the joy that comes from knowing the impact they've made. You are a part of something deeply meaningful, and we are so thankful.

If you've been thinking about getting involved with Midwest Mission, consider this your sign. There are so many ways to serve, grow your faith, and be the hands and feet of Christ. Visit our website or give us a call to learn how you can be part of something truly special.

It's all possible because of you. Thank you!



Prayers to Lift Up

God, thank you for your sacrifices that you have made for us so that we can live for you and to serve you. We thank you for the many blessings you have given us and we ask you to watch over all of us as we enter into a new week! Amen.

"Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."
-Philippians 2:6-7

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

Offsite:

- 4,800 Blessing Bags
- 100 Student Kits
- 18 Desks Built
- 27 Bed Packs
- 50 Birthing Kits
- 332 Blessing Bags
- 20 Feminine Hygiene Kits
- 132 Layette Kits
- 820 Personal Dignity Kits
- 130 Student Kits
- 12 Tornado Kits
- 1032 UMCOR Hygiene Kits

Disbursements:

- **Tree of Life Ministries:** 6 bicycles, 7 sewing machines, and 50 personal dignity kits- **Value: \$3,340.00**
- **Joan Gregg:** 110 1 handle cloth bags- **Value: \$660.00**
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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.

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Volunteer Spotlight

Deb Orndorff

Recently, one of our volunteer leaders Deb Orndorff shared some sweet and inspiring words on our social media. We felt her words perfectly encompassed what we are all about, and we wanted to share!

"This is a very rewarding mission. We have fun and get things accomplished. This is a mission that adjusts to your needs, so you can fill their needs. It's an opportunity to learn new trades (working with power tools), assemble a desk, fix a bike or sewing machine. Do you



like to sew? They have something for you to do. Not able to stand for long periods, chairs are provided. It's an awesome experience."

Deb's words truly capture what it is like to serve at Midwest Mission, and her reflection means so much to us because it shows how volunteering here isn't just about getting things done, it's about community, adaptability, and shared purpose. She's exactly right, whether you're learning something new, sharing a skill you already have, or simply showing up with a willing heart, there's a place for you here. Her experience reminds us why we do this work—because it brings people together in meaningful, fulfilling ways.

Thank you Deb, for all of your hard work and for your dedication to Midwest Mission!

Volunteers at Work

June 30th-4th, 2025

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JoAnn and Mike Orthel
Ankeny, IA



Pat and Sharon Baumer
Noblesville, IN

Illinois Teams



Reedsburg UMC



Howard Family & Friends



Douglas Avenue UMC
Springfield, IL

Athens UMC
Athens, IL



Lori Payne- Mullett
Springfield, IL

Monticello UMC
Monticello, IL



Grace UMC
Jacksonville, IL

Iowa Teams



Hope UMC
Marshalltown, IA





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July 11th, 2025



Transforming Health and Hope in Trujillo, Honduras!



In Honduras, poverty is a prevalent issue for nearly half of the population. This is due to factors such as limited access to education, health care, and basic services and necessities. Other elements like

violence, natural disasters and political instability only make poverty a never ending cycle. Thankfully, there are some amazing organizations that work together to respond to natural disasters, environmental education, and increasing climate change preparedness in countries like Honduras. CEPUDO is a nongovernmental organization that is based in Honduras, and they focus on eliminating poverty and managing some of these issues and providing stability. In addition, CEPUDO collaborates with local communities and different international partners like Midwest Mission to foster a stronger and more sustainable future for people in Honduras.

Before receiving support, Hospital Salvador Paredes in Trujillo was in extremely poor condition. The facility lacked essential medical supplies and equipment, making it nearly impossible to provide even basic care. Patients suffered, and many doctors and nurses faced their own health challenges due to the harsh conditions and limited resources. Without the proper tools, the hospital staff struggled to meet the needs of those they were so desperately trying to help.



When Midwest Mission learned of the situation, we knew we had to act—and fast. Because of the compassion and generosity of our donors, we were able to step in and make a difference. Thanks to the outpouring of support, we sent vital supplies including sewing machines, Birthing Kits, bicycles, mattresses, and blankets. Each of these items filled a unique and pressing need at Hospital Salvador Paredes and in the surrounding communities.

"We want to express our sincere gratitude for your generous donation, which has been of great help to the different services of our Salvador Paredes Hospital," said Mareza Zepeda, head of the Neonatology Department. She went on to explain how the supplies are improving their ability to care for patients—offering a renewed sense of hope and dignity to those they serve.

The impact extended beyond the hospital walls. Sewing machines were distributed to the Departmental Institution La Independencia in Santa Barbara, where students are learning valuable trade skills that can lead to sustainable livelihoods. Blankets, a simple but important gift, provided warmth and comfort to families who previously went without. Parents are now able to give their children a safer and more restful place to sleep.

In addition, families received much-needed basic hygiene items—things many of us in America take for granted, items like wet wipes, baby creams, powders, and more. Bicycles were awarded to students who excel academically in underserved areas, encouraging their education while also providing practical transportation.

Mareza Zepeda expressed deep gratitude for the donations and shared how the kindness and generosity of Midwest Mission supporters have truly transformed lives.

None of this would be possible without you, our generous donors. Your willingness to give is what enables us to respond quickly and compassionately in times of need. Thank you for being the hands and feet of hope. Together, we are making a tangible difference, one life at a time. If you want to help to make a difference like this, please spread the word about Midwest Mission and encourage others to [donate](#) and [serve](#)!

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.

What's Happening @ the Permanent Collection Sites?

The United Church of Sandwich , Sandwich, IL – Marilyn Steenwyk reached out to let us know that a volunteer would be bringing their donations to our warehouse in Pawnee, IL on June 27th. Being one of our newest Permanent Collection Sites, we weren't sure what to expect when their van pulled up to unload. *Only God knows how they managed to fit so many supplies in one van!* Walkers, canes, safety vests, wheelchairs, bicycles, pitch forks, shovels, rakes, hoes, work gloves, crutches, a serger, sewing machines, fabric and more. Thank you so much for allowing God to work through you to help those in need.

Gay Street UMC, Mount Vernon, OH – In June we said goodbye to Beth Prince. Beth was our contact for the Gay Street UMC Permanent Collection Site. She has been instrumental in past years gathering fire gear, generators and many many other needed supplies for Midwest Mission. Beth was a shining light in our mission and worked tirelessly to help those in need. She will be greatly missed.

Until we meet again!

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Prayers to Lift Up

Father, thank you for always delivering during our troubles. We thank you for saving us for the chance to live a life devoted to you! Amen.

**"The righteous cry out, and the lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
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- **Food for the Poor- Guatemala:** 15 Bikes, 8 sewing machines, fabric and misc sewing items, 643 blankets, 2,009 tarps, 357 quilts, 672 UMCOR School Kits, 560 Student Kits, 1,680 Personal Dignity Kits. and a variety of tools- **Value: \$223,063.50**
- **Little Galilee Church Camp:** 400 Bottles of Dish Soap- **Value: \$1,200.00**
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Manson, IA

Illinois Teams



**Schultz-Price Family, Dave & Kay Korty,
Norm & Mary Geible, Jean Marie & Larry
Allen Smith and Elaine Jacone**



Petersburg UMC-Youth Mission Camp
Petersburg, IL



Union Reunion
St. Louis, MO



St. Joseph UMC
St. Joseph, IL



Christy Blickensderfer Family Group
Washington, IL



Lanark UMC
Lanark, IL



Faith UMC
Champaign, IL

Iowa Teams



Bluff Creek Wranglers 4-H Club
Pilot Mound, IA



Grace UMC
Sioux City, IA



Guthrie Center UMC
Guthrie Center, IA



Hudson UMC
Hudson, IA



West Branch UMC
West Branch, IA



St. Tim's UMC
Cedar Falls, IA



Muscatine Wesley UMC
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REYOAD Campers Bring Hope, One Kit at a Time!



In June of this year, over 100 campers and volunteers gathered at Camp REYOAD to assemble Student Kits and Personal Dignity Kits. The staff guided the campers through the process, teaching them the purpose of the kits, how to put them together, where they would be sent, and how deeply they would be appreciated by those who receive them.

All of the campers are adults (18 years and older) who are differently-abled. Together, the REYOAD campers assembled 50 Student Kits and 50 Personal Dignity Kits! Each camper signed their name on a prayer card and took their turn learning how to build the kits. While some needed a little extra help from staff members, everyone contributed in a meaningful way.

At first, the group wasn't sure how they would secure the funding to make the project possible. The desire to serve was strong, but the financial resources just weren't there. But God made a way, bringing together the right people, churches, and donors to provide the support they needed. To God be all the glory!

This project was a huge hit with the staff, volunteers, and especially the campers. It was such a powerful experience that they're already hoping to do it again next year!

A huge thank you to the campers and staff at Camp REYOAD for coming together and making this happen. Because of your work, you've brought hope, dignity, and empowerment to people all around the world. You've made a difference, and for that, we say thank you!



Our 38th Shipment this year!

Last week we celebrated our 4th shipment in July! That makes 38 shipments this year! We are so excited to be chipping away at our goal of 50 for the entire year!

It was so beautiful to see God working through all the hands that helped put this shipment together. Knowing that we are able to send hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of supplies to those in need, and give them hope, is truly amazing. None of this would be possible without our incredible donors and volunteers. To that, we say thank you! Because of your hard work and

dedication to our mission, we are able to transform lives with simple resources.

This shipment went to Guatemala through our partner Food for the Poor. It included:

- 15 Bikes
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- Fabric and Sewing supplies
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- Hygiene supplies
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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?

****ATTENTION SEWERS****

Please take a moment to look at the seams pictured below. We love and appreciate each and every item received, and want them to last as long as possible. In an effort to make them last, our instructions ask you to pink, zigzag, or serge the edges of the material to prevent raveling.

CORRECT METHOD:



INCORRECT METHOD:



Thank you for all you do!

If you have a passion for making handmade items for Midwest Mission, and would like to join our Sewing Group Monthly Zoom Meeting (1st Monday of the month at 10am CT), please send your group name (if you are a part of a sewing group) and your name and email to teresa@midwestmission.org to receive an invitation to join our next meeting.

Online Store!

The online store is open once again for preordering. It will run from July through September for presale only!

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Thrift with a Mission Flyer

Celebrating Pat's 20th Anniversary!

Today, we are so excited to celebrate Pat's 20th anniversary at Midwest Mission! On this day, July 18th 20 years ago, Pat began her incredible journey with us. Over the past two decades, she has worn many hats and served in countless ways, and we couldn't be more grateful for her unwavering dedication and hard work. Pat sees the good in everyone, leads with humility and kindness, and truly embodies everything Midwest Mission stands for. She has a genuine servant's heart and continues to inspire everyone around her.

Thank you, Pat, for everything you are and everything you do. Your faithfulness, compassion, and quiet strength have left an immeasurable impact on this mission and all who walk through its doors.



Prayers to Lift Up

God, thank you for your plan and your timing. We may not know what is to come in the future, but we ask that you continue to remind us of your plan. Help us to trust in your timing and walk in faith and not fear! Amen.

"When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?"

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- 16 Bes Packs
- 30 Birthing Kits
- 136 Layette Kits
- 960 Personal Dignity Kits
- 36 UMCOR Cleaning Kits
- 61 UMCOR Hygiene Kits
- 360 Home Care Kits
- 8 Tornado Kits

Offsite:

- 1560 Blessing Bags packed
- 1420 Personal Dignity Kits
- 50 Student Kits

Disbursements:

- **MMDC:** 14 Bikes, Quilts, little boy outfits, school supplies, 240 Personal Dignity Kits and 16 Layette Kits- **Value: \$62,304.81**

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Deena Bentley
Farmersville, IL



Coal City UMC
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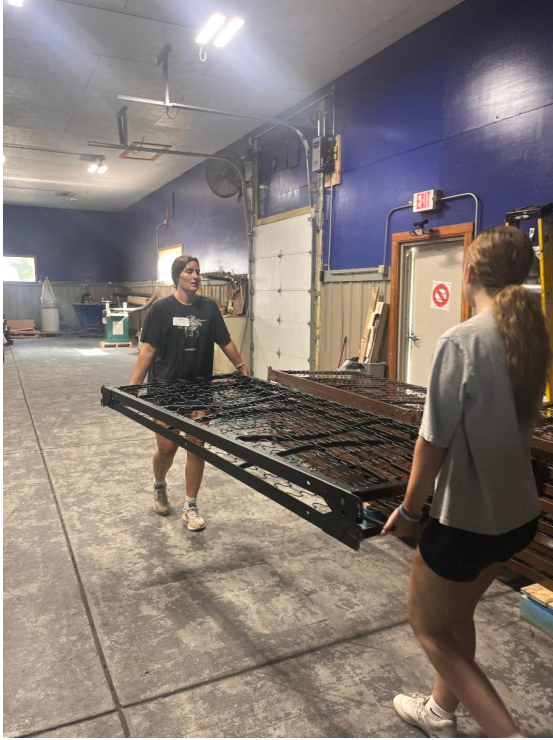


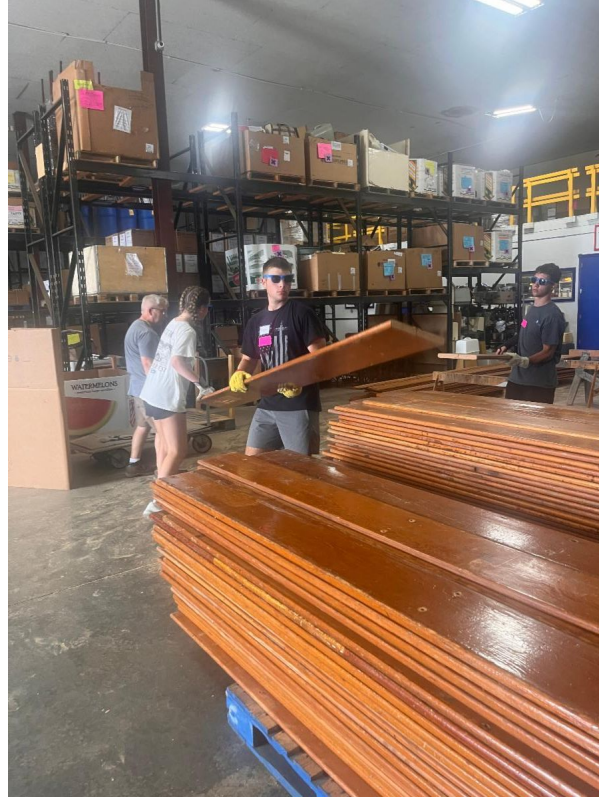
Patrick Long
Virden, IL

Iowa Teams



Harrisburg UMC
Harrisburg, SD





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July 25th, 2025



Our 40th International Shipment this Year!



This week we were blessed enough to send two more international shipments! That makes 40 international shipments in 2025! Which means we are only 10 shipments away from reaching our goal for the entire year!

The first shipment went to Tegucigalpa, Honduras through our partner Food for the Poor. It included:

- 4,800 Blessing Bags

- 280 Personal Dignity Kits
- 48 Sewing Machines
- 74 Walkers
- 60 Canes
- 30 Mattresses
- 120 Pairs of Crutches
- 2,342 Pieces of clothing
- Miscellaneous Baby Items
- Miscellaneous Medical supplies
- Hygiene Supplies
- Tables & Chairs

Value: \$115,591.00

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Compared to some of our previous shipments, these two were on the smaller side, but that doesn't mean they were any less impactful! They included essential supplies that will make a significant difference.

The second shipment, in particular, included beds that had been specifically requested, and we were honored to make it happen.

We had recently received a generous donation of mattresses from both Illinois State University and The College of Wooster. Our Executive Director, Chantel Corrie, received a call from Wooster's materials manager asking if we happened to accept mattresses, as they were in the process of replacing theirs. After inspecting the beds and confirming we could take them, we returned a few weeks later to pick them up. So when we later received a call requesting beds, it felt like a perfect little God moment. We're incredibly grateful that the mattresses came at just the right time. All the glory goes to God!

These shipments are a perfect example of our commitment to only sending what is truly needed. We pride ourselves on responding directly to requests, and never sending excess items that weren't needed. It's important to us to honor what people ask for, and that's exactly what we did here.

Sending shipments like these brings us so much joy. It's heartwarming to know that we can help so many people with such simple, yet vital, resources. And none of it would be possible without our generous donors and amazing volunteers who give their time and talents to pack and prepare these supplies.

Thank you to every hand involved in making these shipments happen!



Transforming Lives One Mat at a Time!

It is everyone's favorite time of year...Annual Conference season! Our annual conferences are the most exciting time of the year for Midwest Mission, because we are overwhelmed with joy at the amount of donations we receive. With these donations we are able to transform so many lives all around the world and spread the love of Jesus. Recently at Midwest Mission's Annual Conference in Minnesota, we were blessed with an immense number of generous donations.



There was one donation that stood out, and we knew we just had to share the story.

Bethesda North Pointe made a donation of 14 Plarn Sleeping Mats, weaved by hand using a loom. Jacky Lindaquist, activity director at Bethesda North Pointe, informed us that they heard about the Sleeping Mats when they volunteered at Midwest Mission. Before leaving, they got plans to make their own loom and then when they got home, they started giving them to those interested.

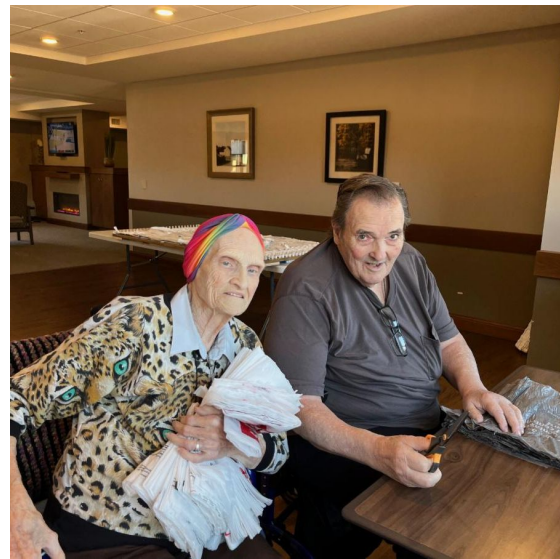
A senior assisted living facility in Minnesota showed great interest, so Jacky and a few members of the church spent a few hours there teaching them to make their first mat.

One of the residents, Terry, had been wanting to find his purpose since he first moved into the facility. After learning how to make the Sleeping Mats, he took

on a leadership role in this project, and Terry spends many hours creating beautiful and colorful mats. Another resident, Suzy, has joined Terry with this project and they have both proactively devoted their time to this.

Terry and Suzy have a new found love for weaving these Mats, they both have been excited to give back to those in need, and they have a new-found purpose for themselves. Since they started this activity, they have created a plarn mat each week for a total of 14 plarn sleeping mats that they donated to Midwest Mission.

It is stories just like this one that make Midwest Mission what it is. Without volunteers' time and effort to serve those in need, we would not be able to accomplish our mission. If you've been thinking about volunteering for Midwest Mission, let this be your sign. Volunteering is more than just lending a hand—it's a chance to find purpose, connect with others, and make a real difference in the lives of those in need. Step into something meaningful and be a part of transforming lives, including your own!



Online Store!

The online store is open once again for preordering. It will run from July through September for presale only!

Orders must be placed by September 8, 2025.
The orders will be fulfilled by September 26, 2025.

[Shop!](#)

Thrift With A Mission

It's garage sale season! If you love to thrift, browse estate sales, or hunt for treasures at garage sales, why not turn your shopping into serving? Be on the lookout for items you can donate to Midwest Mission. Download a flyer and tell your friends, family or even take it to your church!

Prayers to Lift Up

Father, when we are weak be our strength. When the weight of the world is weighing us down, fill us with your joy. We ask you to remind us that your joy is our strength and help us to walk in confidence. Amen.

**“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song”
-Psalm 28:7**



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
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Scrub Brushes
- Bed Packs
- 1 Gallon Ziplock Bags
- Baby onesies & Sleepers (Size 0-6 months)

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

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