

January 1, 2021



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For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings, I will sing for joy.  
Psalm 63.6

## Still, Time to Donate

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# Disbursing Another Two Shipments in One Day



Midwest Mission disbursed two more shipments that both left on December 21. These relief items will help assist those affected by the hurricanes, COVID and poverty in both Guatemala and Honduras.

These shipments will be disbursed through our partner, Food for the Poor and their Angels of Hope Program.

The shipments contained \$248,057 worth of relief supplies consisting of:

- Midwest Mission Home Care, Birthing, Layette, Student, and Personal Dignity Kits
- Midwest Mission Homemade Student Desks
- Bikes / Fabric
- Electric and Treadle Sewing Machines
- Homemade Youth and Baby Clothing and Baby Diapers
- Cleaning, Medical, Hygiene and Feminine Hygiene Supplies
- 15,000 Face Masks

So far we have sent five shipments with Food For The Poor to provide humanitarian and disaster relief to children and families in Guatemala, Honduras and America.

Continue to send prayers to help protect those in need around the world and around the corner.

## West Ohio & Midwest Mission serve Manos Juntas

In December, Midwest Mission was able to disburse 12 laptops to the **Manos Juntas in Rio Bravo**,

**Mexico.** Manos Juntas Mexico is part of the Social Ministries of the Methodist Church of Mexico and receives many teams of volunteers from Churches from the U.S. that come to share the love of Jesus Christ and help in construction and medical missions.

Started as a very small mission to help the poor in the area of Rio Bravo with medical attention, now the Manos Juntas Ministry touches the lives of many in several Mexican states, building homes, providing medical attention, scholarships, disaster relief, and help to those in need. A part of the Methodist Church of Mexico, MJM has grown and is branching out in new directions in partnership with many Christian volunteers from the United Methodist Church, the Methodist Church of Mexico, and other organizations and individuals.



To join a virtual mission of Mexico **[CLICK HERE!](#)**

## Midwest Mission Bicycle Shop

Hear from Missionary Shop Leaders Bob Leach and Mike Childress on how the Bicycle Shop operates.

This will give you a great look at the Bicycle Shop and how our missionaries refurbish the bikes.

If you are interested in joining in on the fun in the Bicycle Shop email us at **[office@midwestmission.org](mailto:office@midwestmission.org)**



# Missionaries Serving this Week

## December 28 - January 1



**Missionary Leaders**  
**Karen, Sam & Chuck Porter**



**Weekly Missionary**  
**Bob Leach**



**Weekly Missionary**  
**Mike Elliott**

## Weekly Projects

### Work of the Missionaries at Midwest Mission

- Worked on the new office addition
- Cleaned the distribution center
- Refurbished bikes

### Disbursements

#### This week:

- **CICIM in Decatur, IL** received 31lbs. of redirected household furniture valued at \$248.

## The Prayer Center

### A Prayer for a New Year



*Psalm 96: 1-3*

*At the dawn of the new year I'm filled with hope for what is to come, and I have thankfulness in my heart for what has already passed. I pray that I will keep my focus where it needs to be this year and that we'll all have a year filled with joy, love and happiness.*

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## COLLECTION SITES UP & RUNNING

I am excited to report we received our first donation for our Midwest Mission Distribution Collection Site at Lanark UMC in Lanark, Illinois on December 28, 2020! The donation came from First UMC, Savanna, and included a treadle sewing machine, a kneeling rail, and several boxes containing homemade items and Midwest Mission Kit Supplies such as diapers and pins, school bags, girls' and boys' clothes, sleepers and blankets, hygiene items, and New Testament Bibles. We're rolling! Thanks be to God!

Happy New Year!

Blessings, Pastor Marilyn



From left to right: Bob Grissinger and Mary Itons (Savanna UMC), Randy Wyckoff (Lanark UMC Site Contact person), and Molly Anderson (Savanna UMC).



From left to right: Pastor Marilyn (Lanark UMC) and Mary Itons (Savanna UMC), Randy Wyckoff (Lanark UMC Site Contact person), and Molly Anderson (Savanna UMC).

## COLLECTION SITES

Midwest Mission strives to ensure that those affected by a



disaster receive the supplies they need to recover. To help secure these supplies, some of our supporting United Methodist churches, donors, board members, and missionaries have agreed to become Permanent Collection Sites. To see those locations click on the button below!

[Collection Sites](#)

## FACE MASKS TO THE NEEDY

The Face Masks that were disbursed to Food for the Poor are being shared with those in need in this image. Food for the Poor's Church Alliances' Department partnered with the Florida Baptist Convention for distribution in the local churches in Broward County. "These masks helped so many people, and we cannot thank you enough for your continuous support to helping the needy" said Karen L. Carlson, the *GIK Partner Relations Specialist* with Food for the Poor.



## UMCORE HYGIENE KITS TO NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

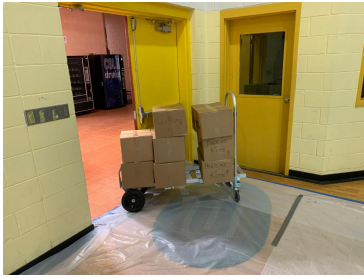
Midwest Mission was able to disburse 240 UMCOR Hygiene Kits in October of 2020 to the Northcott Neighborhood House. In December these kits were shared with those they serve to help provide them with essential items they need to thrive during these difficult times.

Northcott Neighborhood House's Mission is to provide jobs and opportunities to better their lives. They do this by providing job training and keeping their food pantry stocked.

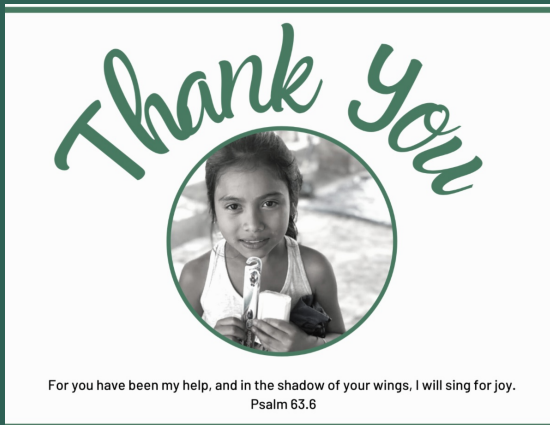
The emergency food pantry serves about 1,200 community residents annually. In addition, we distribute food to 1,000 older adults and recent Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program graduates. They also offer bread, muffins, and bakery goods daily, as well as a clothing exchange to meet family apparel needs.



Below you will see images of Northcott Neighborhood House disbursing the kits and other essential supplies!



## HELP US KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR!



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## THANK YOU MISSIONARIES

The Midwest Mission Staff wants to thank all of its Missionaries for all their time, talents, and treasures they have donated to make 2020 such a success!



## MISSIONARY APPRECIATION EVENT

Midwest Mission had the privilege to hold their Annual Missionary Appreciation Event on December 11, 2020. We did not let the pandemic get in the way of celebrating our wonderful and dedicated missionaries. Our regular missionaries were able to drive by to visit and see the Midwest Mission staff while being presented with a small gift to show our appreciation all from the safety of their own cars! Below you will see a few images of those we were able to celebrate!

Thank you to all our missionaries around the world that donate their time, talents and treasures to help serve those in need during a time of crisis.







## MISSIONARIES SERVING THIS WEEK JANUARY 4-8



Missionary Leaders  
Chuck, Samuel & Karen Porter



Regular Missionaries  
Joan and Emma Smith



Weekly Missionary  
Terry House



Weekly Missionary  
Bill Walden



Weekly Missionary  
Bob and Leslie Leach



Regular Missionary  
Joyce Ham



Regular Missionary  
Ken Anderson



Regular Missionary  
Mike Childress



Regular Missionaries  
Bill and Marilyn Seelman



Regular Missionary  
Jim Stricker



Regular Missionary  
Bill Stephens



Weekly Missionary  
Ray Ogden



Regular Missionaries  
Luke and Adam Chase

NOT PICTURED:  
Landon Leach  
Brenda Gregory  
Cassie Kirk

## WEEKLY PROJECTS

### WORK OF THE MISSIONARIES AT MIDWEST MISSION

- Worked on the new office addition
- Cleaned the distribution center
- Built Student Desks
- Refurbished bikes and sewing machines

### DISBURSEMENTS

This week:



- **Cole Maddox in Rochester, IL** received 367 lbs. of redirected household furniture valued at \$1,584.
- **Louise Corder in Jacksonville, IL** received 5 lbs. of fabric valued at \$2.50.
- **Barry Braden in Medford, Oregon for the Oregon Idaho Annual Conference** received 468 UMCOR Cleaning Kits valued at \$35,100. To assists those still recovering from the Forest Fires.

## THE PRAYER CENTER

### A PRAYER FOR AMERICA



Prayer from Bishop Frank J. Beard.

Please join us in praying The Lord's Prayer at the top of each hour, as you are able.

Please also join us in prayer: Lord, in your mercy, bring peace and healing to our nation and to our world. Help us to walk together in peace and in love for you and for one another. In Jesus name, Amen.'

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# MIDWEST MISSION

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IGRC retired pastor, visionary and founder of Midwest Mission, Rev. Jack D. Travelstead, 91, died January 10 in Springfield.

Rev. Travelstead began the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in 2000 and served as the director for about three years. Rev. Travelstead was a dedicated supporter of Midwest Mission till the very end and was instrumental in acquiring large donations for the Center.

Rev. Travelstead also served 41 years in the former Southern and Central Illinois Conferences, retiring in 1992 from Pontiac First. He served as District Superintendent in both former conferences.

No memorial services have been planned. Arrangements are being handled by Boardman-Smith Funeral Home in Springfield.

For a complete obituary [CLICK HERE.](#)

Condolences may be sent to his son, Stan Travelstead, 2213 Augusta Dr., Springfield, IL 62704-3197.

## THE BLESSING OF A NUTRITIOUS MEAL HAITI



*The following is a narrative from a Haitian citizen who happens to be an employee of Food For The Poor in Haiti. Her perspective is not only personal as a native of this small tropical country, but also objective in terms of the assistance that she sees is needed in the humanitarian crisis that has become commonplace in the country.*

“Over the years, Haiti has suffered from numerous crises. Natural disasters, rising prices and political instability have each played a major role in impoverishing the country.”

“Many people do not have access to electricity, education, water, sanitation, healthcare and most importantly, food.”

“Two out of 10 children do not have access to school and the literacy level of the population is extremely low.”

“Haitians are in urgent need of food assistance. Children are malnourished, underweight and anemic.”

“Haiti’s economy is largely informal and dependent on small family farms. Over the past two decades, there has been a decline in the performance of the agricultural sector, which has also influenced the ongoing food crisis.”

“This low performance is not only the result of the socio-political crisis in the country, but also due to the natural disasters that have occurred throughout the years, such as floodings, landslides, droughts, and the 2016 Category 4 cyclone - Hurricane Matthew.”

“Farmers have limited access to funds and modern technology, which prompts many to sell their lands just to be able to feed their families for a short period of time.”

“Through food donations, Food For The Poor-Haiti, has been fighting to reduce hunger and malnutrition in the country.”

“Some families spend between 60 and 80 percent of their income on food, which can force them to prioritize feeding their families over meeting other basic needs, like sending their children to school.”

“They may also choose to skip meals in order to cope financially, continuing the cycle of hunger and food deprivation.”

“With food donations such as the one provided by the generosity of **Midwest Mission Distribution Center**, we can give a child a chance to obtain an education because it means that a parent will not have to choose between feeding their child and sending them to school.”

“Many schools also rely on Food For The Poor to feed students. These schools know very well that the children arrive on an empty stomach because the parents do not have the financial means to feed their children.”

“It is heart-wrenching to realize that most children complain of discomfort and headaches due to hunger, and as a result are unable to focus in class.”

“Having something to eat before class most certainly helps their academic performance and attention span.”

“It is important to note that Food For The Poor has given these children hope - hope for a better tomorrow, hope that they will not have to spend the day on an empty stomach, and hope that their parents will not have to choose between feeding them and sending them to school.”

“This is all thanks to God, who has continued to manifest His love through donors such as **Midwest Mission Distribution Center**. Because of their generosity, children and families will have at least one meal each day.”

“The rice casserole meals are not only nutritious but loved by all – the young and old alike. Even those who live in an elderly village enjoy the meal that is prepared for them in the form of a soup.”

“The people of the village are forever grateful and very appreciative for this donation. Thank you so much to the amazing donor, said many members of the staff.”





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Midwest Mission is in  
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- Toothpaste - 2.5 oz

or larger

- Liquid Laundry Detergent - 32 -64 oz.

These supplies are for two of our top Midwest Mission Kits.

To purchase the toothpaste [CLICK HERE](#).

To make a monetary donation for these supplies click on the donate button. We thank you all in advance for your donations!

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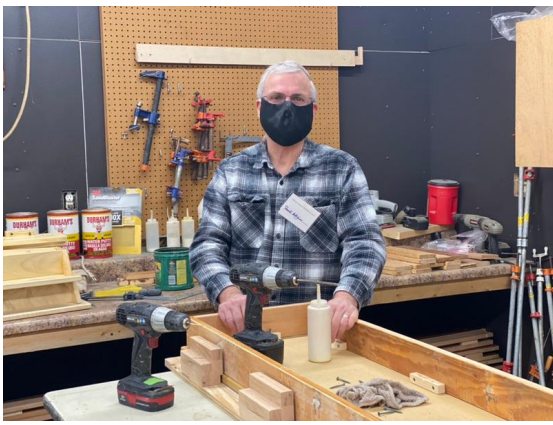
## SHIPMENTS TO END 2020

Check out how Midwest Mission ended the year 2020! Two shipments out on December 21st to Guatemala and Honduras. Watch the Guatemala shipment [here!](#)



**MISSIONARIES AT WORK**









## MISSIONARIES SERVING THIS WEEK JANUARY 11 - 15



**Missionary Leaders**  
**Chuck, Samuel & Karen Porter**



**Missionary Leaders**  
**Jeff & Jane Johnson**



**Weekly Missionary**  
**Terry House**



**Weekly Missionary**  
**Bill Walden**



**Weekly Missionary**  
**Bob and Leslie Leach**





**Regular Missionary  
Joyce Ham**



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Kent Douglas**



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Roger Schlichting**



**Weekly Missionary  
David Hutchins**



**Weekly Missionary  
Cassie Kirk**



**Yearly Missionary  
Lisa Herschfield - Mentor, OH**



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Alberta Heckel**



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Ray Ogden**



**Regular Missionary**

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- Built Student Desks
- Refurbished bikes and sewing machines
- Assembled Midwest Mission Personal Dignity Kits

## DISBURSEMENTS

### This week:

- **Collette Benson in Sioux City, IA** received one wheelchair valued at \$50.

## Monthly In-Kind Donations

The Monthly In-Kind Donations in **December** totaled 181,949 lbs. We received:

- **Layette Kit Supplies** - Layette gowns, cloth diapers, and sweaters
- **Medical Supplies** - Ace bandages, crutches, wheelchairs, commodes, canes, *hospital beds*, and misc. items
- **Student Kit supply items** - Misc. items
- **Feminine Hygiene Kit Supplies** - Assembled Days for Girls Feminine Hygiene Kits
- **Home Care Kit Supplies** - Laundry soap, and dish soap
- **Hygiene Supplies** - Hand sanitizer
- **Personal Dignity Kit Supplies** - Assembled kits, toothpaste, and misc. items
- **Sewing Items** - Electric and Treadle Sewing Machines and misc. sewing items
- **Homemade Items** - Baby Hats, Boy and Girl Outfits, cloth adult and youth facemasks, one handle cloth bags, Cover them with Love Quilts, and blankets
- **Household Furniture/Furnishings** - Plates, cups
- **UMCOR** - Assembled Hygiene, School and Cleaning Kits
- **Tarps from LAMAR Advertising**
- **Building Materials and Tools**
- **Student Desk Materials** - bleacher wood
- **Bible literature**
- **Fabric**
- **Wine to Water Relief Kits and Water Filters**
- **Sleeping Mat Items** - Plarn for the mats
- **Gaylords and Pallets for warehouse**
- **Bikes**

# THE PRAYER CENTER

A PRAYER FOR LOVE



Loving You is the best thing that has happened to me Oh Lord. You have stood by me ever since the fateful day that I accepted Your company. You have showered me with Your pure love, blessings, miracles, and divine protection. In fact, this prayer is only due to Your power. By which, You kept me alive to see today and to make a request. I pray,

Father in Heaven that You open the eyes of my family and friends. And for the ones who love You like I do, Father keep both their eyes and mine open to Your devotion and adoration. I bless Your divine name for this deep and short prayer for love.

In Jesus Name I Pray, Amen.

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January 22, 2021



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## FACEMASKS FOR 2,700 INDIVIDUALS



In early April our local shelter called for masks for their clients; I made 33 for them. Immediately after, Midwest Mission Distribution Center put out a call for masks. And so, I began the year's project, sewing CDC-specified triple-layer 100% cotton masks. I ransacked my closets for 100% cotton sheets and scraps. When they ran out, a quilter friend, Faye Hoffman of Woodridge, started giving me her leftover fabric - did you know all quilting fabric is 100% cotton? Then her daughter Robin sourced new yardage for me, and in the summer, found a whole 17-yard bolt (108"

wide)! I've been working at that bolt ever since, ordering muslin for the double-layer lining, several times buying out all that had just arrived at Woodridge's Quilters' Quest.

And elastic! In the spring, there was no elastic to be had anywhere in North America. So I cut old T-shirts into strips and made Tarn. I ordered some from China, but it took three months to arrive. When the T-shirts were gone, elastic was again available! Joy!

I tried to ship a box of masks to Midwest Mission every few weeks. In the last months, each shipment has included adult, youth and child sizes, as they requested. On Jan. 5, I shipped the final box; to my amazement, I found I'd made exactly 2700 masks, all but 40 for Midwest Mission! For me, COVID will always inspire a memory of ripping, pressing and sewing for Midwest Mission, with prayer that the masks will protect those who receive them.

- ***Rev. Beth Galbreath – Woodridge, IL***





## EVERY DONATION HELPS THOSE IN NEED

Midwest Mission had the opportunity to team up with some of the local Parent Educators from three schools in the Springfield area.

Dawn Mobley, Parent Educator with McClelland Elementary School, was contacted by our team informing her of some redirected cleaning, school and hygiene supplies she could disburse to the families in need at her school. Once Dawn saw the amount, she then called upon two other Parent Educators. She reached out to Gene Moore, Parent Educator at Feitshans Elementary School and Pastor at Monroe Christian in Springfield, and Parent Educator Amy with the Fairview Elementary School and member of the South Side Christian Church. The three worked together to sort the items and pack up their cars with household goods, cleaning supplies and blankets in bags.

Dawn Mobley reported that she would be giving out 73 bags full of the donated supplies to students that sign up for their Virtual Family Literacy Night in February. Each child will be able to read a book and then wrap up with the cozy donated blanket they received from Midwest Mission.

***Matthew 18:20 ESV***

***“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”***



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## Mission Kits

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## COVID RELIEF CONTINUES INTO 2021



As we enter into 2021, the world continues to fight COVID 19 and Midwest Mission continues to respond to those in need during this pandemic.

On January 20, 2021, we disbursed a shipment valued at \$183,898.50 with Food for the Poor going to Honduras.

In March 2020, COVID-19 became a pandemic and FFTP responded quickly to the crisis. FFTP, in partnership with Matthew 25: Ministries, is supporting the manufacture of masks in five sewing centers throughout Honduras. So far, 77,700 masks have been produced, which has created income opportunities, as well as free masks for families who cannot afford to buy them.

- By the end of June, there were more than 18,000 coronavirus cases in Honduras, according to worldometers.info, filling hospitals and putting clinics over their capacity.
- The need for food is critical. Since March, FFTP has been distributing food baskets to more than a thousand families weekly.
- More than 20,000 families have received a two-week supply of rice, beans, cornmeal for tortillas, and MannaPacks. These actions have been supplemented by donations of avocados, bananas, chickens, and other food items whenever possible.

In this shipment, Midwest Mission sent the citizens of Honduras additional sewing machines (34 electrical, 8 treadles, and 1 industrial sewing machine), 385 lbs of fabric, and 400 redirect sewing items to continue the production of facemasks needed to keep them safe and

protected. They will also receive 992 1/2-gallon bottles of hand sanitizer to prevent the spread of infections and decrease the risk of getting sick. In addition, they will receive:

- sporting good items
- tarps from LAMAR Advertising
- Insulated Bags
- Pillowcase Dresses and Redirect Clothing
- Disposable Feminine Hygiene Pads
- Cover Them With Love Quilts

Join us in prayer as we ask for God to Protect our World from this and all illnesses.

**Jeremiah 33:6**

***Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.***

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHANTEL CORRIE!

Happy Birthday to our Fierce, Empowering, Visionary, and Loving Leader,  
Executive Director - Chantel Corrie!

We all hope you had a blessed day on January 19th!



## MISSIONARIES AT WORK









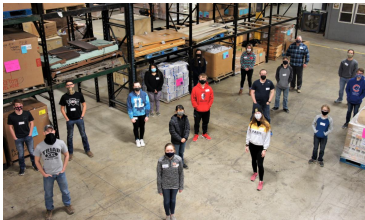
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Yearly Missionaries  
Troy UMC Youth- Troy, IL



Regular Missionaries  
Monticello UMC - Monticello, IL



Weekly Missionaries  
Mike & Mary Snider





Weekly Missionary  
Terry House



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Marsha Johnson



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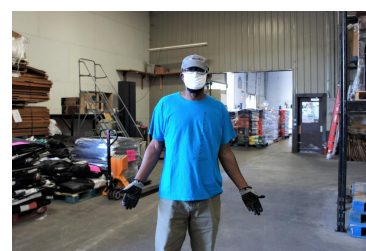
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- Cleaned the distribution center
- Built Student Desks
- Refurbished bikes and sewing machines
- Packaged up toilet paper
- Assembled Midwest Mission Personal Dignity Kits, Layette Kits, and Rice Meals
- Counted Medical Equipment into Inventory

## DISBURSEMENTS

### This week:

- **Trinity UM Women in Mt. Gilead, OH** received 218 lbs. of fabric and 7 lbs of plarn valued at \$112.50
- **CICIC in Decatur, IL** received 1 wheelchair, 1 medical overbed table, and 1 bed valued at \$688.

## THE PRAYER CENTER

### A PRAYER DURING A TIME OF LOSS



"So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy."

**John 16:22**

*We pray that in this time of loss, You'll feel  
God's love much more And that you'll find  
your comfort In the presence of the Lord.*

*We pray God pours upon you, His sweet  
amazing grace And overflow your heart with peace As you live in  
His embrace.*

*- M.S. Lowndes*

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## A GIFT OF GREAT MAGNITUDE



Follow up from Food for the Poor:

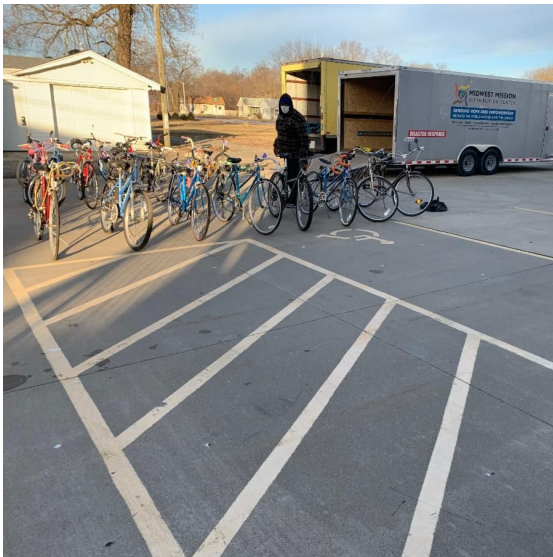
They never expected it! The firefighting capability of the Volunteer Firefighters of Guatemala has greatly improved with the recently-donated gift of a fire truck, thanks to the outstanding generosity of caring Midwest Mission Distribution Center!

According to the representatives of Volunteer Firefighters of Guatemala, "We are most appreciative and grateful for this gift of great magnitude, that will save lives and property of the Guatemalan people. May God bless you for having this gesture with us. A gesture that will help us save the lives of those in peril. That is our objective – to save lives. We are not affiliated with any political party, and we represent all Guatemalan people. For us, all lives are valuable. We only hope to be able to help."

Fires have always been an issue in Guatemala, especially in the Jalapa and Petén regions of the country. Jalapa is a city in southeastern Guatemala, located in a valley known for its picturesque landscape. Petén is located in northern Guatemala, bordered by Mexico to the north and west, and by Belize to the east. It constitutes more than a third of the country's territory. CONRED, the National Coordinating Agency for Disaster Reduction of Guatemala, has reported that as of the end of April 2020, fires consumed a large portion of forest land. As of May 2020, there were 1,157 active fires in Guatemala, 813 of which were forest fires and 344 classified as a different type.



## BIKES TO THOSE IN NEED



Midwest Mission was able to disburse 77 bikes to St. Martin de Porres, a local food and clothing bank in the Springfield area. These refurbished bikes will help to eliminate the barrier of transportation for individuals of all ages.

### **Jeremiah 29:11**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*





## MIDWEST MISSION URGENT NEEDS

Midwest Mission is in  
URGENT NEED of

- **Toothpaste - 2.5 oz or larger**
- **Liquid Laundry Detergent - 32 - 64 oz.**

These supplies are for  
two of our top Midwest  
Mission Kits.

To purchase the  
toothpaste [\*\*CLICK HERE.\*\*](#)

To make a monetary  
donation for these  
supplies click on the donate button. We thank you all in advance for your  
donations!

### MIDWEST MISSION URGENT NEEDS



Toothpaste - 2.5 oz. or larger



Laundry Detergents - 32-64 oz.

**DONATE**

## HELPING TO KEEP FAMILIES WARM

Midwest Mission had the  
opportunity to team up again with  
the local Parent Educators from one  
of the schools in the Springfield  
area.

Gene Moore, Parent Educator at



Feitshans Elementary School and Pastor at Monroe Christian Church in Springfield, IL contacted us to see how we could collaborate to help a family of 6 get access to heat in their home.

Sadly, Gene reported that the family was, unsafely, using their stove to heat their home due to the cold temperatures here in Illinois.

God continues to always provide for others in their most vulnerable time and due to the new addition, the staff at Midwest Mission no longer needed the space heaters they used to keep warm in the winter months. Midwest Mission was able to donate their 6 space heaters which will allow this family of 6 to stay a little warmer during these cold winter months. Thanks be to God for always providing.

**James 2:16 NIV**

***"If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?"***

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## FIRST ANGELS OF HOPE SHIPMENT of 2021

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Throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, precious children who have been orphaned or abandoned by their families need love and support. Through all the projects to help poor children, the Food For The Poor's Angels of Hope program can provide both that love and support.



Food For The Poor has specially selected orphanages in the Caribbean and Latin America for participation in their Angels of Hope program. These are nongovernmental homes that help orphaned children grow and develop - mentally, physically, and spiritually - in a Christian environment.

On January 25, Midwest Mission was able to disburse a container load of humanitarian relief supplies to help those children who have been orphaned and/or abandoned in El Salvador.

The orphanages will receive:

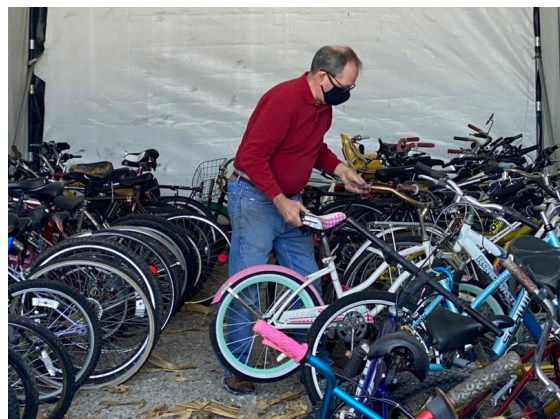
- 429 Midwest Mission Home Care Kits

- 3,432 rolls of toilet paper
  - 1,210 Midwest Mission Personal Dignity Kits
  - 1,260 Tubes of Toothpaste
  - 2 Ultra Lite Firefighter Air Masks
- Valued at \$34,583.25

Hear from CARLA from the EL SALVADOR Angels of Hope Program!



## MISSIONARIES AT WORK







## MISSIONARIES SERVING THIS WEEK JANUARY 25 - 29



**Missionary Leaders**  
**Chuck, Sam & Karen Porter**



**Weekly Missionary**  
**Bill Walden**



**Regular Missionaries**  
**Ramsey Life Group**



**Weekly Missionaries**  
**Mike & Mary Snider**



**Weekly Missionary  
Terry House**



**Regular Missionary  
Marsha Johnson**



**Weekly Missionary  
Bob & Leslie Leach**



**Regular Missionary  
Clint Ham**



**Regular Missionary  
Kent Douglas**



**Weekly Missionary  
David Hutchins**



**Weekly Missionary  
Cassie Kirk**



**Weekly Missionary  
Justin Clemmer**



**Weekly Missionary  
Ray Ogden**



**Regular Missionary  
Jim Stricker**



**Regular Missionary  
Bill Stephens**



**Regular Missionaries  
Frazee and Friends**



**Regular Missionary  
Ken Anderson**



**Regular Missionary  
Mike Childress**

## WEEKLY PROJECTS

### WORK OF THE MISSIONARIES AT MIDWEST MISSION

- Worked on the new office addition
- Cleaned the distribution center
- Built Student Desks
- Refurbished bikes and sewing machines



- Packaged up toilet paper
- Assembled Midwest Mission Personal Dignity Kits, Layette Kits, and Birthing Kits

## THE PRAYER CENTER

A PRAYER TO FOCUS ON THE FUTURE, AND GOD'S PLANS



*God has plans for our lives, and they're plans to help us prosper!*

*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*

*Isaiah 43:18-19*

## Connecting with Midwest Mission

**2022 Mission Journey  
Calendar is OPEN!**



Go to or **CLICK HERE**  
<https://mmdc.volunteermatrix.com/>

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WITHOUT YOU!**

**Bring your team or  
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for a Mission Journey!**

**Click on the image to  
check our calendar for  
openings in 2021 and  
2022**



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United Methodist Volunteers in Mission  
*christian love in action!*

## Share some GOD News with those you Love!

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



Link to Share our  
Newsletter

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MISSION JOURNEY

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