February 4, 2022

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Fire Equipment Donation Always Appreciated

On Friday, Jan. 28, **Pat and Sharon Baumer** traveled to Osgood, Ohio to pick up a truck load of **fire equipment** from the Osgood Volunteer Fire Department. The donations included:

- Fire coats
- Pants
- Helmets
- Boots

Pat (on the left in the picture) served as a volunteer firefighter for 26 years in Ohio. He knows the importance of the equipment to other countries. As a result, he has made collecting fire equipment that could no longer be used in the U.S., because of the established age standards, one of his missions.

"It is such a joy every time we locate more fire gear and then give that gear new life by putting it into the hands of those who can use it to help people in need," Pat says.

This donation is a gift that will be well used. We will let you know who gets it once it is determined.

Midwest Mission's team thanks the Baumers and the Osgood Volunteer Fire Department for the donations and for helping us provide safety to those who may not otherwise have it.

Local Volunteer Donates Medical Equipment

Martha Vache and husband Louis are from Jacksonville, IL. Martha is a regular volunteer. The couple, however, visited Midwest Mission this week to bring in a walker, shower chair/stool and a wheelchair.

Click on the button below the image to hear Martha share where the equipment came from and why she chose to donate it to Midwest Mission.

Midwest Mission does accept a variety of medical equipment. It is shared with those who may have a need around the world or around the corner.

Please contact Brad Walton to ensure what you

have to donate is something needed. 217-697-7911 or email brad@midwestmission.org.

Link to full video

Midwest Mission Welcomes Gene Turner

We are pleased to welcome Eugene Turner to the Midwest Mission team. Gene, as he likes to be called, served most recently as a United Methodist pastor at St. Joseph UMC in the Iroquois River District of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference (IGRC).

In addition to personally volunteering at Midwest Mission, he regularly brought volunteer groups to campus for one-day and one-week mission journeys throughout his 15-year ministry career. A couple years ago he was approached about becoming part of the staff at Midwest Mission. After much prayer and consideration, he officially took on the role of Mission in Motion Manager, Feb. 1.

"I have a heart for missions and believe our faith is best lived out when we are serving others," Gene says.

His primary areas of focus will be off-site mission opportunities such as rice meal packs, PDK's and School Kits, and he will become an Emergency Response Team (ERT) trainer.

"When I initially asked Gene to consider coming on staff, I knew he would be a good fit. He was already volunteering in the same capacities that will now be his work. Plus, his genuine care for serving others is key to the role," said Executive Director, Chantel Corrie. "We are excited to see him help us expand off-site mission opportunities.

If you are interested in hosting an off-site mission experience, contact Gene at 309-331-3766 or gene@midwestmission.org.

Student Kits, PDKs and Tours

Members of Peace Church of Christ from Bennett, Iowa, stopped in at Midwest Mission to bring Student Kits and Personal Dignity Kits that members of their church and community had made. Volunteer Leader, Karen Porter, center, helped them check in their donation.

While on campus they took a tour and were surprised at how big the operation is and talked about bringing more people in and volunteering this year.

Thank you Peace Church of Christ for the donations and your interest in serving Midwest Mission. See their video by clicking on the link to the right.

Link to full video

THE PRAYER CENTER

"How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world. "
Psalm 31:19 NLT

Have a prayer request? Send it to: office@midwestmission.org

MIDWEST MISSION WEEKLY PROJECTS

Wish list

We could use your help with these items to help people in their times of crisis. Our greatest needs currently are:

- Liquid laundry soap (any size)
- Liquid dish soap (any size)

Work of the Mission Volunteers

Kits completed
- 50 Personal Dignity Kits (PDKs)
- 380 Rice meals
- 50 Student Kits

Other work done
- Built and polyurethaned desks
- Sorted outfits
- Restroom updates
- Traced patterns
- Prepared rice meal event
- Sorted items for inventory
- Cleaned
- Repaired sewing machines
- Repaired bikes

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Disbursements

St. Martin de Porres, Springfield, IL, redirected cleaning supplies, hygiene supplies, toys, games, stuffed animals, food items, towels, cloths, sheets, pillows, hospital blankets, machinery and mechanical equipment. **Value:** $2,479.30

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MISSION JOURNEY INFORMATION

RESERVATION CALENDAR

DONATE TODAY

Volunteers at Work
January 31- February 4, 2022

Labeling desks

Receiving medical equipment

Unloading donations

Getting bleacher wood ready for desks

Putting together school kits

Volunteer Leaders

Chuck and Karen Porter
Brighton, IL

Donna Downen
Tolono, IL

Volunteers

Kelly Bagley
Springfield, IL

Rita Smith
Springfield, IL

Ken Anderson

Ralph Barr

Brad Boucher

Terry House

Todd Shelly

Ray Ogden

Mary Snider

Mike Snider

Bill Stephens

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Roger McClintock

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February 11, 2022

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Click here to print Valentine's card!

Happy Valentine's Day Weekend!

Honor your loved one(s) with a gift that makes a difference!

Consider showing your love by donating Midwest Mission Kits to honor those you love!

- $12 provides one Student Kit to a child abroad.
- $45 gives the gift of love through a Layette Kit to a mother and child in Latin America.
- $140 provides 10 Personal Dignity Kits to help those affected by disaster.

Go to: **Donate**, choose your amount, check the box to dedicate your gift and then choose **My Valentine** from the drop down.

We will honor your Valentine by adding the name(s) you share on the prayer card sent with the kit(s).

Thanks for sharing your love!

Long-time Volunteer Gives Donation

On Monday, Feb. 7, **Pat and Sharon Baumer** met with **Dick Becker in Terre Haute** to receive donations he has made from Midwest Mission. The donations included:

- 441 school bags
- 2 electric sewing machines

Dick attends Memorial UMC in Terre Haute Indiana and is an advocate for Midwest Mission in his church. In fact, Dick spreads the mission of Midwest to everyone he talks to. Dick has been a supporter of Midwest Mission for many years and has made thousands of school bags during that time.

"We always enjoy connecting with Dick to hear about his latest projects when we deliver fabric to him and pick up the finished school bags." Pat says.

Share your story at stories@midwestmission.org.

Sherrow's On Site - Share Mission Moment

Sharon Sherrow, from Old Mission, MI has served with her husband, Tim, this week at Midwest Mission. She took time out to share a little of her story and why she is connected with Midwest Mission.

Click on the button below to hear what she told us.

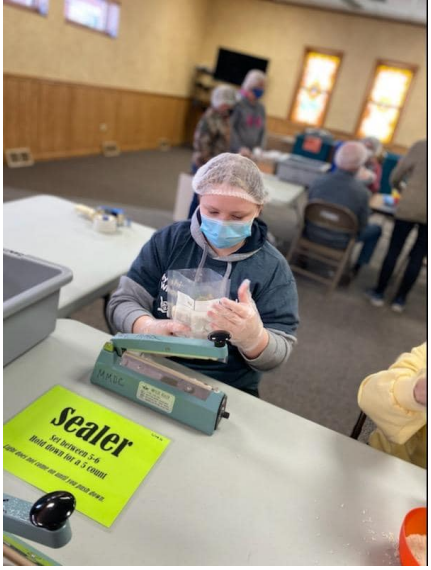
Link to full video

Rice Meal Packs Go a Long Way to Feed the Hungry

Rice meal packs are one of the ways in which Midwest Mission makes a difference. Each $1 bag feeds six people.

Thanks to First Fairbury UMC for preparing 1,643 rice meals in February.

You have made a difference!



THE PRAYER CENTER

"God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."
2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

Have a prayer request? Send it to: office@midwestmission.org

MIDWEST MISSION WEEKLY PROJECTS

Wish list

We could use your help with these items to help people in their times of crisis. Our greatest needs currently are:

- Liquid laundry soap (any size)
- Liquid dish soap (any size)

Work of the Mission Volunteers

Kits completed

- 1643 Rice meals
- 120 Home care kits
- 440 Personal dignity kits (PDKs)

Other work done

- Prepared desk parts
- Counted into inventory
- Repaired bikes
- Repaired sewing machines
- Cleaned
- Sorted linens
- Sanded & polyurethaned desks
- Prepped for off-site events
- Foyer got a fresh coat of paint.

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Disbursements

Neighborhood House, redirected clothing, hygiene supplies. **Value:** $594.00
Animal Protective League, redirected towels, cloths, sheets, pillows, hospital blankets. **Value:** $536.00

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RESERVATION CALENDAR

DONATE TODAY

Volunteers at Work
February 7-11, 2022

Sorting Linens

Assembling desks

Counting Home Care Kits items into inventory

Sorting tools

Filling rice packs

Putting together Personal Dignity Kits (PDKs)

Ran out of Home Care Kit items.
Please, send more!

Counting lids

Volunteer Leaders

Chuck and Karen Porter
Brighton, IL

Tim and Sharon Sherrow
Old Mission, MI

Volunteers

Athens UMC
Athens, IL

Union Reunion
St. Louis, MO

Bill and Marilyn Seelman
Flora, IL

Steve Smith
Springfield, IL

Dan Blank

Ralph Barr

Brad Boucher

Terry House

Todd Shelly

Ray Ogden

John Richardson

Ron Kinner

Rita Smith

Bob Leach

Clint Ham

Carolyn Halford

Beverly Drillinger

Kent Douglas

Mike Childress

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Louise Corder

Jordan Turner

Alison and Roger Schlichting

Sandra McAvoy

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February 18, 2022

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Food For The Poor Container En Route

A Food For The Poor shipment was loaded Tuesday, Feb. 16. It is headed to **Georgetown, Guyana.**

Sarah, Ramon, Gene and Brad worked diligently to ensure all the various materials were loaded, and even managed to add 150 additional cases of disinfectant wipes. This shipment included:

- 4 treadle sewing machines
- 384 birthing kits
- 210 feminine hygiene kits
- 196 layette kits
- 2,240 personal dignity kits
- 1,120 student kits
- 290 cases of disinfectant wipes
- 168 cases of 16.9 oz. bottles of antibacterial hand cleaner
- 19 walkers
- 10 wheelchairs
- 15 twin hospital beds
- 12 pairs of crutches
- and so much more!

Value: $153,696.55

Valentine's Day at Midwest Mission

Thanks **Jeff Koch** and the **Land of Lincoln Barbershop Chorus** for including us in your stops on Valentine's Day!

Watch video

The songs were beautiful and you guys brightened our day and our spirits.

Click on the button below the picture on the right to take in one of their songs. You'll be glad you did!

THE PRAYER CENTER

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them."
Matthew 18:20, NKJV

Have a prayer request? Send it to: office@midwestmission.org

MIDWEST MISSION WEEKLY PROJECTS

Wish list

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- Liquid laundry soap (any size)
- Liquid dish soap (any size)

Work of the Mission Volunteers

Kits completed

- 120 Home care kits
- 740 Personal dignity kits (PDKs)

Other work done

- Built desks
- Repaired bikes
- Counted into inventory
- Sewed one-handled bags
- Sorted baby girl/boy outfits

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Disbursements

Food For The Poor, Georgetown, Guyana: See details above. **Value:** $153,696.55

St. Martin de Porres, Springfield, IL: Redirected cleaning supplies, hygiene supplies, clothing, games/toys/stuffed animals, 16 cases of disinfectant wipes - four packages of 216 per case. **Value:** $7,072.00

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DONATE TODAY

Volunteers at Work
February 14-18, 2022

Sewing one-handled school bags

Measuring fabric

Assembling Personal Dignity Kits (PDKs)

School bags in progress

Sealing buckets

Building desks

Repairing bike tire

Cleaning, sorting bike parts

Volunteer Leaders

Chuck and Karen Porter
Brighton, IL

Tim and Sharon Sherrow
Old Mission, MI

Volunteers

Jerry and Sue Schultz
Shawnee, KS

St. Joseph UMC
St. Joseph, IL

Sewing Group First UMC
Springfield, IL

Taylorville UMC
Taylorville, IL

Kelly Bagley

Ralph Barr

Brad Boucher

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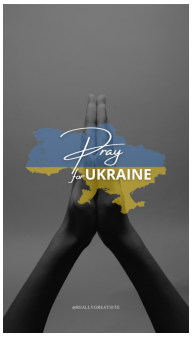


Together, Let's Pray for Ukraine

We pray for the peace and security of United Methodists in Ukraine and Russia and for all of their neighbors, and that tranquility will prevail over their lives and countries.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief arm of Global Ministries, is in communication with partners in the region and actively exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine. Support UMCOR's international disaster response efforts by making a gift to Advance #92450

Guatemala Will Receive This Week's International Shipment

A Food For The Poor shipment was loaded on Thursday, Feb. 24 for our friends in Guatemala.

The load was prayed over by staff and volunteers who were on campus. It is filled to the brim with the following and more:

- 5,000 cloth face masks
- 1120 Student Kits
- 13 electric hospital beds
- 48 walkers
- 3 wheelchairs
- 480 cases of disinfectant wipes
- 168 antibacterial hand sanitizer
- 1,500 disposable face masks
- 3,417 face shields
- 3,000 surgical gloves
- 86 stacking chairs
- 115 tarps

Value: $187,833.50

UMCOR Hygiene Kits Donation

Board member, Pat Baumer, sent in this picture and information. On Monday, Feb. 21, **Debra Salhoff**, her daughter and two grandsons drove to Noblesville, IN to deliver 137 UMCOR hygiene kits to be donated to Midwest Mission.

Debra's church members at First United Methodist Church in Hagerstown, Indiana purchased the materials and assembled the kits.

"We thank the Father and First UMC for their giving hearts to help those in need," says Pat.

A Word of Gratitude From Recipients in Honduras for Recent Gifts

Honduras remains one of the most vulnerable countries to natural disasters in the world, frequently being affected by severe droughts that deplete its basic crops. As a result, the country's most vulnerable populations continue to suffer from food insecurity.

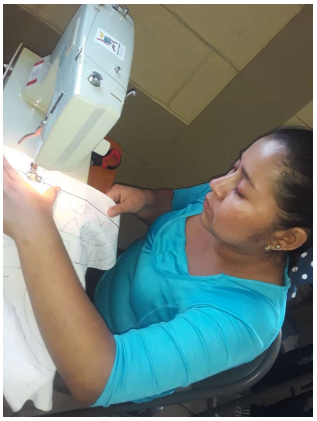
Midwest Mission continues to partner with Food For The Poor to ensure help is delivered to those who have the greatest need. Many sentiments and words of gratitude were shared and spoken among many beneficiaries, as included below, but the general consensus was *"May God always multiply their generosity for their [the donors'] own prosperity."*

"Generous hands that provide help without expecting anything in return will never be empty. We thank our donors (Midwest Mission) because without their support, the help we provide to the neediest in our country would not be possible.

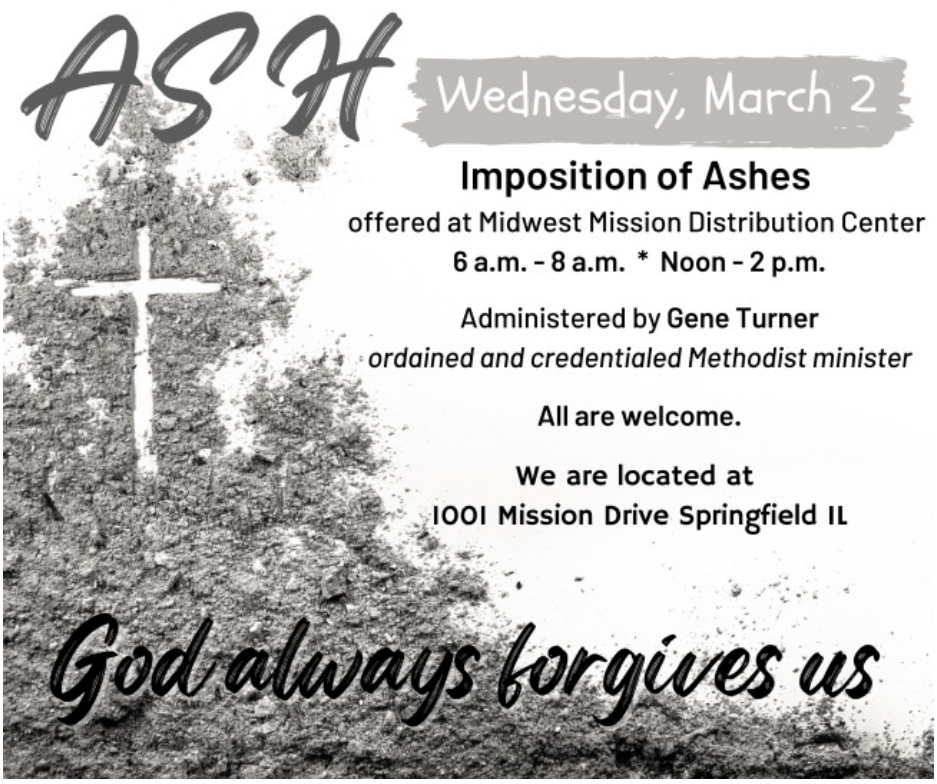
"In this shipment we received the following products: varied fabric, sewing machines and baby supplies, among others. The fabrics and sewing machines were given to mothers and young people who wish to earn a living and are looking for an opportunity to work and generate an income to bring food to their homes. With these products we were able to offer that opportunity to many women from Tegucigalpa who are part of a sewing workshop. Due to the cost of acquiring raw material and machinery, for many of these people it was almost impossible to support their families.

Now with the donation that we offer thanks to the support of [FFTP's] donors, they have a useful tool to face the many challenges of life and be able to bring sustenance to their families.

The baby supplies were delivered to needy mothers in rural areas of our country - mothers who with great effort look for ways to provide what their children need.



Ash Wednesday Observation at Midwest Mission



Fire Equipment Donated by North English, IA Fire Department

We are always grateful for continued donations of **fire equipment.**

Please click on link above to learn more about how you can help keep people safe.

You can also contact: Brad Walton at 217-358-6675 or brad@midwestmission.org

THE PRAYER CENTER

"Anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me."
Matthew 25:40

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Wish list

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- Liquid laundry soap (any size)
- Liquid dish soap (any size)

Work of the Mission Volunteers

Kits completed

- 20 Student Kits
- 110 Personal dignity kits (PDKs)
- 120 Home Care Kits
- 5022 Rice Meals - O'Fallon, IL and Ogden, IA

Other work done

- Desks - parts, sand, poly
- Repaired bikes
- Repaired sewing machines
- Checked outfits
- Counted into inventory
- Prepared 8000 Impact Reports for mailing

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Disbursements

Food For The Poor, Gautemala - see story above for details. **Value:** $187,833.50

Salvation Army, Omaha, NE: Redirected food items, hygiene supplies, pairs of gloves. **Value:** $8,185.00

CICM, Decatur, IL: Redirected furniture/furnishings, disinfectant wipes, redirected building materials, wheelchairs. **Value:** $4,312.00

Kentucky Mountain Mission, Beattyville, KY**:** Redirected clothing. **Value:** $1,992.00

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Volunteers with pallet of finished Impact Reports

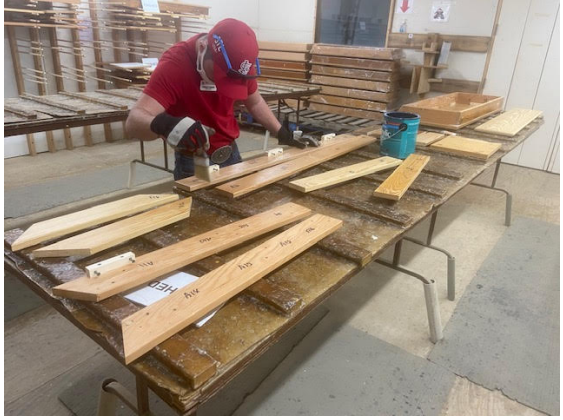
Preparing Impact Report mailing

Sanding desk parts

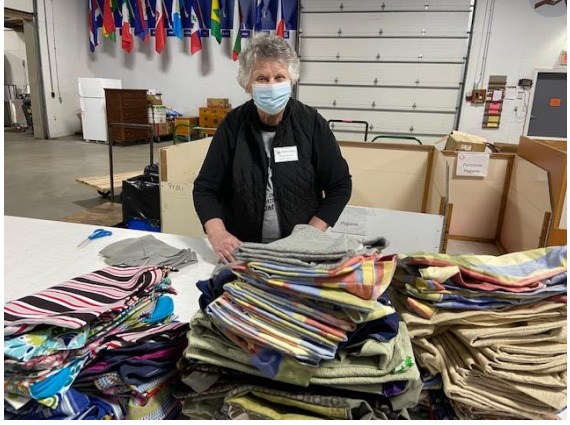
Repairing bikes

Fixing furniture

Collating Impact Report mailing



Applying polyurethane to desk parts



Sorting one-handled school bags

Volunteer Leaders

Chuck and Karen Porter
Brighton, IL

Kristi and Brett Ahrens
Stratford, IA

Volunteers

Grace UMC
Jacksonville, IL

Union Reunion
St. Louis, MO

Douglas Avenue UMC Youth
Springfield, IL

Will and Stacey Dunlap
Springfield, IL

Northville First UMC
Northville, MI

Kelly Bagley

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