

March 1, 2024



## Off-Site Events off to a Great Start

Our Off-Site Events are *vital* for this ministry, creating more resources than could ever be made at Midwest Mission alone. This is how we send so many Rice Meals, Personal Dignity Kits, and Student Kits to people in need around the world. Off-Site Events are a big part of the Midwest Mission ministry - and you and your entire congregation can join us!



Rice Meals made at Off-Site Events have gone to places like Ukraine, Haiti, and Guatemala.

Student Kits have gone to more than 10 countries around Latin America and the Caribbean, and will be going to Peru later this month.

Personal Dignity Kits assembled at Off-Site Events have been sent to Ukraine, Jamaica, Honduras, and more!

The hands-on mission work that is done in churches, schools, and organizations around the Midwest makes a global impact.

Our Off-Site Events are off to an exciting start. In the first two months of the year, we have had nine Events, impacting the lives of 107,190 people.

We are still booking events for 2024. There is a lot of availability in July and August - you could have a great summer connection event with your community!

### Why Book an Off-Site Event?

- We bring the mission to you!
- Easy to organize.
- More people get to have a hands-on mission experience.
- These events connect communities, grow teams closer together, and deepen discipleship.
- Creates a space where community is shared and memories are made, all while actively being the hands and feet of Jesus.

If you're interested, and want to learn more about the options, visit [midwestmission.org/off-site](http://midwestmission.org/off-site), call 217-483-7911, or email [melissa@midwestmission.org](mailto:melissa@midwestmission.org).



## Welcome, Melissa Brookens, Reservation Coordinator!

We are ramping up for our busiest and most impactful year yet! Last year, we booked over 100 Off-Site Events, and this year we already have 58 Events booked, and it's only March! Volunteers are reserving Midwest Mission Experience shifts in Iowa, and we are excited to see all of the on-site volunteers in Illinois as well.

It was becoming too much for one person to do, so, in a God Moment kind of way, we hired Melissa Brookens back in December to join Pat Wright on the Reservations Team.

Melissa will help you book Off-Site Events, and will handle reservations for our Iowa location. Pat will continue to take reservations for Illinois volunteers. When Pat is out of the office, you might hear from Melissa, too! She is a great addition to the team.



Here is a little bit about Melissa:

Melissa and her husband, Tom, have two wonderful children and two ornery cats. Her daughter Catherine has recently started as a part-time missionary in Arlington, Texas at The Prayer Room and her son Drew is finishing up his term in the USMC.

Melissa graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale with a degree in Forest Resource Science. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, hanging out with

her extended family, and leading worship for Tent of Meeting revivals.

Melissa's prayer for Midwest Mission: That the staff and volunteers be a conduit to help unify the believers of Jesus by demonstrating the power and glory of God's love to everyone through practical endeavors.

"I love when God shows up! Throughout my life, I have had many highs and lows, but He has always shown His wonderful light upon the path I needed to take. We only have to take one step out in faith and God will meet us the rest of the way."

Please join us in welcoming Melissa to the team!

If you need to contact her for Off-Site or Iowa Reservations —

Email: [melissa@midwestmission.org](mailto:melissa@midwestmission.org)

Phone: 217-494-6113

Office Phone: 217-483-7911



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#### Lotion

8-10 oz. bottles

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#### Household Cleaner

56-80 oz. total (no spray bottles)

#### Adult Bikes

In good, working condition.

## Prayers to Lift Up

As we near a season that tends to bring disasters, please pray for wisdom, safety, and protection for those who end up in the path of a disaster.

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."  
Psalm 46:1*

## Midwest Mission Weekly Projects Work of the Mission Volunteers

#### Work Done

- Bike Shop
- Desk Shop
- Poly Shop
- Sewing
- Sewing Machine Shop
- Boxed Gloves
- Counted into Inventory
- 120 Home Care Kits
- Off-Site Pack Prep
- 160 Feminine Hygiene Kits
- Cleaning
- 50 Student Kits



- 520 Rice Meals

#### Disbursements

- CICIM, Decatur, IL, 622 Furniture and Furnishings, Value: \$2,488.00

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## **Volunteers at Work**

**February 26- March 1**

**2024**

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# Volunteer Leaders



Kristi and Brett Ahrens  
Stratford, IA

# Volunteer Teams

## Illinois



Meridian Street UMC  
Indianapolis, IN



Centenary UMC  
Jacksonville, IL



Sewing Group First  
Springfield, IL



Sew Much Joy  
Glen Carbon, IL

## Iowa





Windsor, Maple Grove, and Walnut Hills Churches  
Des Moines, IA





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## Two Shipments to Guatemala in One Day!



On Tuesday, March 5, we sent TWO SHIPMENTS to Guatemala through our partner Food For The Poor (FFTP).

Guatemala is a country of about 16.5 million people in Central America. Although rich with culture and tradition, Guatemala greatly suffers from both natural and man-made disasters, along with poverty that plagues the country. Alongside FFTP, we respond to the needs they have within their crisis. According to FFTP, “Despite political instability and natural disasters, charity work and disaster relief are keeping millions of Guatemalans from a humanitarian crisis.”



The first semi-truck pulled into Midwest Mission shortly after 9 am, fitted with a 20-

foot trailer that would hold the contents of our first shipment. This was an Angels of Hope shipment — all of the items included will go to children's homes that FFTP serves through their Angels of Hope program.

This is the first Angels of Hope shipment of the year — and we have added more items than we sent last year.

After originally hearing about the great need for mattresses in [Jamaica](#), we continued to hear about needs for mattresses in many of the countries FFTP serves. This led us to add more needed items to the Angels of Hope shipments. We have added mattresses (many donated from Illinois State University), Bed Packs (sheet set, pillow, and pillowcase), and Cover Them With Love Quilts (the size has been adjusted to 72"x42" to fit the twin size mattress). These items were shipped alongside the Personal Dignity Kits, Home Care Kits, and cleaning wipes that we have been sending for Angels of Hope shipments.

The value of this first shipment was \$36,809.48.



Just after 10:30 am, the second semi-truck pulled in with a 40-foot trailer, ready to accept the boxes and pallets set aside for the second container heading to Guatemala.

The second shipment included:

- 16 Bikes
- 12 Twin mattresses
- 39 Electric sewing machines
- 6 Treadle sewing machines
- 100 Layette Kits
- 150 Cover Them With Love Quilts
- 20 Birthing Kits



- Tarps
- Handmade outfits
- Medical supplies
- Tools

Value: \$161,631.20.

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, treasures, and talents to make these two shipments happen. These items will bring hope and empowerment to so many people in Guatemala.

Please be praying that the items will arrive safely, and get to people who need them most!



# MIDWEST MISSION EXPERIENCE

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**Midwest Mission Iowa is now open for booking Midwest Mission Experiences!**

The Midwest Mission Experience is a chance for you and your group to learn and try out the different opportunities Midwest Mission has for at-home or off-site serving.

It is a half-day experience, where a team of up to 12 people will:

- Learn about Midwest Mission and the impact you make in the world
- Assemble Student Kits
- Pack Rice Meals
- Assemble Personal Dignity Kits
- Try sewing projects (No sewing knowledge needed! From cutting to sewing, there is something *anyone* can do.)

To learn more about this opportunity at our location in Jefferson, IA, visit [midwestmission.org/iowa](http://midwestmission.org/iowa)

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Please pray for the two shipments that are heading to Guatemala. Pray they will get there safely

and timely, and that those who need supplies will receive them.

*"Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer."*

*Psalm 4:1*

## Midwest Mission Weekly Projects

### Work of the Mission Volunteers

#### Work Done

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- Poly Shop
- Sewing Machine Shop
- Boxed Gloves
- Counted into Inventory
- 180 Home Care Kits
- Off-Site Pack Prep
- 1,690 Personal Dignity Kits
- Cleaning
- Repair Tent
- 1,200 Rice Meals From Manteno UMC
- 1,520 Rice Meals From Fairbury UMC
- 1,225 Rice Meals From Coal City UMC
- 1,200 Rice Meals From Grace UMC, Lansing, IL
- Repair Pallets
- Bag Wipes

#### Disbursements

- **Coal City UMC**, Coal City, IL, **103 Rice Meals with Printed Sealing Pouch**, Value: \$206.00
- **Home Again Apartments**, Minneapolis, MN, **48 UMCOR Hygiene Kits and 108 UMCOR Toothpaste**, Value: \$614.88

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## Volunteer Leaders



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Stratford, IA

## Volunteer Teams

### Illinois



Athens UMC  
Athens, IL



Wisconsin Volunteers in Mission



Simpson Group  
Springfield, IL



Laurie and Dan Waxler  
Olney, IL



Savoy UMC  
Savoy, IL





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## Another Week, Another Two Shipments!

This week, we, once again, sent two shipments in one day!

Warehouse one was full of supplies ready to go to Maryland. Similarly, warehouse three and the loading dock were a maze of pallets, boxes, and loose items, waiting to be loaded for Honduras.



The Maryland shipment was first. Coordinated through our partner Food For The Poor, these supplies were specifically requested for an organization called Michael's Mission, based out of Metropolitan UMC in Maryland. The organization works to provide basic needs for school-age children, many of whom are homeless. Every year, we send two truck-loads of needed items their way.

This shipment included:

- 2,112 UMCOR Hygiene Kits
- 600 Blankets
- 27 Sets of pillows and sheets
- 560 UMCOR Menstrual Kits
- Cleaning Supplies
- 11 Sleeping Mats

The value was \$48,060.28.





Shortly after the truck for Maryland left the building, it was time to load the shipment to Honduras. This was our eighth international shipment of the year! It took two hours and four people to load this shipment that included all kinds of requested items.

It included:

- 30 Bikes
- 6 Treadle Sewing Machines
- 39 Electric Sewing Machines
- 670 Blankets
- 2,467 lbs. of Fire Gear
- 5 Wheelchairs
- 40 Cover Them With Love Quilts
- 290 Birthing Kits (Although we have discontinued making this kit, we are continuing to send what we have already made and received.)
- 321 Little girl outfits
- 174 Little boy outfits
- 20 Mattresses
- Tarps
- Medical supplies
- Linens
- Cleaning supplies



The value of this shipment was \$106,061.90.

We thank God for the ability to touch so many lives by sending needed items that will bring hope and empowerment. We also thank God for you — without you there would be nothing to send, and no people to put together Kits. We couldn't do it without you.



# 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 [here](#).

## What's Happening @ Permanent Collection Sites?

**Riverside UMC, Park Rapids, MN** – Spike Wellman worked with a local elderly care facility (Living at Home) to get eight hospital beds and mattresses for Midwest Mission along with wheelchairs, walkers and treadle sewing machines. Well, done Riverside!

**Nebraska City FUMC, Nebraska City, NE** – Has finished their first Sleeping Mat and have collected two bicycles for Midwest Mission. They are also reaching out to a local school to see about obtaining bleacher wood to help Midwest Mission make Student Desks. Thank you for being mission minded.

**Bethany UMC Green Bay, WI** – Had a great turn out for their Plarn-a-Palooza! Keep coming up with great ideas.

**Tanya Oberg, Rochester, MN** – As a member of our Board of Directors, Tanya is always willing to act as a Collection Site for Midwest Mission. She has collected a hospital bed, blankets, various hospital equipment as well as a bicycle. Thank you for all you do.

**West Salem Trinity Church, Mount Vernon, IL** - Has started their annual Lent season Cardinals vs Cubs Cleaning Kit challenge! They put out 5 gallon buckets, one decorated for Cards, one for Cubs, and people donate for bragging rights for their team and all the money gets sent to Midwest Mission for Cleaning Kits. Go TEAMS!!!

If your congregation is interested in becoming a new Permanent Collection Site in 2024, please contact [teresa@midwestmission.org](mailto:teresa@midwestmission.org) for more information.

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around the corner who are in need. Whether working with Midwest Mission, or other organizations, people are sharing the light of Christ by showing God's love in a practical way, and we are thankful to join in on this mission.

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."  
Philippians 1:3-6*

## Midwest Mission Weekly Projects Work of the Mission Volunteers

### Work Done

- 1,830 Personal Dignity Kits
- 180 Home Care Kits
- Bag Wipes
  
- Bike Shop
- Desk Shop
- Poly Shop
- Sewing Machine Shop
- Counted into Inventory
- Off-Site Pack Prep
- Cleaning

### Mission in Motion

- 30 Personal Dignity Kits — Hillsboro 4H, Hillsboro, IL
- 100 Student Kits — Watseka UMC — Watseka, IL
- 1,585 Rice Meals — Holy Spokes Cluster, Jacksonville, IL
- 802 Rice Meals — Fairview Center UMC, Monmouth, IL
- 1,232 Rice Meals — Asbury UMC, Kankakee, IL

### Disbursements

- Home Again Apartments. Minneapolis, MN, 48 UMCOR Hygiene Kits and 108 UMCOR Toothpaste, Value: \$614.88
- Urban Bicycle Good Ministries, Des Moines, IA, 50 Woven Sleeping Mats, Value: \$1,250

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Rus and Tony DeBonis  
Waterloo, IA



Susan Ryon  
Des Moines, IA

## Volunteer Teams

### Illinois



First UMC  
Valparaiso, IN



Sewing Group First UMC  
Springfield, IL



Fraze and Friends  
Chatham, IL



DeBonis Family  
Illinois



Taylorville UMC  
Taylorville, IL



DeBonis Family  
Illinois





**Douglas Avenue UMC**  
Springfield, IL



**Monticello UMC**  
Monticello, IL



**First MC**  
Flora, IL



**Bright Star Parish UMC**  
Bluffs, IL

## Iowa



**Panora UMC**  
Panora, IA





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## Supplies for US Southern Command's Mission in Peru



Every year, the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) does a humanitarian aid mission they call "Resolute Sentinel." This year, the mission will take place in Peru. SOUTHCOM will work alongside the local government, assisting several different communities with medical, emergency, and educational resources.

When supplies are requested, we get the opportunity to work with SOUTHCOM in providing needed resources for these communities. We have partnered with SOUTHCOM since 2013, serving Panama, Belize, the Dominican Republic, Columbia, Guatemala, Guyana, and now Peru.

This year, they asked us to provide school supplies as well as soccer balls. You may remember our push for school supplies for Student Kits towards the end of last year



during our Kits for Kids Campaign. This was to increase our supply of Student Kits so we could send 5,600 Student Kits to be pre-staged with Food For The Poor, and 4,260 Student Kits that will be given to students in 68 schools in Caballococha, Peru.

Many students in countries around Latin America and the Caribbean will be blessed by the Kits you helped us provide. In February, the 5,600 Kits were sent to Food For The Poor to be pre-staged.

This week, the 4,260 Student Kits set aside for Peru were shipped from the building! On Monday, March 18, we drove the requested Kits and soccer balls down to Scott Air Force Base outside of St. Louis, Missouri. The supplies will be flown to Caballococha, Peru the first week of April!

We are very thankful for everyone who donated supplies, Kits, and funds towards our Kits for Kids campaign. We couldn't have supplied these Kits without you!

## Kit Highlight: Feminine Hygiene Kit



Feminine Hygiene Kits include reusable items for girls to use monthly. Put simply, Feminine Hygiene Kits allow girls to stay in school. In some developing countries, if girls do not have what they need when they are menstruating, they have to stay home from school. After missing several days of school every month, many girls cannot finish school. This impacts their education, decreasing future opportunities for work, and limiting their chance to further their



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education.

It is also very important for girls' health. When their hygiene needs are met, they will be healthier, more confident, and empowered to continue striving for success in life. The Feminine Hygiene Kit is a reminder of the privileges we have in the United States. Even though there is a cost to these hygiene products, we have access that many people in the world do not have.

You can help girls around the world have access to Feminine Hygiene Kits. We are *always* in need of the Day Pads and Night Pads.

This week, we used up the last of the Night Pads we had. And, we have just a few more Day Pads. We can't make any more Feminine Hygiene Kits until we get more!

You can make them at home using our patterns — [click here and scroll down to Feminine Hygiene Kit.](#)

If you would like extra instruction on making these items, Beth Galbreath, Midwest Mission volunteer, has made a website page full of tips and tricks! ([Click here to visit the page.](#))

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## Day and Night Pads

See story above for links

## Prayers to Lift Up

This week, pray for our partners. They are always hard at work, finding and meeting the needs of the populations they serve. Pray for hope and peace in the midst of the chaos they are surrounded by.

*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."*

*Colossians 3:15*

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### Work Done

- 320 Feminine Hygiene Kits
- 510 Layette Kits
- 180 Home Care Kits
- 504 UMCOR Hygiene Kits
  
- Bike Shop
- Desk Shop
- Poly Shop
- Sewing Machine Shop
- Counted into Inventory
- Cleaning

### Mission in Motion

7,618 Rice Meals

- Medina UMC - Medina, OH
- Church of the Pines - Minocqua, WI
- First UMC - Auburn, IN
- Parma - Ridgewood UMC - Parma, OH
- Emmanuel UMC - Noblesville, IN
- Champaign Faith UMC - Champaign, IL



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- US SOUTHCOM — See story above
- Asher Lodge #139, Chicago, IL: 144 UMCOR Hygiene Kits Value: \$1,728.00

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## Volunteers at Work

March 18 - 22, 2024



**Alison Schlichting, Springfield, IL**

This week, Alison hit a milestone — 500 volunteer hours at Midwest Mission! If you've served at Midwest Mission on a Wednesday, you've probably worked alongside Alison. Next time you see her, congratulate her on this big achievement!

## **Volunteer Leaders**



**Rus and Tony DeBonis**  
Waterloo, IA



**Susan Ryon**  
Des Moines, IA

## **Volunteer Teams**

### **Illinois**



**First UMC**  
Batesville, IN



**Sugar River UMC**  
Verona, WI





Union Reunion  
St. Louis, MO



St. Joseph UMC  
St. Joseph, IL



Wisconsin Volunteers in Mission  
Wisconsin







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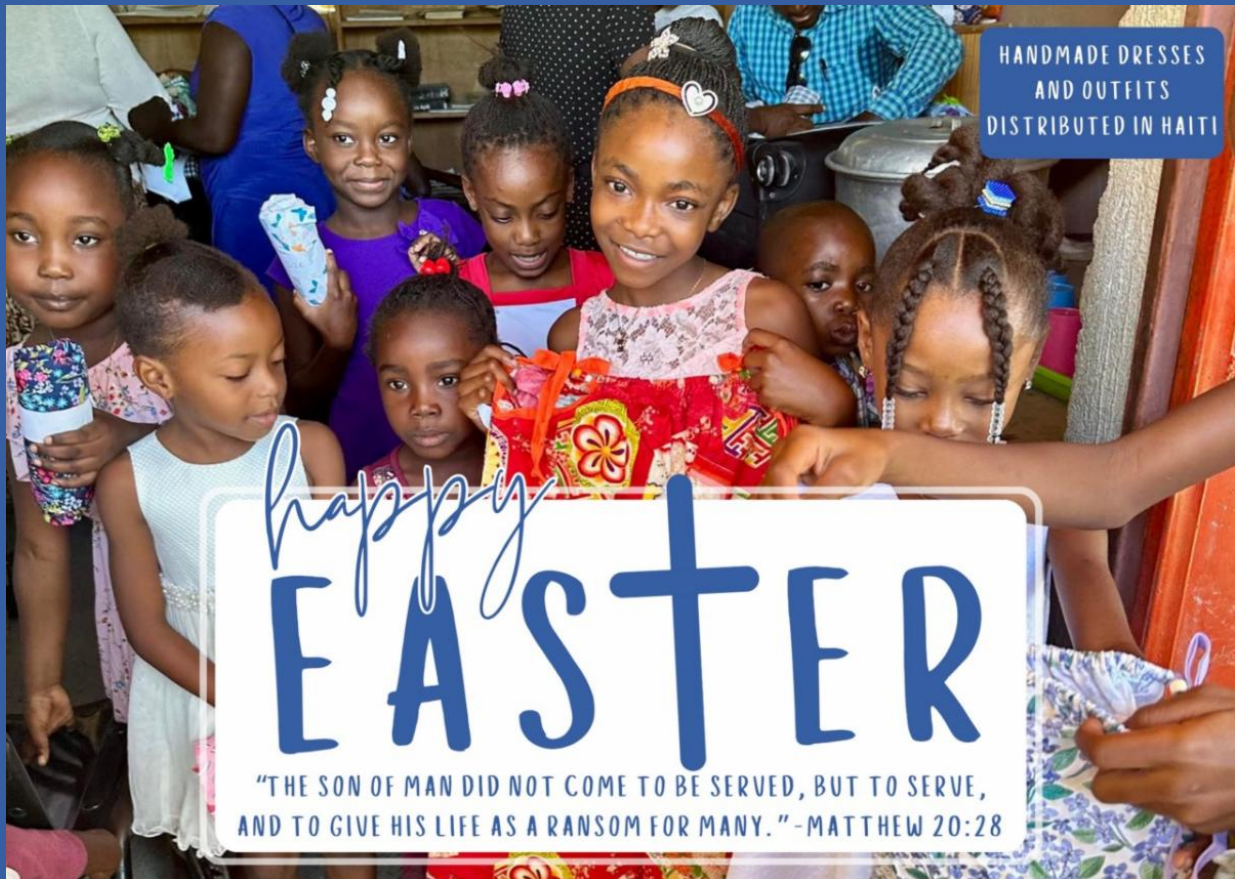
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**SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER**



Christ came to serve, not to be served. And He gave his life as the ultimate sacrifice, an act of service to His people. We model Christ, as we seek to serve His people around the world and around the corner.

He sacrificed so we may live. Now, we sacrifice — time, treasures, and talents — so others may know who Jesus is, and have what they need to live.

Thank you for all the blessings you give to people you may never meet. Together, we share hope in Christ's name. We are so thankful for your partnership.

**"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said..." Matthew 28:6**

From our Midwest Mission Family to yours,  
Have a Blessed Easter!



# Home State Bank in Jefferson, IA Hosts Successful Operation Meal Madness



Every year, Home State Bank hosts a night of making meals for people around the world. This year, because of their partnership with Midwest Mission Iowa, they decided to pack Midwest Mission Rice Meals for their 5th annual event.

Midwest Mission staff arrived at the Wild Rose Hotel on Wednesday, March 27 to set up the event. Within a couple of hours, they set up 16 Rice Meal assembly lines that would soon be filled with volunteers.

As the event began, volunteers poured in, filling the room with the noise of rice plopping into bags, and cheering as they finished boxes. Several Iowa Volunteer Leaders were onsite to help facilitate this significant event.



Within two hours, over 160 volunteers of all ages came to pack meals.

**"We are so excited to partner with Home State Bank, Wild Rose Casino and Greene County Medical Center for this experience," Danille Curtis, Midwest Mission's Iowa Public Relations Specialist, said.**

**"It was a spectacular event bringing individuals and teams from several organizations and businesses around Greene County together in community to help provide meals for those in need around the world. Youth and adults aged 8 to 88 worked side by side with a single mission in mind, and the time of fellowship and service was meaningful to all involved. "**

The Jefferson community packed 6,005 Rice Meal Bags that will feed 36,030 people around the world.



Thank you, Home State Bank and the Jefferson community, for hosting this great event. These life-changing meals ensure that people around the world will be fed and given energy in their time of crisis.

Your community could host an event just like this!

Visit [midwestmission.org/off-site](https://midwestmission.org/off-site) to see how you can get involved.



Our 2023 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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## March Church Bulletin Insert

We offer monthly church bulletin inserts that you can slide in your church's bulletin. These inserts keep your congregation up-to-date on our current needs and upcoming events!

Download March Bulletin PDF

# CURRENT Needs

You can purchase these items at your local store and take them to Midwest Mission or a Collection Site near you. You can also buy items online and have them shipped right to Midwest Mission.

Lotion

8-10 oz. bottles

[click here to purchase online](#)

Household Cleaner

56-80 oz. total (no spray bottles)  
[click here to purchase online](#)

## Day and Night Pads

You can make them at home using our patterns — [click here and scroll down to Feminine Hygiene Kit](#). Tips and tricks: [Click here to visit the page](#)

Or, you can purchase them online and have them sent to Midwest Mission — [Click here!](#)

## Prayers to Lift Up

Thank God for the hope we have because of Christ!

*"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."  
Matthew 20:28*

## Midwest Mission Weekly Projects Work of the Mission Volunteers

### Work Done

- 18 Desks
- 14 Sewing Machines
- 780 Personal Dignity Kits
  
- Bike Shop
- Desk Shop
- Sewing Machine Shop
- Cleaning
- Sewing

### Mission in Motion

6,755 Rice Meals

- Troy Methodist - Troy, IL

### Disbursements

- **Sew Much Joy**, Glen Carbon, IL: 120 Hand Towels, 120 Wash Cloths **Value: \$288.00**
- **St. Martin de Porres**, Springfield, IL; 352 Hygiene Supplies , 7 Redirect Food Items **Value: \$715.90**

Midwest Mission is able to do this work because of your generous donations and willingness to volunteer.  
Thank you!

## Share some GOD news with those you love!

Do you have family or friends that need some GOOD News - GOD News - to uplift them? 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 the Midwest Mission Newsletter](#)

# Ready to Get Involved?



**Volunteer at Midwest Mission**  
Dates are available in 2024 and 2025.

Need a Saturday option for team volunteering or assistance in booking? Contact **Pat Wright** at [pat@midwestmission.org](mailto:pat@midwestmission.org) or 217-697-4063

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## Volunteers at Work

March 25 - 29, 2024

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## Volunteer Leaders



**Jeff and Jane Johnson**  
Glen Carbon, IL

## Volunteer Teams



# Illinois



First UMC  
Glen Ellyn, IL



Sewing Group First UMC  
Springfield, IL



Grace UMC  
Jacksonville, IL



412 Youth Group  
Worthington, IN

# Iowa



First UMC Youth  
Baraboo, WI



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