



MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER

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School Principal

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
- Psalm 46:1 NIV*

Thanks to you, Midwest Mission was able to send student kits and other relief supplies to the people of St. Vincent who were affected by the volcano that erupted on April, 9th, 2021.

About 20,000 people were evacuated from the area nearest to La Soufrière volcano on the northside of St. Vincent after it began erupting on April 9 for the first time in 42 years.

These kits were delivered on April 28th and were unpacked and delivered to schools by the Principal himself, along with two young boys who hoped to continue their education and complete school!



FFP Facility in Coconut Creek, FL.



Theses two boys helped deliver all the kits by hand!

MIDWEST MISSION STUDENT KITS were taken to Florida in March in a cooperative effort with Food for the Poor to pre-stage disaster response items in ten Latin American and Caribbean countries. Student kits are used to help children emotionally after they have been affected by disaster, giving them a way to express themselves through art or writing. Emotional care after a disaster can be just as crucial as having physical needs met.



Annual Conferences & In-gatherings

Midwest Mission strives to ensure that those affected by a disaster receive the supplies they need to recover. To help secure these supplies our board members and annual conferences are working together to create In-gatherings. These collection sites help us secure the needed supplies for our Midwest Mission kits that we disburse around the world and around the corner to all of those in need during a crisis.



**East Ohio
In-gathering
14,160 lbs**



**Northern Illinois
In-gathering
14,400 lbs**



**Wisconsin
In-gathering
7,702 lbs**



**Minnesota
In-gathering
13,480 lbs**



**Illinois Great Rivers
In-gathering
2,655 lbs**

US Disaster Response

- 01/06 UMC in Medford, OR: 468 Cleaning Kits for wildfire prep - \$35,100.00
- 02/23 Safe Families in Springfield, IL: Furniture and beds for families taking in children
- 02/23 Wisconsin/VOAD Red Cross in Milwaukee, WI: 108 Cleaning Kits & 432 Hygiene Kits for fires - \$13,294.00
- 03/03 Methodist Mountain in Mission Jackson, KY: 2,088 Cleaning Kits & 720 Hygiene Kits for recent flooding - \$165,240.00
- 03/15 Dignity Center in Minneapolis, MN: 308 Hygiene Kits for homeless - \$3,696.00
- 04/07 Salvation Army in Springfield, IL: 160 Hygiene Kits for homeless or at-risk veterans - \$1,920.00
- 05/21 UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, LA: 2,016 Cleaning Kits for hurricane clean-up - \$151,200.00
- 05/24 First UMC in Kennewick, WA: 144 Cleaning Kits for the wildfires - \$10,800.00
- 06/09 Food for the Poor in Florida: 2,240 MMDC Student Kits, over 5,000 tarps, 829 cloth bags, 46,558 trash bags, 402 gallons of hand sanitizer and over 450 bottles of hand sanitizer, empty buckets and lids for hurricane preparedness - \$144,603.00
- 06/16 Cultivators in Rantoul, IL: 106 School Kits - \$1,166.00
- 06/23 Salvation Army in Elk Grove Village, IL: 5376 Hygiene Kits for tornadoes \$64,512.00
- 06/23 Salvation Army in Freeport, IL: 5376 Hygiene Kits for tornadoes \$64,512.00
- 06/23 Salvation Army in Pekin, IL: 1344 Hygiene Kits \$16,128.00
- 06/24 Salvation Army in Indianapolis, IN: 1344 Hygiene Kits \$16,128.00
- 07/08 Dearborn, MI: 1,872 Cleaning Kits for flooding \$140,400.00



Ramon Delivering to the Red Cross
in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

American Indian Assistance

- 03/04 Cheyenne River Youth Project in Eagle Butte, SD: 600 Hygiene Kits & 800 School Kits - \$16,000.00
- 07/06 Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, ND: Toothpaste, 2004 UMCOR School Kits, Hand Sanitizer \$30,450.00
- 07/27 American Indian Christian Mission in Show Low, AZ: twin mattresses, towels, dinnerware, plastic gloves, 168 UMCOR Hygiene Kits & 168 UMCOR School Kits - \$37,828.00
- 08/05 Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, ND: 408 UMCOR Hygiene Kits, 672 UMCOR School Kits, furniture, twin mattresses, electric sewing machines, dishware, cutlery - \$66,916.00
- 08/05 Standing Rock Tribe via Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, ND: 312 UMCOR Hygiene Kits & 528 UMCOR School Kits - \$9,864.00
- 08/05 Pine Ridge Reservation-Oglala Sioux Tribe in Pine Ridge, SD: 264 UMCOR Hygiene Kits, 1,500 UMCOR School Kits, 9,000 face masks - \$64,932.00
- 08/05 Yankton Sioux Reservation in Andes, SD: 168 UMCOR Hygiene Kits, 1,008 UMCOR School Kits, 12,000 face masks - \$73,272.00



Cheyenne River Youth Project



International Shipments

Our largest International Partner is Food for the Poor (FFP). We work with FFP to help with regular humanitarian relief and international disaster response. Internationally we helped with volcanos, hurricanes, flooding and social unrest in Haiti. We also work closely with US Southern Command's -US military humanitarian missions.

Food for the Poor (FFP) Shipments 2021

You will see the cities in the countries we ship to are the same because that is the receiving port. FFP has 17 warehouses in 16 Caribbean and Latin American countries where supplies are taken from the port and given to vetted nonprofits throughout the country.

- 01/20 Honduras, San Pedro Sula: Sewing machines, sports equipment, tarps, dresses, quilts, hand sanitizer - \$182,650.00
- 01/25 El Salvador-Angels of Hope: Home care & personal dignity kits, toilet paper, face masks - \$34,583.00
- 03/04 Haiti, Cap Haitian: Layette kits, bikes, tarps, hygiene, medical, building, school & cleaning supplies - \$156,473.00
- 03/09 Guyana, Georgetown-Angels of Hope: Toilet paper, home care & personal dignity kits - \$34,053.00
- 03/16 Jamaica, Spanish Town: Hospital beds, exam tables, twin mattresses, toilet paper, stretchers - \$50,176.00
- 03/19 Florida - Disaster Preparedness in 10 countries: Student kits 2,800 to help evacuated kids - \$44,800.00
- 03/30 Belize, Belize City: Quilts, boy & girl outfits, toilet paper, diapers, surgical gloves, hygiene supplies - \$96,040.00
- 04/14 Jamaica, Spanish Town-Angels of Hope: Home care kits, personal dignity kits, toilet paper - \$34,053.00
- 04/20 Honduras, San Pedro Sula-Angels of Hope: Home care kits, personal dignity kits, toilet paper - \$34,361.00
- 05/12 Honduras, San Pedro Sula: PPE, hygiene & school items, quilts, cleaning & medical supplies - \$444,964
- 06/03 Haiti, Cap Haitian: 21,368 Rice Meal Bags, 130 MMDC student desks, 560 student kits - \$49,828.00
- 06/03 Haiti - Hearts for Haiti: Toothbrushes, dental supplies, school & medical supplies - \$27,344.00
- 06/03 Haiti, Arcahaie, School of Hope: 2,400 rice meals - \$2,400.00
- 06/09 Florida, Coconut Creek: Hurricane Prep - tarps, hand sanitizer, trash bags, buckets, cleaning rags - \$144,603.00
- 06/17 Haiti, Port-Au-Prince: Home care kits (cleaning supplies), personal dignity kits, toilet paper - \$35,576.00
- 06/29 Honduras, San Pedro Sula: Sewing machines, tools, school kits, layette kits, hospital equipment, PPE - \$259,723.00
- 07/14 Florida, Coconut Creek: Hurricane Prep - Tarps, blankets, student kits, work gloves, baby items - \$151,760.00



Mombasa Relief 2021 Photos

International Shipments - Other

- 01/29 Mombasa, Kenya - Mombasa Relief: 100 personal dignity kits & 100 student kits - \$3,100.00
- 03/17 Fond Parisien, Haiti - Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope: Hygiene, school & medical supplies - \$5096.00
- 05/13 Love Packages, Butler, IL - Christian Literature sent all over the world - \$535.00
- 05/15 Juarez, Mexico - Operation Hogar: Tools and caulk - \$3,748.00
- 07/28 Love Packages, Butler, IL - Christian Literature sent all over the world - \$4,235.50

The Blessing of Student Supplies in El Salvador

"The school supplies will benefit many children in the country, as we plan to distribute more than 3,000 school kits to children living in vulnerable communities and impoverished areas," explained our in-country partner representative.

"More than 80 organizations have partnered with us in our distribution efforts, including parishes, community development associations, and churches throughout the region. Additionally, children from our own internal programs – Ángeles de Esperanza [Angels of Hope] and Había Una Vez [There Was A Time], were also recipients of the popular school kits."

The Había Una Vez program supports 20 "School Centers" and 25 "Story Corners," all located in areas of high vulnerability. These programs are offered at schools in high social risk communities.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the government, many people have been unable to leave their homes to apply for the financial aid needed to purchase essentials such as food and other basic necessities for the family. As a result, many children in El Salvador have had to do without the school supplies that are so essential to their motivation and engagement.



Student Kits Needed



It is the time of year for Midwest Mission to prepare for the many supply requests we will receive for MMDC Student Kits for children in need around the world and around the corner. In 2020, Midwest Mission disbursed 17,494 MMDC Student School Kits valued at \$155,000.00

Basic needs like pencils, crayons, paper, and scissors help students to engage in lessons as they gain the knowledge they can bring back to their community to improve overall welfare. Education is one of the most important keys to breaking the cycle of poverty around the world and around the corner. This is why Midwest Mission is dedicated to serving those in crisis - to help them thrive through education and feel God's love in a practical way.

Want to help? See the list below to assemble the full kit, send individual items for the kit, send monetary donations, or purchase the items in stores or online!

MMDC purchases in bulk at: www.dollardays.com/midwestmissionurgentneeds/wishlist.html

Student Kit Supply Checklist

- 3 Notebooks - 1 Subject spiral 8" x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils - unsharpened
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Pencil Eraser - 2" or larger
- 1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Box of 24 Crayons





Student Kits & Desks to Honduras



In June, MMDC Student kits and desks were delivered successfully to children of Honduras who had lost everything in hurricane Eta. These students were able to start a new school year fully equipped, which brought pure joy and excitement! These kits and desks were delivered right after the school was rebuilt and kids were preparing for in-person classes.

Heydy Bu, a Food For the Poor in-country representative told Midwest Mission, "During a follow-up visit to the school, for the reopening of classes, we also managed to distribute the beautiful student desk chairs and tables that were included in this shipment. This particular school was greatly affected in both Hurricanes Eta and Iota, and they pretty much lost all of the school furniture they had." Functional school desks and new school supplies from our donated kits make school a much more comfortable and positive experience for all of the children and helps relieve financial pressure from the families and the local schools.

Midwest Mission is in need of bleacher wood to make desks, if you hear of a school that is removing and replacing their bleachers, please contact our Operations Manager, Brad Walton: (217) 697-4562 or Brad@midwestmission.org

A Gift of Great Magnitude to Guatemala



Midwest Mission sent Guatemala a firetruck! The firefighting capability of the Volunteer Firefighters of Guatemala will greatly improve with the recently-donated gift of a fire truck!

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 continued to be an issue in Guatemala, especially forest fires that break out from the dry and hot weather they experience. In May of 2020, Guatemala had 1,157 active fires. Guatemala currently has many impoverished areas that face these fires and a fire truck provides substantial aid! The firetruck debuted in early February, less than a month after it was donated, and helped put out a local house fire. Midwest Mission has also sent personal firefighting equipment to use and wear during fires. Firefighters said it was a blessing and helped them respond quickly and prevent the spreading to the entire neighborhood! [God Bless!](#)

Midwest Mission is in need of fire equipment! Please contact your local fire department when they get new equipment, as the old equipment is usually still in usable condition.

Get Involved: Host a Mission Experience

God created service so that when we work to help others we get twice as much in return.
We can help you host a great mission experience!!

You can invite your community, small group, or organization to complete Midwest Mission project at your location. You supply the space, tables, and volunteers - we will bring all the supplies. (You can also collect the supplies if you wish to do so.) A Midwest Mission staff member will help you coordinate your own mission experience.

Mission trips help your team members grow closer together and deepen their discipleship while helping others in Christ's name. We want to give you that opportunity at your location. Let's be the light of hope by serving those in need around the world and around the corner.

Rice Meal Pack

Cost to you is \$1 a bag, this feeds 6 people for only \$0.17 a meal



Student Kit

Cost per kit at our price is \$7



Personal Dignity Kit

Cost per kit at our price is \$7



Home Care Kit

Cost per kit at our price is \$15



For a complete list of what is included in each kit head to: www.midwestmission.org/kits
www.midwestmission.org/news/off-site-mission-opportunities

Collection Sites

Delivering supplies to Midwest Mission is getting easier no matter where you are in the Midwest with permanent collection sites and regular Ingatherings. For a full list of collection sites visit our website.

<https://www.midwestmission.org/donate/permanent-collection-sites>

2023 Reservations are officially OPEN!



Mission volunteers are the hands and feet of Christ as you build every kit and desk or repair a bicycle or sewing machine. Come or bring a group to experience God at work while you serve at Midwest Mission. Check availability on our online calendar, <https://mmdc.volunteermatrix.com> and reserve your spot. Questions? Contact Pat Wright at 217-697-4063 or pat@midwestmission.org

Trees for Tomorrow

Over 100 trees were purchased for our Trees for Tomorrow campaign that took place on Arbor Day. We are so grateful for the campus the Lord has blessed MMDC with and it was such a beautiful way to continue to take care of our campus.

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:6-8



MMDC Board Members 2021

Honoring Jack Travelstead



Jack Travelstead

On January 10 of this year, Midwest Mission lost its founding father and was able to honor him at a memorial on May 1st. Dr. Rev. Jack Travelstead had visited Haiti on multiple mission trips and assisted with disaster response in multiple flooding disasters in the late 1990s. Jack had the vision to start a distribution center that would be centrally located in the Midwest and still help people around the world. Jack was a force of nature. He believed in people and the importance of meeting practical needs. He also knew whom to call to get the job done, and he had a way of asking that made it hard, or impossible, to say "no". He dreamed big dreams and made them a reality when Midwest Mission opened in 2000. We continue to dream big and reach beyond what we think is possible year after year and to push Jack's dream farther because if we have learned anything from our founder, it is that anything is possible with faith and determination.

Midwest Mission has placed a plaque honoring our esteemed Founder in the Midwest Mission kit room for all to see. The quote from Jack that was chosen for this plaque reflects his life's work: "People want and need to feel that they have worth. People who lose their resources lose a sense of worth. We want to help them rebuild and start again. As people of faith, we believe that we are part of a global community. The people we reach out to are our brothers and sisters. May our gifts reflect our genuine respect, love, and concern for these members of our family around the globe."

Jack left his mark on so many lives and places and definitely left this world making a huge impact for Christ.



Left to right: former MMDC Director - Pat Wright, sons Craig Travelstead, Stan Travelstead, and Executive Director Chantel Corrie

COVID Help to Developing Countries

Midwest Mission has sent hundreds of thousands of bottles of hand sanitizer, masks, hygiene, and cleaning products to assist vulnerable populations of children, the elderly, and the disabled through our partner Food for the Poor and their non-profit partners to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.



The first case of COVID-19 in Haiti was registered by the Ministry of Health in March 2020. The recommended preventive measures are not easy to implement for most Haitians who lack access to water for handwashing and masks. This was the case for the Missionaries of the Poor, a non-profit residential facility for special needs children and young adults with multiple disabilities. With the help of Food for the Poor and Midwest Mission, they were able to receive masks and hand sanitizer. The staff were educated to use the sanitizer at a specific time each day to help keep the children safe. This facility is the best hope for these children - staying safe so they can stay open is crucial.



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SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER

We need your support!

Please use the enclosed envelope to help support the ministry of Midwest Mission so we can continue to reach vulnerable people in Christ's name in a practical way. For every \$1 you gave in 2020 \$9.24 worth of in-kind supplies were sent in 25 international and 294 domestic shipments. This work cannot continue without your gifts, service, and prayers.



Help us promote Midwest Mission in your church or organization. Videos can be found on YouTube and on our website along with bulletin inserts. Go to <https://www.midwestmission.org/midwest-mission/promotional-material>

2021 Summary of Operations Year to Date (January - July)

Mission Volunteers	965
Mission Volunteer Hours	14,097
Supply Donations Received	\$2,776,599
Supply Donations Received	231,187 lbs
Shipments - International	19
Shipments - Domestic	142
Donations Distributed	\$2,815,312
Donations Distributed	510,562 lbs

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