

September 2, 2022



## Midwest Mission Responds to Disaster Relief in Kentucky, Three Shipments Out

With your help, we continue to answer the call to help with disaster relief in flooded areas of Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky. After receiving requests for help from three Kentucky organizations in the middle of the disaster declared areas, Midwest Mission went into action and will continue to send disaster relief supplies as requested by its partners.

**Aug. 15, 2022 – Kentucky Mountain Mission** is a conservative, independent, evangelical faith Mission that ministers in the southeastern town

of in Beattyville, Ky. It was hit hard by the recent flooding. Supplies purchased by and/or donated to Midwest Mission were sent to help take care of basic needs and clean-up efforts. The semi-trailer was filled with: shovels, flashlights, hammers, and other tools weighing in at 645 lbs. Other items sent were: 5175 trash bags in crates, 47,400 disposable face masks, 1080 scrubber sponges, 480 18-gallon totes with lids, 53 twin-sized sheet sets with 2 pillow cases/set, 30 twin-sized sheet sets which included flat sheet, fitted sheet and pillowcase, 6720 tubes of Hello toothpaste, 53 cases of Goop sanitizer, 67 cases of household cleaner, 180 Tornado Kit assembly - Rubbermaid Totes and Lids, and miscellaneous cleaning supplies. **The total weight of supplies was 11,465 lbs., valued at \$91,755.60**

**Aug. 16, 2022 –** Midwest Mission received a list of specific supplies needed in Pikeville, Ky. and filled a semi-trailer with medical supplies, wipes, and sanitizer **weighing in at 28,266 lbs. and valued at \$226,128.00** to Pikeville, Ky. The shipment was coordinated through **Rotary International** and the **Pikeville Rotary Club**. The devastation of the massive flooding has claimed upwards of 40 lives. Many families have lost homes, jobs, businesses, and more.

**Aug. 24, 2022 – Henderson Settlement** is a Mission Institution of the Red Bird Missionary Conference. It was the recipient of the most recent Kentucky shipment. This load included: 683 lbs. of furniture/furnishings, 720 UMCOR (United Methodist Committee



on Relief) hygiene kits, 720 tubes of Hello toothpaste, 480 UMCOR school kits and 180 completed UMCOR cleaning buckets. The **total weight of this shipment was 3400 lbs., valued at 430,692.00.**

Executive Director Chantel Corrie says, "Please remember disaster response, especially of this magnitude, is not a sprint but a marathon. If you assume what others need you can clog the transportation and storage of items that are more important or create a disaster within a disaster. That's why we only work with trusted established partners, so we can be sure to send what is actually needed.



Shipment to Kentucky Mountain Mission unloaded as they prepare to take relief supplies to local people.



After waters recede, the devastation increases as families go through the debris and ruin of their homes.

## Dominican Republic to Receive Supplies from Midwest Mission



WOW! Last **Wednesday, Aug. 24**, Midwest Mission loaded and shipped **\$320,106.00** worth of supplies to the **Dominican Republic**. We partnered with **Food For The Poor**, which has worked with the Dominican Republic for 22 years. Your monetary and in-kind donations, along with the generosity of trusted partners like the ones listed below allow us to provide items to help meet basic needs, as we continue to serve the "least of these," in times of greatest need.

This container included: 266 lbs. of fabric along with six **treadle sewing machines**. The sewing machines are part of our **Micro Business** ministry. Nonprofit organizations in developing countries provide training to women so they can learn skills to gain

employment. After taking the courses, they receive a sewing machine to give them opportunities to earn an income from their work.

Also included: 196 cases of diaper ointment, 196 **Layette Kits**, 1120 **Student Kits**, 198 **Midwest Mission Student Desks**, 2400 **Rice Meal Bags**, 3350 trash bags, and more.

We also thank our partners for the additional items they provided in this shipment:

- **St. Louis VA Medical Center-Jefferson Barracks** provided 62,000 disposable face masks, 7200 ppe disposable gowns and 20,500 disposable shoe covers.
- **Illinois Baptist Association** gifted 220,000 food service gloves
- **Rockline Industries** provided 180 cases of disinfectant wipes
- **Rural King** gave 92 cases of antibacterial hand cleaner
- **Lamar Advertising** donated 48 vinyl tarps
- **HSHS Sisters Mission Outreach** provided 91,200 rain ponchos



You are making a difference. Thank you!

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## Hygiene Kits from Springfield First UMC Go To Washington Middle School



On **August 28**, Springfield (Illinois) First United Methodist Church participated in a "One-Minute Mission" with their congregation. A One-Minute Mission is an impactful activity a group can do that only takes one minute. This introduces people to the joy - and ease - of service, and gets everyone excited for bigger opportunities. It's amazing to see the difference you can make with only a little bit of your time.

For this "One-Minute Mission," the congregation packed 600 UMCOR Hygiene Kits, having each person make one bag. These kits include basic hygiene necessities many students don't have.

On **August 30**, these hygiene kits were delivered to **Washington Middle School**, Springfield, Illinois.

Midwest Mission sends hope and empowerment around the world *and around the corner*. Just like Springfield First UMC, you can make a difference in your community.

**PRAYERS to LIFT UP**

Please pray that God will show each and every one of us how to be His hands and feet every day. Pray that we would be guided towards those we can serve and love better, and that our hearts will be open and generous with our time and resources.

*"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."*

Galatians 5:13

## MIDWEST MISSION WEEKLY PROJECTS

### Work of the Mission Volunteers

#### Projects completed

- 118 UMCOR Cleaning Kits
- 990 Personal Dignity Kits (PDK's)
- 850 Student Kits
- 120 Home Care Kits

#### Other work done

- Student Desks - sand, poly, build
- Repaired bikes
- Rice Meal prep
- Sorted outfits
- Counted items into inventory
- Grounds keeping
- Landscaping
- Traced patterns

#### Disbursements

- **Food for the Poor General-in-kind**, Santiago, Dominican Republic **Value:** \$320,106.00, *See story above*
- **Springfield School District 186**, 600 UMCOR unverified hygiene kits **Value:** \$9,606.00
- **First UMC** - Jefferson, IA, 672 UMCOR unverified hygiene kits and cleaning supplies **Value:** \$10,744.00
- **St. Martin de Porres**, Springfield, IL 360 UMCOR school Kits and cleaning supplies **Value:** \$5,592.00
- **Coal City UMC**, Coal City, IL 1632 UMCOR unverified hygiene kits **Value:** \$19,584.00
- **IGRC Disaster Response**, 35 redirected machinery **Value:** \$280.00
- **Salvation Army**, Springfield, IL unverified UMCOR hygiene kits **Value:** \$9,408.00
- **Boys Scouts of America**, Springfield, IL redirected food items **Value:** \$12,484.00
- **Iowa Annual Conference**, Des Moines, IA UMCOR cleaning kits **Value:** \$ 6,975.00
- **One Stop Christmas Shop** UMCOR hygiene kits **Value:** \$4,896.00

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**DONATE TODAY**

## Volunteers August 29- September 2, 2022





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**Jennie & Stan Lowrey**  
Pattonsburg, MO



**Rus & Tony DeBonis**  
Waterloo, IA

## Volunteers



**NOMADS 2022**



**Carroll UMC**  
Carroll, IA



**Community UMC**  
Vincennes, IN



**Jordan Turner**



**Hannah Sawers**



**Jay Grim**



**Marsha Johnson**



**Kathy Davis**



**Kent Douglas**



**Kelly Bagley**



**Brad Boucher**



**Louise Corder**



**Ron Miller**



**Ken Anderson**



**Roger McClintock**



**Roger Schlichting**



**John Himple**



**Terry House**



**Mike Childress**



**Rita Smith**



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## Food For The Poor Recipients in Honduras Give Thanks for Bicycles



According to Food For The Poor (FFTP), Honduras is an impoverished country with the highest level of income inequality in all of Latin America. Nearly 65 percent of the population live in poverty – rates that are even higher among rural and indigenous people. Honduras also has one of the world's highest murder rates. It is a country with many barriers to progress. Unemployment, gang violence and lack of opportunity is widespread.

Sadly, Honduras is frequently affected by severe droughts that deplete its basic crops, leaving the country's most vulnerable populations to suffer from food insecurity. Chronic malnutrition is rampant in this country, resulting in high infant and child mortality rates.

We are always grateful to hear when

Partner Testimony

donations sent by Midwest Mission have been received. Recently, Food For The Poor shared stories of people in Honduras who have received bicycles.

Personal testimonies like the ones sent to us on Sept. 1, 2022, give us a glimpse into the joy that someone gains from an in-kind gift, a financial donation, volunteer time and most importantly, prayers. Times of crisis are hard-hitting in Honduras and many other Caribbean and Latin American countries. The tangible items, like bicycles, are appreciated. However, it's the intangible gifts of love and support that bring the real hope and empowerment, creating eternal blessings.

Food For The Poor, one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the world, does much more than feed millions of the hungry children and families living in poverty - primarily in 17 countries of the Caribbean and Latin America. This interdenominational Christian ministry provides emergency relief assistance, clean water, medicine, educational materials, homes, support for vulnerable children, care for the aged, skills training and micro-enterprise development assistance. For more information, please visit [www.FoodForThePoor.org](http://www.FoodForThePoor.org).

"While we were distributing the bicycles, we met a couple who reside in Lima Cortes, the city in Honduras that was hit hardest by tropical storm Eta," said Heydy Bu, Food For The Poor's in-country partner representative. "They were telling us how they lost their home and all of their belongings. These are the people who we are grateful to encounter in our field trips - people in dire need of our assistance.

"They said their experience was unimaginable, and that they don't know how they were able to make it out alive," Heydy added.

"We work as street vendors now, and we must travel to food markets to buy our produce," the woman explained. "These bicycles will allow us to start our workday faster, since we no longer have to walk to the market.

"Only about 20 percent of Hondurans have their own vehicle," Heydy said. "The majority of us use public transportation, and those who live in either rural areas or in villages do not even have access to that.

"Thank you so very much for these bicycles," Heydy added. "Everyone who received one was most grateful for it and they each conveyed the same message: 'Many thanks to the donor, Midwest Mission. May God bless them.'"

## Bleacher Wood Received From Iowa and Nebraska Schools

Midwest Mission began 22 years ago building Student Desks under the leadership of founder, Jack Travelstead. The growth of this program is immense, as hundreds of desks are sent around the world each year.

The desks are made from recycled bleacher wood that is provided to Midwest Mission by churches and schools when they decide to dispose of them.

**Roger McClintock**, 85, is one of the volunteer desk shop leaders and has been teaching volunteers to build the desks for 20 years. A retired math teacher, he said the desks help provide a better learning environment for students. "You can generally seat three, sometimes four students at a



desk. All depends on their size. Building the desks is a good experience,” he said, “and no matter your skill level, we can teach you to build.” He has seen many people come in who have never used a hammer or other tools and is able to instruct and encourage them through the process, which is well laid out from start to finish. The wood is cut, sanded and polyurethane is applied. Once a desk is fully assembled and given the OK for quality, it is disassembled and each piece is packaged into its own unit, shrink wrapped and then shipped to our partner nonprofits where they distribute and help the recipients put them back together.



Knowing about the desk project, a volunteer group from Carroll, Iowa brought bleacher wood with them on their recent trip to Midwest Mission. The bleachers were donated by two schools.

**Kuemper Catholic High School** in Carroll, IA donated their bleachers. Seven men from **First United Methodist Church** in Carroll assisted the high school’s maintenance staff for two days to remove the bleacher wood and hardware. Jeff Honold provided his flatbed trailer and the Kuemper baseball team loaded the bleacher wood on it. Jeff then drove it to Midwest Mission’s campus for processing.

**Marian High School** in Omaha, NE also provided bleacher wood. Matt Winterboer, a teacher at the high school, had learned about Midwest Mission’s desk project. He reached out to his parents, Cloyd and Carol Winterboer about the available bleacher wood. Carol is the Mission Committee Chair at Carroll First United Methodist Church. He knew they volunteered at Midwest Mission and had a late August trip planned to serve on campus. God’s timing for sure. Matt coordinated the efforts through his parents and the help of Principal Susie Sullivan and Assistant Principal Rochelle Rohlfs.



Jeff Honold was also called to load the bleachers in Omaha. The students at the all-girls College Prep High School worked with Jeff to get the bleachers onto the trailer. The full load arrived at Midwest Mission, Aug. 29, 2022, along with a crew of volunteers ready to begin work building desks.

Do you know of a church or school ready to get rid of their wooden bleachers? Having Midwest Mission collect the bleachers can save an organization upwards of \$15,000. People must be available to take the bleachers down. You can load them and bring them to campus or Midwest Mission staff may be able to pick them up. Contact Brad Walton at [brad@midwestmission.org](mailto:brad@midwestmission.org) or 217-358-6675 for further details and to discuss logistics.

Thank you to everyone who has helped arrange the donations from schools and churches and to all of you who have helped in the process of building desks this year. Midwest

Mission has already shipped 348 completed desks to Haiti and Guatemala in the first six months of 2022. You continue to touch hearts and lives! Incredible!

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Please pray God will continue to bless this ministry, and that we will continually be led by Him. Pray that doors will continue to open so we can send resources as efficiently and effectively as possible.

*"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."*

Psalm 27:13-14

**MIDWEST MISSION WEEKLY PROJECTS**

# Work of the Mission Volunteers

## Projects completed

- 216 UMCOR Cleaning Kits
- 1104 UMCOR Hygiene Kits
- 60 Layette Kits
- 120 Home Care Kits

## Other work done

- Student Desks - sand, poly, build
- Repaired bikes
- Sorted outfits
- Counted items into inventory
- Grounds keeping
- Repaired Sewing Machines
- Cleaned
- Painted

## Disbursements

- **UMCOR Sager-Brown, Baldwin, LA., 2132 UMCOR cleaning kits** Value: \$159,900.00
- **Central Illinois Emmaus, Springfield, IL, 2 cases of sanitizing wipes** Value: \$48.00
- **ACE-SAP Free Clinic, Waterloo, IA, Redirected hygiene and cleaning supplies** Value: \$68.00
- **St. Martin de Porres, Springfield, IL, 2 Bikes** Value: \$180.00

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Tolono, IL

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**NOMADS 2022**



**Tampico UMC**  
Tampico, IL



**Libertyville UMC**  
Libertyville, IL



**Athens UMC**  
Athens, IL



**Kayode Benson**  
Springfield, IL



**Ron Wampler**  
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**Union Reunion**  
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## NOMADS GET WORK DONE



Midwest Mission was blessed to have 13 **NOMADS** (Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service) on campus from Aug. 22-Sept. 8 They worked six hours a day, four days a week, clocking in 939.45 hours for a value of \$28,136.53 time donated. Seven home base states were represented - Indiana, Illinois, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia. Typically NOMADS travel from one state to another and live out of their RVs.

They provide volunteer labor for United Methodist organizations including new construction, remodeling and repairs for churches, children's homes, camps, colleges, outreach missions and disaster rebuilding. That is simply the tip of the iceberg. They are prime examples of people reaching out in Christ to love and serve others.

### What did they do at Midwest Mission?

Brad Walton, Operations

Manager said, "The list is long. They come in and talk to us about our needs and what we hope they can accomplish. Then, because of their focus and strong work ethic, they add to the list as they look around campus and notice other projects they can tackle. They do so much in that concentrated time, and it is apparent and appreciated. We can't get it all done on our own. We look forward to having them again next year. This year's team was outstanding!"



Lynn and George Dimock, from Tennessee were part of the team. Lynn said, of the NOMADS, "It is one thing to talk about helping others, but something else to actually do it. NOMADS don't just talk, they do, and that is what is important."

Indeed, they do work. Brad said all the projects they worked on were important, big and small. "I was also impressed that there are not 'men's jobs vs. women's jobs.' Everyone steps up, no matter the project!"

As Midwest Mission continues to expand there is always work to be done. George said "They are running out of storage space. To help with that they are getting some old shipping containers to put at the end of the warehouse, but they had no door for their forklift. So we built a door opening and rewired the building. In two more weeks, the overhead door contractor will install the door."

## Projects Completed

### Ground Maintenance

The campus grounds were mowed, weeds were trimmed around trees and buildings, and new trees were planted.

### Quonset Hut Siding and Door

Protection for supplies and equipment was completed as they added siding and doors to the Quonset Hut.

### Painting

They painted parking blocks in the main parking lot and painted the handicap accessible areas at the dorm, which provides increased safety.

Both men and women work hard at all the projects. When you come to campus next time, you will notice the new entrance siding. They repaired garage doors and painted walls - interior and exterior.

### Loading Dock

NOMADS leveled and rocked the south area outside of the loading dock. They cleaned out front of the loading dock, repaired metal damage to the shed outside of the loading dock, added exit signs with emergency lights, and repaired/replaced metal wall trim on the loading dock. They also ran electricity and added a doorway to allow the forklifts to be driven in and out for easier mobilization of supplies.



*Adding a door from the loading dock to the concrete apron.*

### **Bleacher Wood**

Many hours were spent processing 7034 lbs. of bleacher wood delivered from Iowa. They scraped, drilled, plugged the wood, and cut it to make the desk components. Some of them sanded the planks and applied polyurethane, while others assembled school desks. This means students around the world will have desks where they can comfortably sit and learn.



*The finished door opening and the rocked area.*

### **Bikes**

A few team members spent time in the Bike Shop making repairs. The work done in the Bike Shop gives transportation and jobs to many who otherwise would not have a means for transport.

### **Entrance Siding**



#### **Before**

*They removed the old wood siding and prepared the entrance for new metal siding.*



#### **After**

*New, fresh siding was added to the front entrance of the building.*



“It is a labor of love,” said Jill Steel of Virginia, “We really worked well together and the Midwest Mission staff was fun to work with. It’s also obvious that they live out their mission of serving people near and far.

It was a great week of getting to know the staff, other volunteers and fellow NOMADS. I was blessed by the experience and look forward to returning.”

## August Summary of Operations

<u>2022 SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS</u>	August	YTD 2022	FY 2021 Jan-Dec
<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>	260	1565	1,826
<b>VOLUNTEER HOURS</b>	3539	20,736	25,296
<b>SUPPLY DONATIONS RECEIVED (\$)</b>	\$890,877	\$5,183,411	\$6,318,010
<b>SUPPLY DONATIONS RECEIVED (Pounds)</b>	127,712	447,303	1,005,606
<b>SHIPMENTS - International</b>	6	40	33
<b>SHIPMENTS - Domestic</b>	64	212	256
<b>DONATIONS DISTRIBUTED (\$)</b>	\$1,951,260	\$6,129,136	\$5,981,161
<b>DONATIONS DISTRIBUTED (Pounds)</b>	183,410	1,012,846	1,080,497
<b>MILES TRAVELED</b>	9,856	49,581	77,239

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Romans 15:13

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**Volunteers**  
**September 12-16, 2022**





## Volunteer Leaders



**Ron Monroe**  
Fairbury, IL



**Chuck & Karen Porter**  
Brighton, IL

## Volunteers



**Sewing Group**  
Springfield, IL



**Monticello UMC**  
Monticello, IL



**St. Joseph UMC**  
St. Joseph, IL



**Dalton City UMC & Long Creek UMC**  
IL



**Zion UMC  
Batavia & Adell, WI**



**First UMC  
St. Joseph, MI**



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## Serving Makes a Difference – Midwest Mission Sunday Brings it to Life



Midwest Mission Sunday, held on September 18, was a day for churches and groups to talk about Midwest Mission, and more importantly, to get excited about serving. The churches were given promotional materials to display during their services leading up to Midwest Mission Sunday. Plus, churches were given a variety of slideshows, videos, and print materials they could use during the Sunday services.

The biggest piece of this was a "bonus" that the churches and groups could participate in. We challenged them to do a "one-minute mission" during or after service, or as a group. A one-minute mission is a service activity that each person can do for about one minute, but makes a great impact. It is a great way to get people excited about serving, and to help them realize how easy it is to show God's love in a practical way. These mission activities

ranged from each person making one Midwest Mission kit on an assembly line after church to making sandwiches for the homeless in their local community.

## Volunteers Step Up to Serve in Multiple Locations

In addition to the one-minute mission opportunities that churches held, Midwest Mission was present in **seven different locations**. Staff members had several speaking opportunities, and there were **four Rice Meal packs**, **one Layette Kit assembly event**, and **one Home Care Kit assembly event**.



Ladies from **St. Joseph UMC** held a **Bundling Layette Shower**. Connie Jamison, a member of the team who held this event, said, "We made **150 layettes**. We decided the mothers who receive these might not have the joy of a baby shower, so we held one for them. We played 2 games, had small prizes & shared much fellowship."

Later Connie noted a touching comment from an elderly member of the church. "She told her great niece she had not had such an enjoyable Sunday afternoon for many years."





People from all over the Midwest participated in the Rice Meal Packs that were held in four different locations across two states. Thank you to everyone who joined us!





**St. Luke's United Methodist Church** in Indianapolis held a **Home Care Kit Assembly** on Midwest Mission Sunday. They packed **660 Home Care Kits**. These kits will go to those who are in need of disaster relief supplies.



## PRAYERS to LIFT UP

Please pray for each person who is a part of what we do here at Midwest Mission. For our volunteers, for the staff, for our donors, for the nonprofits we work with, for the drivers, for those who work on the ground, and for those who receive what we send.

*"The human mind may devise many plans,  
but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established"*  
Proverbs 19:21

## MIDWEST MISSION WEEKLY PROJECTS

### Work of the Mission Volunteers

#### Projects completed

- 280 Student Kits
- 72 Desks - built
- 247 Layette Kits
- 660 Home Care Kits
- 22,207 Rice Meals
  - 10,700 Midwest Mission Ukraine Event - Pawnee, IL
  - 8,800 First UMC -Springfield, IL

- 1,501 First UMC - Mt Vernon, IN
- 1,206 Emmanuel UMC - Noblesville, IN

### Other work done

- Student Desks - wood processed and poly applied
- Repaired bikes
- Sorted outfits
- Counted items into inventory
- Grounds keeping
- Repaired Sewing Machines
- Cleaned facilities
- Stuffed mailer

### Disbursements

- **UMCOR Sager Brown** Baldwin, LA 20,160 Hygiene Kits **Value:** \$241,920.00
- **CICIM-Decatur**, IL Redirected hygiene supplies and Mechanical Equipment **Value:** \$2,246.00
- **First UMC**, St. Joseph, MI Redirected hygiene and cleaning supplies **Value:** \$300.00
- **UMC**, Petersburg, IL Redirected hygiene and school supplies **Value:** \$472.00

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# Volunteers

## September 19-23, 2022





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Yorkville, IL



**Chuck & Karen Porter**  
Brighton, IL

## Volunteers



**Taylorville UMC**  
Taylorville, IL



**Asbury UMC**  
Prairie Village, KS



**Grace UMC**  
Jacksonville, IL



**Ruth & Robert Brown**  
New Haven, OH



**Tom & Denise Patterson**  
Beaver Dam, WI



**Pauline Bolletta**  
Auburn, IL



**Sharon Bryden**  
Springfield, IL



**David Whitney**



**Bill Walden**



**Todd Shelly**



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**Ron Miller**



**Bob Leach**



**Ron Kinner**



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## **Midwest Mission Student Kits Distributed after Hurricane Fiona Hits Dominican Republic**



On Monday, Sept. 19, Hurricane Fiona slammed into the Northern coast of the Dominican Republic, leaving devastation in its path from extreme flash-flooding and heavy winds.

In a statement released

about the hurricane, Food For The Poor, our international partner, reported, “The storm damaged 54 homes, downed trees and power lines and forced 800 people to evacuate. At least 59 aqueducts were out of service, leaving more than 1 million people in the Dominican Republic without running water, according to the country’s emergency management officials.”



Because they know what to prepare for *when* a disaster happens, not *if*, Food For The Poor pre-stages disaster relief kits in 10 countries every March. The supplies included are donated by Midwest Mission and other non-profits. Each non-profit supplies one item, and sends the items to Food For The Poor by February. Then, a pallet of each item is sent to each of the 10 countries to begin pre-staging. Because of this, Food For The Poor had pre-positioned two of their disaster relief kits in the Dominican Republic and within a few hours of the hurricane’s landfall, they were ready to distribute relief.



According to Food For The Poor, “Each kit contains enough supplies to support 250 families, including tarps, disaster blankets, children’s activity kits, women’s care kits, oral rehydration solutions, water purification packets, hand-crank emergency radio flashlights, diapers and heavy-duty bags that in-country partners use to package individual kits for each family.”

Families received Midwest Mission Student Kits as part of their relief supplies. Our Student Kits include three notebooks, six pencils, a pencil sharpener, an eraser, a pair of scissors, 12 colored pencils, a box of 24 crayons, a ruler, and a prayer coloring sheet.

Although they have lost a lot, students will have the resources needed to continue learning and to be creative, even in the midst of disaster. They will also know they have been prayed for - before the disaster even started - by someone they may never meet.

# HURRICANE IAN

## MIDWEST MISSION IS PREPARING TO SEND RELIEF

Because our Cleaning Kit supplies were depleted from sending relief to the recent flooding in the South, **we need help replenishing our supplies.** This will enable us to be prepared to send Cleaning Kits as relief to those affected by Hurricane Ian. Our stock is down to about 990 Kits and **we need to be prepared to send 2,000+ Kits.**

[click here to see how you can help](#)

## Special Requests Shipped to Jamaica



Earlier this month, Food For The Poor Jamaica sent a special request for school supplies. After communicating with our FFTP representative, we decided to send

our Student Kits filled with notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, rulers, pencil sharpeners, erasers, scissors, and prayer coloring sheets.

On Sept. 21, the container arrived and we filled it with 2,800 Student Kits, valued at \$44,800.

The school supplies are on their way to Spanish Town, Jamaica. Student Kits equip children with the tools necessary to be better learners and to begin to create better opportunities as they grow.



## Experience Midwest Mission

OCTOBER 21ST | HANDS-ON MISSION EVENT IN TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Help us pack **3,600 Rice Meal bags** that will feed **21,600 people in Ukraine.**

### serve

You can volunteer in 1-hour shifts to pack Rice Meals.

You will have the opportunity to learn more about Midwest Mission opportunities through hands-on activities. You will learn about the UMC disaster response ministry and Home Care, Student, Personal Dignity, and Layette Kits.

### SERVE

October 21st  
9:00am-3:00pm  
Tremont UMC  
112 W Pearl St  
Tremont, IL 61568

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## Prayers to Lift Up

Please pray for those who have been affected by Hurricane Fiona, and for those who are affected by Hurricane Ian. Pray that disaster relief will reach those who need it.

*"Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by."*

Psalm 57:1-2

# Midwest Mission Weekly Project

## Work of the Mission Volunteers

### Projects completed

- 80 Student Kits
- 113 Feminine Hygiene Kits
- 30 Layette Kits
- 1210 Personal Dignity Kits (PDK)
- 432 UMCOR Cleaning Kits
- 1800 Rice Meals
  - 600 Mahomet UMC, Mahomet, IL
  - 1200 Avon UMC, Avon, IN

### Other work done

- Student Desks - wood processed and poly applied
- Repaired bikes
- Counted items into inventory
- Grounds keeping
- Sorted Outfits
- Repaired Sewing Machines
- Painting
- Sewing

### Disbursements

- **Food for the Poor**, Spanish Town, Jamaica Student Kits (see above story)  
Value: \$44,800.00
- **Kendall County Food Pantry**, Yorkville, IL: redirected cleaning supplies Value: \$240.00
- **Chatham Micropantry**, Chatham, IL: redirected hygiene supplies Value: \$50.00

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Chuck & Karen Porter  
Brighton, IL



Sharon & Pat Baumer  
Noblesville, IN

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Up N Comers Sunday School Class  
Springfield, IL



First UMC Sewing Group  
Springfield, IL



New Knoxville UMC  
New Knoxville, OH



Local Serve Team - Hope Church  
Springfield, IL



Dustin Large  
Springfield, IL



Jim & Joyce Nelson  
Melrose, IA



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