COVID - 19 Response

On Wednesday, June 17 Midwest Mission was able to disburse a total of $43,727 worth of COVID-19 relief supplies to five local nonprofits. We applied for the COVID-19 Response Fund for the Greater Capital Region of Illinois and were graciously awarded $15,000 to purchase bulk supplies and distribute them to front-line workers so they can protect themselves and the persons they serve—primarily children, seniors, & persons with disabilities or other risk factors.

Recipient organizations included:
- Cass County Health Department
- DD Homes Network – 20 sites in Cass, Logan, Morgan, & Sangamon Counties
- Loving Arms – Christian County
- Riverton School District #14 Birth to Three – Sangamon County
- Springfield School District #186 Parents as Teachers

The 5 local nonprofits received the following supplies:
- 84 packages of baby wipes
- 20 cases of diapers
- 615 Cleaning Supply Items
- 1,570 Hygiene Supply Items
- 2,223 Homemade Cloth Masks
- 1,034 Personal Dignity Kits - assembled by:
  - Bethany UMC - Green Bay, WI
  - Asbury UMC - Webster City, IA
  - Trinity UMC - Charles City, IA
  - St. Luke - Newton, IA
  - Jim and Joyce Nelson - Melrose, IA
  - Kalenbergs - Albia, IA
• St. Joe FUMC - St. Joseph, MI
• Brooklyn UMC - Brooklyn, MN
• Bethlehem UMC - Hutchinson, MN
• Jamestown UMC - Jamestown, IN
• 1,076 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer
• 500 Rice Meals - assembled by
• Richmond UMC - Whitewater, WI

Thanks be to God for all those who made this disbursement possible. Please continue to pray for those being affected by COVID-19.

Here you will also find a list of those that received additional COVID-19 relief supplies:
• CICIM (Decatur, IL) - 100 Disposable Cloth Face Masks
• Illinois Baptist Association (West Virginia) - 22,500 Disposable Cloth Face Masks
• Northeast Community Fund (Decatur, IL) - 2,000 Cloth Face Masks

Tracy Adden with DD Homes Network
Cathy Coker with Loving Arms Pregnancy Center
On the left is Laura Pickrell with the Birth to Three Program in Riverton, IL.

On the right is Delaney Sieving with the Cass County Health Department.

Ayesha Ahmad with the Parents as Teachers Program in Springfield, IL

Collaboration is what it takes to care for one another!

In-Kind Donation Update
At this time Midwest Mission is only able to accept local donations of Bikes and Sewing Machines. This is due to the lack of missionaries onsite in both the bike and sewing machine shops. Thank you for your understanding.

20 Years in Ministry
NOMADS July & August 2017

Midwest Mission is so fortunate to have the help of the NOMADS (Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service). They arrived on July 15th and stayed with us until August 4th. Every year we have a long list of projects for them during their 3-week stay and every year they plug away in the Central Illinois heat with smiles on their faces. The NOMADS have been instrumental in the completion of the finishing work in the 3rd Warehouse and in 2017 they refinished and installed the used pallet racking. They also expanded our compressed air service throughout the warehouse, built shelves, built school desks, completed exterior painting.
projects, and much more! For more information on the NOMADS organization, visit their website at www.nomadsумc.org.
Monday June 15, 2020 Midwest Mission sent a shipment of humanitarian aid to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. These relief supplies will be going to a local orphanage and to a nonprofit called Community Hope Expansion & Development Action (CHEDA). CHEDA supports the refugees in Ethiopia from South Sudan, particularly the vulnerable widows, women separated from their husbands, and their children.

This shipment was made possible by retired Springfield physician, Karen Holzier. After participating in a mission trip last October to Ethiopia and meeting the Founder of CHEDA, Gabriel Tott, Karen decided to collaborate with CHEDA and Midwest Mission to help the women and children in Ethiopia to receive life saving supplies. There is a total of about 32 women with CHEDA that will receive 47 electrical sewing machines, 8 treadle sewing machines, 1,229 lbs of fabric, 62 lbs of sewing items, along with a dozen sewing kits that will allow them to earn a living to help support themselves and their children.

The infants in the orphanage will be receiving:

- 576 Midwest Mission Layette Kits assembled by –
  - Valpo UMC – Valparaiso, IN
  - Atlanta UMW – Atlanta, IL
  - Norma – Ortonville, MN
  - Sue & Gerry – Estherville, IA
  - Spooner UMC – Spooner, WI
  - New Knoxville UMC – New Knoxville, OH
  - 5 Women on Wheels - IL
  - Lake Creek UMC, Smithton, MO
  - Mt Horeb UMC – Mt Horeb, WI
  - Algona FUMC – Algona, IA
  - Stadel Family – WI, IL
  - Bushnell UMC – Bushnell, IL
  - Edwardsville UMC – Edwardsville, IN
  - St Stephen UMC – St Stephen MO
  - Dwight UMC – Dwight, IL
775 homemade boy outfits  
1,312 homemade girl outfits  
840 layette sweaters  
389 lbs of redirect baby items  
7 lbs of much needed diaper ointment

In addition the women and children will be receiving:
- 3,024 Midwest Mission Student Kits assembled by –
  - Monticello UMC – Monticello, IL
  - St. Lukes – Newton, IA
  - Our Saviors UMC – Schaumburg, IL
  - Taylorville UMC – Taylorville, IL
  - Coleta UMC – Coleta, IL
  - Prairie City UMC – Prairie City, IA
- 304 Bibles
- 16,389 pieces of women and children clothing and 65 pairs of new shoes
- 20 twin size mattresses
- 1,890 lbs of blankets, quilts and linens
- 1,480 Rice Meals that will feed 8,880 individuals
- 6 Laptops and 27 power adapters
- 315 pairs of reading glasses
- 538 lbs of redirected tarps from Lamar Advertising Company

The total value of the shipment was $144,561.50. The shipment left for the St. Louis area where it will travel by rail to the east coast, then by ship to Ethiopia – hopefully to arrive sometime in August.

For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’

– Deuteronomy 15:11 ESV
CHEDA Founder Gabriel Tott (on left)

16 of the women refugees at CHEDA

Four babies at the local orphanage sharing one crib

The women in Ethiopia sewing feminine hygiene pads by hand
Retired Springfield physician, Karen Holzier (on left) was in Ethiopia in October when she purchased mattresses for the women and children of CHEDA.

Missionaries Serving this Week
June 15th - 19th, 2020

Missionary Leader - Donna Downen

Missionary Leader - Karen Chumbley
Weekly Projects

Work of the Missionaries at Midwest Mission

- Counted and boxed Cloth Face Masks
- Assembled Personal Dignity Kits
- Assembled 500 Rice Meals to go to Cass County Health Department made possible by the COVID-19 Response Fund for the Greater Capital Region of Illinois
- Filled 1,076 bottles of hand sanitizer to go to the 5 nonprofits receiving COVID-19 relief supplies made possible by the COVID-19 Response Fund for the Greater Capital Region of Illinois
- Worked on the Community Garden
- Filled and disbursed a semi trailer full of humanitarian relief supplies to go to Ethiopia
- Disbursed the COVID-19 relief supplies to the 5 local nonprofits

Disbursements

This week this ministry disbursed:
Southern Hills District in East Ohio Conference received 20 1-gallon containers of hand sanitizer valued at $600.

New Knoxville UMC in New Knoxville, OH received 57 lbs of fabric valued at $28.50

CICIM in Decatur, IL received 2 cases of redirected caulking and 100 cloth face mask valued at $544.

Missionaries Working Off-site

- Marsha Johnson - 1 Face Mask Sewing Kit
- Jessica Hoppe - 4 Feminine Hygiene Cutting Kit

Monthly In-Kind Donations

48,595 lbs of In-Kind Donations were received in the month of May. We received:

- Layette Kit Supplies - layette gowns, cloth diapers, receiving blankets, baby bibs, baby hats, diapers and sweaters
- Medical Supplies - Cloth Face Masks, surgical masks, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, braces, shower chair, commodes, and crutches
- Student Kit supply items - homemade one-handle cloth bags
- Feminine Hygiene Kit Supplies - Cloth reusable pads and homemade one-handle cloth bags
- Hygiene Supplies - adult diapers
- Personal Dignity Kit Supplies - shampoo
- Sewing Items - Sewing machines, thread, and fabric
- Tarps from Lamar Advertising
- Blankets and Sheets
- Quilts
- Boy and Girl Outfits
- Personal Dignity Kits
- Bikes
- Folding Table

Midwest Mission is able to do this work thanks to all its generous donors and missionaries. Thank you all!
The Prayer Center

Prayer for Protection

The Light of God surrounds us.
The Love of God enfolds us.
The Power of God protects us.
The Presence of God watches over us.
The Mind of God guides us.
The Life of God flows through us.
The Power of God abides in us.
The Joy of God uplifts us.
The Strength of God renews us.
The Beauty of God inspires us.
Wherever we are, God Is, and all is well!
BY: James Dillet Freeman
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