

Mt. Carroll – Back in 2022, four northwestern Il. Methodist churches came together and participated in their first onsite Rice Meal packing event. With Pastor Lambert Habonimana and Pastor Fernando Candumbo de Castro currently serving at Mt. Carroll and Savanna respectively, April 26, 2025, the congregations hosted their fourth rice meal packing event. This year's goal was to fill 1500 kits, with the generosity of the congregants, we were able to do 2000 kits. With fifty-five volunteers from Argo Fay, Mt. Carroll, Savanna, and Thomson United Methodist churches and a few from the community-we filled those kits in just over two hours.

Our events not only reach people around the world, but things are also happening in the fellowship hall of the Savanna church. New friendships are being formed, old acquaintances are reconnecting, and a good time is being had by all of those present. We feel the Lord's presence as we work. This is a very fulfilling experience and an AWESOME event.

As of this writing we don't know where the rice meals will be sent. Midwest Mission will update us when they are shipped.

This is not the only mission these congregations are involved with. Savanna has a very active sewing group that sent many items to Midwest Mission. We delivered fifty-two school bags, seventy-five diapers with pins, seventy girl's outfits,

seventeen boy's outfits, one hundred thirty- two fleece jackets, forty- one sleepers, twenty- six receiving blankets, sixteen love quilts, four pillowcases, twenty- nine one handle hygiene bags, forty zippered hygiene bags, eighteen drawstring hygiene bags, two hundred daytime sanitary pads, ninety- seven nighttime sanitary pads, as well as sleeping mats.

Mt. Carroll is involved with making sleeping mats. They have a monthly mission moment for various causes including clean water for Haiti, the local food pantry, and Midwest Mission to name a few. They also have ladies that knit or crochet baby sweaters.

The Thomson group engages in sewing projects.

There are mission causes all over the world and we are so blessed to be able to help the less fortunate. We are the hands and feet of Jesus.