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COMCAST CARES DAY AT MIDWEST MISSION

Midwest Mission was chosen as a recipient of Comcast Cares for the third time in the last 4 years. Comcast Cares Day is the nation's largest single-day corporate volunteer effort. Since Comcast Cares Day began in 2001, volunteers have contributed over 5 million hours of service at 7,700 projects and Comcast NBC Universal has provided more than \$20 million in grants to local non-profit community partners.



This year Midwest Mission hosted 141 volunteers of all ages on Comcast Cares Day, April 21st. The volunteers at Midwest Mission built 220 School Kits, 585 Personal Dignity Kits, and 108 Cleaning Buckets. They worked on bicycles, prepared bleacher wood for school desks, installed personalized bricks from the "Brick by Brick" Campaign, and much more. In addition, 14,409 Family Rice Casserole meals were assembled in our first-ever Food Pack, in cooperation with Illini Fighting Hunger from the University of Illinois (see the article below.) Our partner Food for the Poor was excited to offer these meals to their clients and a shipment is being arranged for Haiti or Jamaica in early May.



MIDWEST MISSION PARTNERS WITH ILLINI FIGHTING HUNGER

Illini Fighting Hunger (IFH) is a Registered Student Organization (RSO) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a program of the Wesley United Methodist Church and Foundation, as well as a chapter of Universities Fighting World Hunger. IFH was founded out of a desire to address local and international hunger issues by making meal-packaging events more frequent, more accessible, and more effective in Illinois. Some of their accomplishments in 4 years:

23,068 volunteers engaged	2,872,478 meals packaged	4,430 lbs of pasta
39,495 service hours	184,620 lbs of white rice	51,350 lbs of beans

The meals consist of long-grain white rice (a common food staple across cultures and tastes), a blend of vitamins and vegetarian chicken flavoring (to provide flavor and 16 essential vitamins and minerals), dehydrated vegetables, and textured soy protein. The meal's simplicity masks its complete nutritional value and it can be made for only 11¢ per serving! Boiled with 6 cups of water, each package provides 6 servings.



Midwest Mission recently had similar meals donated and was able to ship them out through our partner organization, Food for the Poor. They liked this product, so we began to research how we could create these meals. Some of the staff attended a Food Pack event at the University of Illinois and were able to make connections to arrange to bring the event here for Comcast Cares Day. Illini Fighting Hunger has given Midwest Mission a grant for all the equipment needed to be a satellite location. MMDC and IFH are grateful for this divine partnership.

Food for the Poor provides food, housing, emergency relief and much more to those in desperate need. Food for the Poor serves the poorest of the poor in the Caribbean and Latin America. This partnership fulfills a long-time dream of Illini Fighting Hunger - to be able to ship the meals internationally. God is Great!

Find more information about these great organizations at www.illinifightinghunger.org and www.foodforthe poor.org.

ANOTHER FULL CONTAINER HEADS TO GHANA, AFRICA FOR IHDN

On April 26, Midwest Mission assisted International Health & Development Network, directed by Dr. Edem Agamah and his wife, June, with another shipment to their clinic in Asbozume Ghana, Africa. IHDN has a trailer they purchased that sits on Midwest Mission property. Midwest helps collect the donated supplies for IHDN. IHDN provides the shipping while the team at Midwest Mission arranged all the logistics. It proves to be a fruitful partnership.

This time the shipment included a used Kubota tractor with attachments that will be used in the construction of their warehouse, pallet racking for the warehouse, medical supplies & equipment, furniture, an anesthesia machine, and much more.



ANNUAL CONFERENCES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Midwest Mission will be collecting donations and exhibiting at the following annual conferences.

Please stop by and talk to our representatives. We always love to hear from you!

We will be accepting donations of all of our kits, but please no bicycles or electric sewing machines at conference.

Michigan Conference	May 30 - 31	Indiana Conference	June 7 - 9
Minnesota Conference	May 30 - June 1	Iowa Conference	June 8 - 11
Northern Illinois Conference	June 3 - 5	East Ohio Conference	June 11 - 14
West Ohio Conference	June 3 - 6	Wisconsin Conference	June 15 - 17
Illinois Great Rivers Conference	June 7 - 9		

APRIL VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



Sharon Ostlund was our Volunteer Coordinator for the month of April. Sharon has been volunteering at Midwest Mission at least twice a year for 16 years and in 2015 she took on the role of Volunteer Coordinator. She is a member of St. Paul's UMC in Papillion, NE where she lives with her husband. Both of them are retired from the tow truck business they owned. Sharon loves coming to MMDC and considers the staff and volunteers her "second family". Midwest Mission loves you too, Sharon. Thank you for all your hard work!

	April	YTD	2017
VOLUNTEERS	314	920	2,314
VOLUNTEER HOURS	3,252	10,833	33,217
DONATIONS RECEIVED (Pounds)	23,764	209,550	668,703
SHIPMENTS - International	2	8	29
SHIPMENTS - Domestic	25	53	201
DONATIONS DISTRIBUTED (Pounds)	50,728	193,342	909,031

The mission of the Midwest Mission Distribution Center is to compassionately help God's people in need locally, nationally and around the world and to offer a center to fulfill the call for service to our neighbors in Christ's name.