

# Midwest Mission Trip

15 from Gay Street UMC traveled to Pawnee, IL, April 23-29, 2023



# Buckets, Buckets, Buckets

For Home Care Kits



Bruce Hoy, our bucket whisperer. He could separate buckets like magic.



Beth Prince



Wayne Dunlop



Julie Brodt, LeNan Hager, Wayne Dunlop



Bruce Hoy and Wayne Dunlop



Lee Dunlop



Julie Brodt



LeNan Hager



Marjorie Winkle



JoAnn Gibbs



We placed a signed prayer card in each bucket along with cleaning products and a scrub brush.



As each pallet was completed, we prayed over it. From left, Marjorie Winkle, Julie Brodt, Beth Prince, Volunteer Leader Bill Ridgley, and JoAnn Gibbs.

**We completed 432 Home Care Kits, which lately have gone to orphanages in Jamaica and the Caribbean, where budgets don't allow for enough cleaning products to keep up with diapers and other sanitation.**

## Ohio Team Shares Unique Fundraiser



**Gay Street UMC** traveled to Midwest Mission to serve for the **week of April 24**. Their team included passionate veteran volunteers, serving 10+ years, as well as brand new volunteers who were excited to see what Midwest Mission was all about.

Along with the enthusiasm, they also brought a check that they wanted to present to Midwest Mission.

Leading up to the trip, they spent two weeks collecting money on Sunday mornings.

### **The simple fundraiser? 5-gallon buckets.**

Each Sunday, members from the team stood at the doors of the church holding 5-gallon buckets in their hands. These 5-gallon buckets, reminiscent of the 5-gallon buckets used for Midwest Mission Home Care Kits and UMCOR Cleaning Kits, were plastered with the Midwest Mission logo and intrigued people as they passed through the church doors.

This was a great opportunity for the Gay Street Midwest Mission Team to share about Midwest Mission and the work they would be doing during their trip. It was also a great eye-catcher, drawing people in to drop bills, coins, and checks into the colorful buckets.

While serving this week, the Gay Street UMC team presented the generous check of \$1,425.85 to Midwest Mission. Chantel Corrie, Executive Director, graciously accepted the gift for the ministry.

Thank you, Gay Street UMC. What a fun way to raise money!

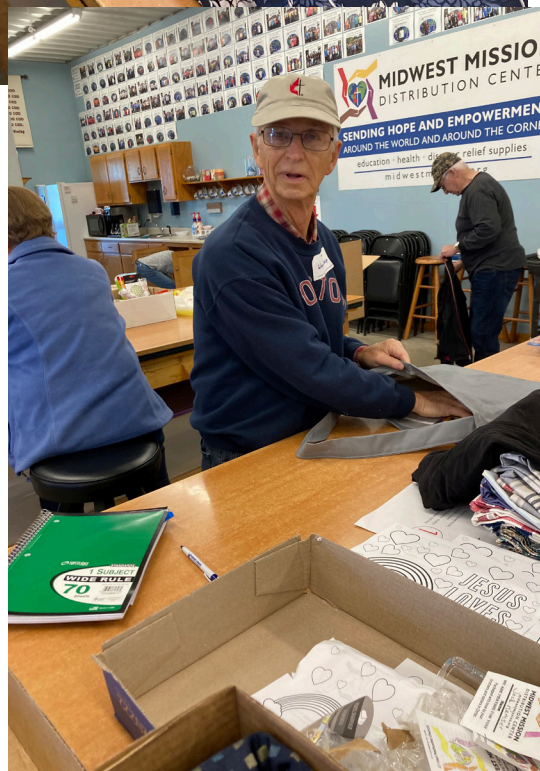
**What unique ways have you and your team fundraised?**

# Student Kits!

We compiled and boxed 1,320 Student Kits!



Lee Dunlop, Mary Ann Martin, and JoAnn Gibbs. In back are volunteers from a local church.



Wayne Dunlop



Julie Brodt



Lee Dunlop



Marjorie Winkle

# Praying

Praying over a pallet of Personal Dignity Kits are Lee Dunlop, LeNan Hager, Wayne Dunlop, and Volunteer Leader Bill Ridgley. We added toothpaste to 200 of these kits for a special shipment.



# Mulching

We mulched the gardens on the grounds and trimmed bushes and trees. Below are Mike Prince and JoAnn Gibbs .



# Laundry Detergent

We dispensed and bottled 848 gallons of laundry detergent for use in Home Care Kits.



Connie Liberati



Lauren Clawson



Mike Prince



# Writing Notes

Mary Ann Martin and Lauren Clawson write thank-you notes to donors.



# School Desks

We created some parts, assembled approximately 12 desks, leveled them, marked the joints and *unassembled* them to be sanded, polyurethaned, and readied for shipment.



Marilyn Hoy on the drill press creating desk parts.



Marshall Winkle and Neal Martin disassemble a desk.



Wayne Dunlop and LeNan Hager assemble a desk.



Marilyn and Bruce Hoy assemble a desk.

Mary Ann Martin and Connie Liberati sand and polyurethane desk parts.



## Saw Repair



Marshall Winkle and Neal Martin make a new part for a large saw.



Mike Prince works on the repair.

# Other Activities!



Eating out at the Chesapeake Seafood Restaurant.



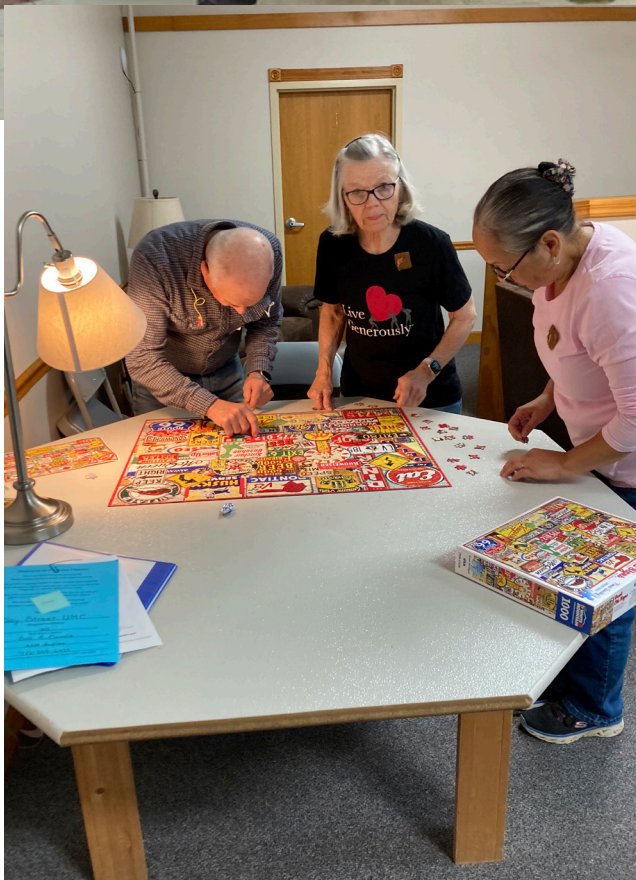
LeNan Hager cooking in the dorm.



Marshall Winkle and Wayne Dunlop try on top hats at the Lincoln Museum.



Posing with the Lincoln family at the Lincoln Museum.



Working on a puzzle at the dorm are Neal Martin, Mary Ann Martin, and Connie Liberati.

# Friday!



It's Friday, and this group of volunteers is ready to be shrink-wrapped and shipped out! In back: Marjorie Winkle, Beth Prince, and Julie Brodt. Front: Mary Ann Martin, Lee Dunlop, and Marilyn Hoy.