

MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER IS A PLACE OF MISSION FOR UNITED METHODISTS

Midwest Mission began in 2000 and is a related ministry of the United Methodist Church. The Board of Directors is made up of two delegates from each conference of the North Central Jurisdiction and up to three delegates from neighboring conferences. Midwest Mission collects Student, Layette, Birthing, Feminine Hygiene, and Personal Dignity kits for distribution in response to requests within and beyond the United States.

Midwest Mission collects, makes, assembles, and restores supplies for humanitarian and disaster relief. Supplies are given free of charge regardless of gender, race or religion. Midwest Mission connects with local aid organizations by providing items that are received that do not meet kit requirements. The work is done by volunteers who come from all over the U.S. to serve. The 30,000 square-foot facility is located on an 8-acre campus 4 miles south of Springfield, Illinois. They partner with Food for the Poor, Franciscan Mission Warehouse, Christians in Mission, and U.S. Military South Command donating supplies to humanitarian aid missions in Latin & South America, Caribbean, and Africa.

Midwest Mission sent 33 international shipments to these locations in 2019: Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Honduras, El Salvador, Uganda, Bahamas, Guatemala, Haiti, Tanzania, Guyana (South Comm), Kenya, Burundi, Mexico, Bolivia, Ukraine, Philippines, Gambia and Zimbabwe.

MIDWEST MISSION KITS

All instructions and patterns at <http://www.midwestmission.org/kits-projects/patterns>

Personal Dignity Kit “PDK”

1 Bath Hand Towel – No kitchen towels
1 Bath Washcloth – No kitchen dishcloths
1 Comb – sturdy - no rattail or picks
1 Razor – with guard
1 Nail Clippers – no files or emery boards
10 Band-Aids – ¾” x 3”

VALUE \$15 plus \$2 shipping

1 Adult Tooth Brush – No multipacks
1 Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger
1 Bar Soap – 3-4 oz.
1 Shampoo – 15-18 oz
1 Deodorant – 2-3 oz. stick, roll on, or pump

Place in 1 gallon resealable bag

Student Kit

3 Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8’x10 ½’
1 pair of student round tip scissors
remove package
1 ruler 12” long with metric
1 box of 24 crayons

Place in cloth bag with one handle.

VALUE with items in one-handle cloth bag \$16 plus \$2 shipping

Kits without cloth bags, contact your district representative

1 pencil eraser 2” or larger, remove package
1 pencil sharpener 1”, remove package
1 box of 12 colored pencils
6 unsharpened pencils

Empty one-handle cloth bag **VALUE \$6 plus donation for shipping**

Feminine Hygiene Kit

1 One-Handle Cloth Bag

1 Washcloth

3 Pairs of Underwear – sizes: child 10, 12, 14 / women- 5, 6, 7, 8

6 Day Pads and 3 Night Pads

VALUE \$40 plus \$2 shipping

2 1-Gallon Resealable Plastic Bags

1 Bar Soap 3-4 oz.

Place all items in one-handle cloth bag

Layette Kit

6 Cloth Diapers

2 Gowns or Sleepers

6 Diaper Pins - must have protective plastic closures

2 receiving blankets -28" x 28" to 32" x 32" (no crib, fleece or thermal blankets)

1 sweater, sweatshirt or jacket - must open from the front, may be hand-knitted crocheted or sewn

Bundle the items inside one of the blankets and secure with diaper pins.

VALUE \$45 plus \$2 diaper cream and \$2 shipping

2 or Onesies or Undershirts

2 Infant Washcloths - No adult washcloths)

Birthing Kit

1 bar of soap – 3-4 oz.

1 Pair Gloves – surgical or thin rubber gloves

1 Square Yard Clear Plastic Sheeting - 4 mil thick - No trash bags or shower curtains

3 Pieces of Cotton String, each 12" long No yarn

1 Razor Blade - single edge - cover in paper or cardboard to prevent injury

2 Receiving Blankets - 28" x 28" to 32" x 32" - No crib, fleece or thermal blankets)

Place items in 1-gallon resealable plastic bag

VALUE \$9 plus \$2 shipping

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