

# Salvatorian Mission Warehouse

*Changing the world one container at a time.*





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 [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3C7N6JHF8ZYDW?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3C7N6JHF8ZYDW?ref_=wl_share)

Due to changing regulations, we ask that all donated items are new.

## Director Update

### Battles & Blessings

The container shipping process has again become a battle. We were finally able to get our first five containers for the year out in February, four of them in three days.

When shipping the containers, we first purchase the container and get a Seaworthy Certificate. Once the Seaworthy Certificate is acquired, we request a booking on a ship. The booking documents provide us with a date window in which we are able to return the container to the train yard. We then schedule a load date in that date window. On the load date, the container is brought from Chicago to be loaded piece by piece and once full is taken back to the train yard. From there, it is taken by rail to a port, generally on the east coast, to be loaded on the ship.

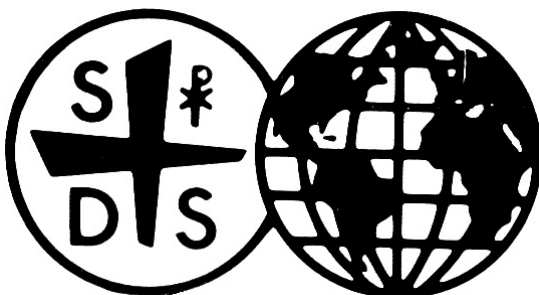
This is a pretty simple process when everything is going well. A problem arises when the ship isn't available when it was originally scheduled, creating a domino affect all the way back to the load date we were assigned. When this happens, the date window to return the container changes, sometimes with as short as a couple of hours' notice.

Because of many situations in the world today, this has been occurring often. Since January, we have been juggling the load dates for six containers. The third week in February, after the dates changed five times, we ended up loading four containers in three days and one the following week.

It is during times like this that we realize how fortunate we are to have such dedicated volunteers. No matter how many times the load dates changed or how short of a notice we had about the changes, we always had plenty of help to get the containers loaded. Some of the volunteers were even here for all four of the containers that we loaded in three days. And if the container ended up not showing up, they helped take care of other tasks. We are so blessed to have all these phenomenal people helping us help others.

*Mark & Deb Steiner*

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Director & Assistant Director



# Fun Facts

## About the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse

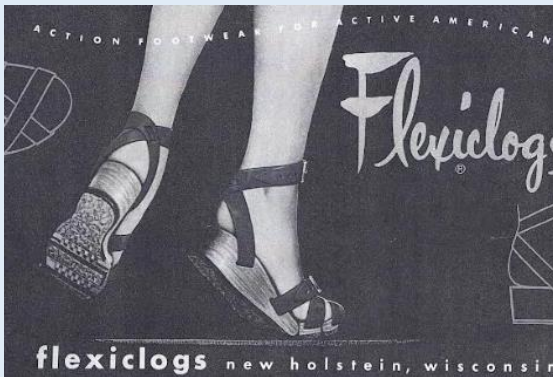
1. Our oldest volunteer is John. He is 95 years old! He comes twice per week to help and is on the Advisory Board



2. Since 2019, we have donated 39,272 lbs of plastic to make recycled park benches – one of which now sits in the Warehouse Memorial Garden. It takes 160 lbs of plastic to make each bench.



3. The building used to be a Flexiclog shoe factory before the Salvatorians purchased it to expand their fundraising, printing and mailing operation. In 2021, when the Salvatorians moved their fundraising, the warehouse started utilizing the space to store items.



4. Tess has been volunteering at the warehouse the longest –almost 30 years! She worked beside her husband of 68 years, Les, until his passing in 2024.



5. The Mission Warehouse has shipped to 15 countries since 2021 – Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, St. Lucia, Syria, Tanzania, Uganda, and Ukraine.



# Where in the world is Milwaukee?



After several years of trials and tribulation, in 2024, we successfully sent a container to Kenya, the homeland of Fr. Simon Muema, SDS. Included in the shipment were some Milwaukee Brewer's shirts and hats. The people there have been enjoying the cool sports gear and wondering, where in the world is Milwaukee!?



Posing in their Brewer Gear!



"My 93yrs mum learning how to use the walker."  
-Simon



"This man's family is so thankful imagine they used to carry him like a baby and he's 27yrs old now they wheel him around they're grateful." - Simon





## other news...

Fr. Mike Neeland, SDS, has been invited to minister at the warehouse. Helping out where he is needed, learning more about the shipments and what goes into the logistics, and bringing his experience related to finding and growing the needed volunteer base have all been a part of his ministry of presence at the mission warehouse.



The Steiner Family at the wedding

### Financial Contributions

July 1 – December 31, 2024

Bequests	\$0
Donations	\$302,543
Recycling	\$5,472
Investments	\$611
Other Revenues	\$146,319

**Total \$454,945**

### Expenses

July 1 – December 31, 2024

Relief Goods / Shipping Supplies / Freight	\$193,859
Warehouse / Equipment	\$55,180
Office / Marketing / Salaries	\$61,939

**Total \$310,978**

### Shipping Data

July 1 – December 31, 2024

11 Containers Shipped

431,849 lbs of relief goods

Countries

- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines
- Syria
- Tanzania

10 Mission partners

### Rice Distribution

July 1 – December 31, 2024

11 Mission Partners

110,800 lbs of rice

### The Directors Corner ...

*This past fall, our family flew to Colorado to celebrate Deb's niece's wedding. We had a great time and wish them a lifetime full of love and happiness!*

*Cara recently moved to Wauwatosa after she received a promotion at Penske Trucking's Milwaukee-South location. She is now working in the Finance Department.*



Cara & her boyfriend David at a wedding they attended in fall.

## what's happening at the warehouse?



*We received our new truck last month, which will help us to continue to safely transport donations to and from the Warehouse!*



*We recently put up a new sign to welcome our visitors. The sign was hand-made by a friend. Thank you, Gary, for your beautiful work!!*