Since early 2023, in our mission field we have been working together on an effort called Walking with Moms in Need. Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources she needs. Volunteers walk with moms throughout the motherhood journey, offering them authentic Christian friendship and ongoing support. All three of the parishes in our mission field have been working together since we began the ministry in April 2023. Working together has proven to be very effective and has created new friendships outside of our individual parishes. We created a local resource guide for “Moms in Need”, which can be found on our websites and at our offices. We also expanded the “Rose Bud” program, which was started at St. Joesph’s for special prayer intentions for parents during childbearing years, and implemented an emergency need “Care Closet” of essential items within our parishes. The emergency care closet includes essential maternal and baby care items, including personal hygiene, diapers, formula, food, and emergency necessities. The Care Closet allows us to share maternal and baby care essentials with those in need in our communities. If there is a need or to get involved, please contact your parish office or Cathy Timmerman 218-969-2496 ctimmerman@proton.me