



Mobility Ministries, Inc.

— an Indiana Affiliate of Mobility Worldwide
(formerly PET Ministries, Inc.)

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Highlights:

1222 Mobility Carts have been made in our Shop since we started in 2012

300 Mobility Carts were made in 2016 in the DeMotte Shop

A container packed in DeMotte in Sept. with 190 Mobility Carts is scheduled to arrive in Malawi by Dec. 13
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Pill bottles are no longer being sent to the Luke Commission.

Mobility Worldwide International Conference hosted by the DeMotte Shop on Sept. 22 to 24
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What's it Like to Be There in Person?

Picture yourself in Swaziland, in a school-yard filled with hundreds of community people lining up to see the doctor and medical staff who visit their village once a year. Among the sick are people who are unable to walk — they were carried, or lifted into the back of a truck, or pushed in a wheelbarrow to get to this mobile clinic.

Can you imagine watching and listening as a family is told their disabled mother, father, or child will receive a free Mobility Cart that will make it possible for them to get around more easily, without crawling or being carried by someone else? Moments later a brightly colored cart is wheeled over to them and the person nervously climbs or is lifted onto the seat, smiling timidly. Maybe you would step forward and help adjust their seat to fit properly. Expressions of gratitude and tearful thanks are spoken, often in a different language, and your hand is shaken profusely.

I have been there and witnessed this very thing! I have seen the needs first hand. I received the timid hugs, and a prolonged handshake as a mother accepted a pull cart for her child. "This is a gift from people who love Jesus," I told her. I had a hard time keeping the tears back as I looked into the face of her beaming child. He and his mother knew what that new Cart meant for him!

Yes, I was there! I can never forget it!



Because of my trip to Swaziland, I have a new sense of purpose as I build these carts with my fellow volunteers. I am not just building mobility carts that will head out of our shop and "help someone, somewhere." I can put faces and smiles with a Cart; I can see the living conditions of these special people; I can see the astounding difference it makes in the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people.

It is my prayer that you are challenged to partner with us and provide the finances that allow us to purchase **more** wood, **more** steel, **more** paint, and **more** hardware to build **more** carts to be given to **more** deserving people so that God gets more glory!

We can do it **with YOUR help!**

—Arla Gabrielse, Shop Volunteer



***Please include Mobility Ministries
in your gift giving in 2016***

A CONFERENCE FULL OF MEMORIES

On September 22, ninety-four people from 18 of the 22 affiliates across the US gathered at Community Church in DeMotte for the Annual Conference of **Mobility Worldwide** (formerly *PET International*). Hosted by our local DeMotte workshop, Conference sessions included presentations by teams who distributed Mobility Carts in India, Guatemala, and the Ivory Coast. Everyone was thrilled to see more carts actually being used by people who need them! It was also good to see well-used (even broken down) carts, and evaluate how to make them better.



Bob Gabrielse speaks to the issue of how much weight a Cart can hold, without being crushed — 2000 lbs!

Friendly fun competition featured participants racing Carts against each other in the parking lot. The competition got stiffer as a few began racing them up the steep hill on the east side of the church, to test out a new crank possibility.

The culmination of the Conference was a real highlight—a Celebration Banquet at which more than 100 supporters joined the 94 participants for a splendid dinner, followed by a time of Praise & Worship with the church worship team.

Bob & Barbara Steury of *Veada Industries* were given a **2016 Special Partner** award for supplying vinyl at no cost to all affiliates, and Harry & Echo VanderWal, Executive Directors of *The Luke Commission*, and their sons, led us in more singing. Echo was our featured speaker and shared stories and video clips which amazed everyone at how God is blessing their medical outreach in Swaziland, a small country threatened by HIV. She underscored how our Mobility Carts are essential in the rural areas of Swaziland for leg-disabled children to go to school, and for adults with polio or other leg injuries to have a job or care for their families.

The main theme pointed out by Bob Gabrielse in his opening devotions on Saturday morning: *We are to love the vulnerable the same way Christ loved us. So we are to make each and every Cart as if we are giving it to Jesus; and we must always continue to improve it to make it not just 'good enough' but to be the best cart it can be. That's how Christ loved us!*

Those attending applauded our church's excellent facilities, wonderful meals, and homemade goodies, all presented with gracious hospitality!

If you would like to see a video of the Worship Time and Echo VanderWal's presentation, contact us and we'll get you a DVD.



How does a Mobility Cart get from “here” to “there?”

Ticket	Cargo: Mobility Carts	Destination: Swaziland	Travel: 49 days	\$ \$8,000
DeMotte	Truck → Chicago	Train → New York	Boat → Durban So. Africa	Train → Metsapha Swaziland
			Truck → Sidvokodvo Swaziland	

Ticket	Cargo: Mobility Carts	Destination: Malawi	Travel: 92 days	\$ \$13,500
DeMotte	Truck → Chicago	Train → New York	Boat → Mundra India	Boat → Reunion Island Madagascar
			Boat → Beira Mozambique	Train → Thondwe Malawi
			Truck → Namikango Clinic, Malawi	



Say, . . . are You someone who . . .

- wants to get out of the house for a little while each week?
- wants to spend time with other people?
- would like to use some of your skills?

Great! We could use YOUR help! Some of our shop volunteers are stretched right now and some are heading south for the winter.

We could use help in the following areas:

PAINTING

BOTTLE CLEANING

SPRAY PAINTING

METAL GRINDING

Call Mobility Ministries at (219)789-8617 or Email mobilityministries@gmail.com

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A Teacher's Lessons about Pets led to a Study and Visit to Find out about *Our* "PETs" !

Nancy Cook thoroughly enjoys her Sunday class of mentally challenged adults at the Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton, IN. They were talking about animals one Sunday, and she told them about our "PETs" and they saw some pictures. They became excited and responded by collecting money to pay for one of these Mobility Carts. When they had enough, they came for a visit to our workshop on a Sunday afternoon and asked LOTS of good questions while also having fun cutting and drilling in the Wood Dept. (and of course riding the carts around the shop!) It was a FUN visit, for them and for us!



Parents, siblings, and fellow teachers joined nine students on this Sunday afternoon fieldtrip.



Thank you friends for your visit and your gift !

Our Mission:

To reflect the love of Jesus Christ by bringing MOBILITY and DIGNITY to those in developing countries who are unable to walk.



Give a Gift to *Mobility Ministries* in honor of a Family Member or Friend and Bless them with a Gift that has Deep Significance!
(Each Cart costs \$300)

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