



# GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

**MAKER OF THE PET CART SINCE 1994.**

## JAY DIRECTS BUILDING 170 CARTS IN 3 DAYS!

OUR SHOP INVENTORY VOLUNTEER TRAVELED TO COTE D'IVOIRE TO DISTRIBUTE MORE MOBILITY



Assemblers build 170 carts in just three days



Jay trains & supervises assemblers

“During the last two weeks of June 2017, I traveled to the West African country of Cote d'Ivoire to help build and distribute Mobility Carts. This trip was in cooperation with the 1040 Initiative ([facebook.com/1040i](https://www.facebook.com/1040i)) Tanda 2017 event. The 1040i organization was an incredible partner to work with and provided great in-country support of our efforts.

We stayed at the 1040i Tanda school facility where some 170 boxed Mobility Carts awaited us, ready to be un-packed, assembled, and then distributed. Over the first three days, we assembled and checked all 170 carts. This involved an intense effort by local volunteers, 1040i local staff, and some of the other team members. In the end, we had as many as 6 two person teams all building at once. **Story continues on page 2.**



Loading up assembled carts for distribution



Jay with grateful families

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Distribution was directed by “Pastor Paul” who is the president of 1040i He and his staff coordinated multiple distribution sites. We visited by truck 4 different village sites and provided carts to some 35 individuals. The remainder of the carts were given out at our Tanda location to individuals that arrived by taxi, car, motorbike, van, or “walking” throughout our stay. In the end, all but 23 carts were given out before we left; the remainder was utilized in the following weeks.

I was most impressed with the energy and helpfulness of the local people in accomplishing all of this. I was the only Mobility Worldwide representative there and without all of the help I received could never have accomplished so much.

We provided mobility to a wide range of people from 4 years to 100 years old, men, women, and children. And to victims of birth defects, disease, and accident. All were patient, grateful and very thankful for the Gift of Mobility.

JAY EGGERT



## VOLUNTEER WELDERS NEEDED

Experienced welders needed to assemble parts provided. You need MIG experience, your own welder and shop (MW can provide wire and gas). All metal parts provided. MW will transport parts from your shop to powder coat shop. One or two hours a week would help a lot. Contact Gary at 573-886-7877 for sample pieces.



## NEW VIDEOS ARE COMING

Columbia shop is preparing a new promotional DVD product that will soon be available. Stories of recent Kenyan distributions (on website home page now), a documentary about the Life of Mel West “Do All the Good”, VBS stories, some short promos are collected in one DVD. Order one to share with friends, churches, service clubs and family members at [info@giftofmobility.org](mailto:info@giftofmobility.org). Or pick one up at the shop.

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# GARY'S COLUMN:

## "GIVING AWAY CARTS"



Teenage Eduardo's (partial leg) family & our director

Building 35 carts a week is quite an accomplishment. Giving 44 carts away in Guatemala completes the circle. Nine of us June 17-24 traveled to Samayac, Guatemala and gave carts away to disabled that the local Red Cross had identified. Strong partners around the world help us make the difference.

Hope Haven International is our partner in Guatemala for 16 + years. Previously, they have covered shipping carts in a HHI shipping container from Sioux Falls, IA. The shipping costs are increasing and in the future a cart will need \$50.00 more to cover the import costs. This is typical to many of our containers traveling to Africa. Columbia shop has decided to pick up more of the container shipping costs out of country, to keep carts moving out of our warehouse with limited storage space.

This year, we have paid some shipping expenses on 3 containers to Africa from our dock to their port. Those expenses averaged about \$6,000 each. A new container in October to Honduras, we will pay half the costs.

Dollars spent on shipping reduces available funds for new carts. If carts do not move out of our warehouse, they are not making the end goal of mobility for eligible persons. With your help, donations have remained strong; and we still average assembling almost 35 carts per week (\$300 per cart).

Active volunteers remain strong to create all the parts we need. Wood cutters are most common. Welders have been more difficult to find. We actually stopped a few days because of a shortage of frames for the carts. We welcome any welders that have their own equipment and shop to work in. (See welders' want ad on page 2.)

**Steady donations from all our donors will allow 2017 to build over 1800 carts.** Thank you for your support. Increased gifts would allow us to add afternoon assembly shifts. Help us to make that a reality.

**- GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

The Columbia shop has been adopted by our local Rotaract Club. Each month on the second Thursday, the young business people of Rotaract bring a crew of 6-10 and work two hours assembling supplies for each cart we ship. In addition, they do an annual fundraiser (\$3,000 over 4 years) and volunteer time to walk and pick up litter for our Adopted Spot. Rotaract is a liaison to several of the main Rotary Clubs in Columbia. Thank you to our dedicated Partners!



# WHERE DO THE CARTS GO?

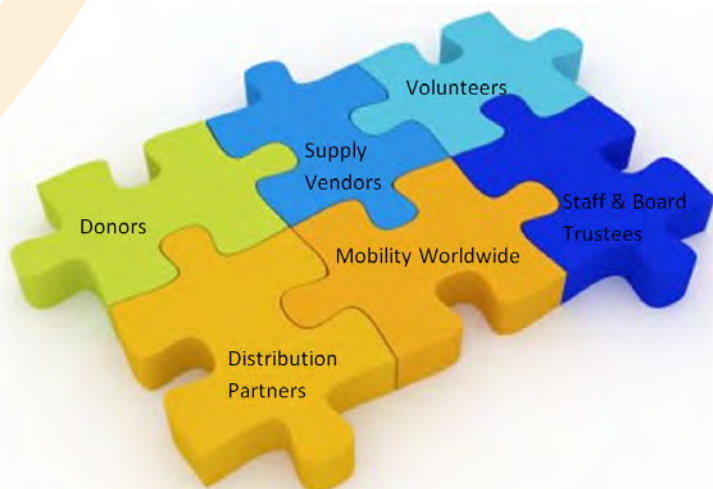
When we began 23 years ago, first our founder had to learn some things about boxing & shipping. Excerpt from weekly Update below. (Email us if you'd like to receive his weekly emails.)

"... My two degrees in dairy husbandry and theology held little relevance. Fortunately I had grown up on a farm, taught Ag shop in high school, and served in the US Marine Corps. I had a strong sense of logic, which I call common sense, and a lot of experience improvising. But the whole process of logistics was new to me. So, I followed common sense.

I knew that we would ship in the 40' ocean going containers. I knew their size, and that we paid for the whole container, not by weight. That meant that we had to fill it as full as possible.

The Mobility Carts also had to go into large cardboard boxes, and they would often go on a standard 42" x 48" pallet. In the meantime, the carts had to go through normal doors of small homes. In the final analysis, the carts in their box are wide enough that the three boxes standing side by side exactly fill the container width...Then I had to learn the logistics of shipping, both locally and overseas...Mel West, Director Emeritus"

**YOU ARE A PART OF OUR PUZZLE.  
SEE HOW YOU FIT IN.**



## TOTALS OF CARTS SHIPPED TO EACH COUNTRY FROM 2014 TO 2017

59	Burma
8	Cuba
246	Ecuador
10	Ghana
5	Guinea
139	Guatemala
49	Haiti & Dominican Republic
37	Honduras
405	Ivory Coast
254	India
9	Jamaica
1,107	Kenya
55	Malawi
1	Papua New Guinea
30	Nicaragua
43	Nigeria
56	Sierra Leone
48	Swaziland
31	Tanzania
4	Togo
49	Uganda
132	VietNam

# GIFTS GIVEN LAST QUARTER:



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We appreciate all the donors and families who have chosen to Mobility Worldwide to honor or remember someone. These gifts will be put to good use building and shipping mobility to others in need.

## GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY:

- Margaret Lacker by Karen & Douglas Hervela, Bruce & Jacquelyn Smith, William & Marcia Lacker, Phyllis Le Pard, Becky Farmer, JoAnne Wolf, Donald Persons & Alice Cheney-Persons, Mary Taylor, Nelson Funeral Home
- Lou Anne Lynch by Dwight & Mary St. John Soper, Provision Living at Columbia, Linda & John Bennett, Mark & Jennifer Wight, Roger Hofmeister, Lanny & Ann Strausser
- Delores Hadfield & Nadine Hankinson by Pairs And Spares Class
- Sally Carline by Frieda Thomas, George & Ingrid Kelley
- Greyson & Stella Kimbrough by Jo Ann Kimbrough
- Maynard Morris by Charles & Winnie Stribling III
- Helen Hoffman Burrows by Donna Wagner
- Bill Appelgate by Richard & Joyce Appelgate
- Lee Ardrey by David & Mary Tucker
- Dad & Larry by Barbara Wolf
- Mary Coe by Edward Coe
- Ashley Danielle by Dennis Bogle
- Nancy Dunagan by Shirlee Poore
- Arlin Epperson by Shirlee Poore
- Gilbert C. Felling by Mark Felling
- Whitney Hicks by Marge Hicks
- Lee Jones by Roberta Jones



- Robert Lee by Ray & Linda McKenzie
- Leona Miner by Betty & George Hawley
- Martha Northcutt by Bill Northcutt
- Carol & Dale Sechler by Joyce Anderson
- Robert Shaw by Mary Ann Shaw
- Burt Stoerker by Paul & Mary Cross

## GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Marge Hicks & Roger Hofmeister wedding by Carol Gault Lane, Ronald & Carole Eilers, Robert Aulgar, Ronald & Barbara Barrett, Paul & Ginny Crabb, John & Joane O'Connor, Catherine O'Brien
- Mike & Priscilla Farrall, Diane Burge, Elaine Thompson & Linda Held by Elizabeth Ann Morgan
- Rob & Colin Barber and Grace & Ryan Elliott Birthdays by Lois & Clifford Elliott
- Mel & Barb West 72nd Anniversary by Moine & Mabel West
- Dell & Janet Epperson's 40th wedding anniversary
- Rev. Frank & Catherine Hare by David Maze
- Ron Houser by Chris Houser
- Bruce IntVeld by Dan & Ginger Travaille
- Jim Lee by Christina Dolan
- Kathy Maynard by Kathy Perks
- Anne Miller by Kay Wallace
- Sid Powell's birthday by Deborah Ann Sanders
- Diana & Lloyd Rudloff by Kim Rudloff
- Janey and Terry Smith by Kristen Brennan
- Tom Crews by Carol Crews
- The Wests by Martin West



## MOBILITY CART DONATION SLIP

Yes! I want to give the GIFT OF MOBILITY to a person whose legs do not function.

My check is enclosed for:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ carts at \$300.00 each.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ carts sent to Kenya at \$55 each.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

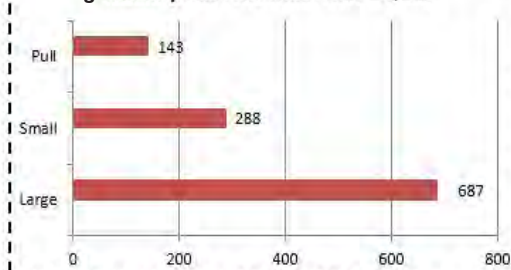
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia** and mail to: 1908 Heriford Road, Columbia, MO 65202  
Tel: 573-886-7877



Aug. Mobility Cart Production 2017 = 1,118



## CALL TO ALL MO STATE WORKERS:

Our mobility mission is an approved charity for the MSECC (MO State Employees Charitable Campaign). Employees can pick charities and give thru their paychecks. Mobility Worldwide MO – Columbia has been a part of the fall campaign since 2008; our number is 9009. 2017 gifts are sponsoring 8 carts. Please help us spread the word to your friends and families that work for the state of MO and ask them give mobility thru MSECC 9009.

## \$15,000 SUMMER MATCH CHALLENGE MET IN 2 MONTHS!

This challenge required gifts from new donors or increased giving from current donors. **Thanks to ALL!**

21 NEW DONORS	55 TOTAL DONORS
\$16,011 GIFTS THAT QUALIFIED FROM 11 STATES!!	\$15,000 MATCH ON THE WAY!!

**Our mission:** Mobility Worldwide MO – Columbia’s mission is to provide appropriate mobility for all of God’s children in need. We seek to provide mobility first for those in greatest need and with the least resources in poor or underdeveloped countries.

# THOUSANDS OF CARTS TO KENYA

## WHY IS OUR SHOP SENDING SO MANY TO THIS COUNTRY?

Mobility Cart with mini-mart in Kenya



1. The need for mobility is great and we have terrific, reliable Distribution Partners there.
2. Sending a shipment to this country requires additional work in preparing the shipment. A pre-inspection by a third party is required before loading, special box labeling, and more. So currently, only 2 production shops are set up to do this.

On August 4, we sent our third shipment this year to Partners For Care. They liked the mini-marts so much on the first shipment, they asked for 50 more to help the mobility recipients also earn a living. This last load included 194 Mobility Carts and 50 mini-marts. Many of you responded to the request for the extra \$55 for overseas shipping to PFC and our cooler drive for the mini-marts.

**THANK YOU!**

