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ISHMAEL IS DELIGHTED WITH YOUR GIFT

PARTNERS FOR CARE IN KENYA WERE SHIPPED 799 CARTS IN THE LAST YEAR.





"Ishmael Mohammed of Gede, special school of disability, could not hide his joy after receiving a Pull Mobility Cart from Partners for Care. After crawling for 18 years, he can now enjoy a ride as he moves about school." This is a Facebook post January 19, 2018 by our distribution partner who has received 4 full ocean going containers. The last shipment of 196 carts was loaded January 2018.



ALL NEW VIDEOS ARE NOW LINKED ON OUR WEBSITE



You can now go to the Videos page at <u>www.giftofmobility.org</u> to view them. Our main promotional video is also linked on our home page. You can still request a DVD of 8 videos to share. Enjoy the recipient stories and see how you have helped!



GARY'S COLUMN:

MOBILITY CARTS COMPRISE A NATIONWIDE ENDEAVOR.

Carts receive final assembly in Columbia. The metal parts are made around the country. Brake handles originate from recycled plastic in state of Washington. Upper chain guards are donated by Kooima Company in northwest IA along with seat brackets. Hubbell Power Systems in Centralia, MO make the seat support bracket and the toe plates with galvanized coating. Welding of pull tongues and brake handles come from a group of 20 plus farmers twice a year near Tarkio, MO. Donations from St. John's Lutheran Church pay for the steel.

Welded pedal posts, brake shoes and handles come from Quincy, IL from Jim Hall and long-time friends. Welded pedal posts from Neil Richter arrive twice a year from Barnes, KS. Tubing donations come from EXLTube and Lapham-Hickey Steel companies.

Thirty five frames are needed weekly and are made mostly locally by 6 welders. However Keytesville, MO and Fairfax, MO United Methodist Men weld and send in quarterly. Goosenecks are welded in Lexington, MO, a Rotary Club connection.

Other parts like the lower chain guards are donated by Matt Stanton, Urbana, IL. Local metal pieces by the hundreds are prepared by Don O'Bannon, Ron Brookshire, Ken McLaughlin and Skinner Machine. Then Harold Bossaller will weld the crank handles.



Caption: Picture of Warrensburg Team with their wood delivery in 2014.

Most of the wood pieces originate in Columbia, Moberly, and Jefferson City. However, we have men's groups cutting wood in Overland Park, KS; Warrensburg, MO; Winterset, IA; Northboro, IA; and O'Fallon, MO.

Contributors to each part became involved by seeing the cart on a TV story, in a magazine article, or in our newsletter. <u>However,</u> most of our volunteers came because they were invited by a friend that works here, creating a base of over 200 volunteers.

WHO DO YOU KNOW?

- GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GLOWING REPORTS (Continued)

2017 email: "Dear People of PET Project,

I'm a US doc in Old Fangak South Sudan. We absolutely LOVE your wheelchairs. They are overwhelmingly awesome.

Your stories are so good. Just that someone writes that a person lives in the dirt until they get these chairs is so good. <u>I remember seeing</u> <u>a child in clinic and asking about the mom - the aunt said, "Jill the</u> <u>mom is in the wheelchair you gave her and now she is off visiting her</u> <u>sister in a nearby village!</u>" Everyone is so happy. Whole villages send their thanks to you all.

Dr. Jill Seaman, ASMP/Alaska Sudan Medical Project" (She is referring to our newsletters which she receives.)



Man affected by leprosy received a cart thru ASMP in May 2015.

GIFTS GIVEN LAST QUARTER

GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY:

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

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GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Amesville Federated Church, David & Hope Diggle, Rich & Alice Edwards by David & Bonita Maze
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- Glenn and Kate Brown and Janet and Erick Martz by Tom & Mildred Brown
- Patty Brown by Kathi Cook
- Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren by Diana & Lloyd Rudloff
- Marnie and Layton Conley by Carla Conley
- Jerry Doyle's birthday by Rosemary Doerr, Joan Doyle
- Janet Epperson birthday by Dell Epperson
- Wanda Evans by John Evans
- Ferrell and Russell Families Near and Far by Beth Ferrell
- William Floerchinger by David Floerchinger
- Lawrence Garvin by James & Janice Cha
- Aileen & Lawrence Garvin by Karen Garvin
- Susan Helder by Catherine O'Brien
- Connie Hunt by Weldon & Edra Beach, Harold & Jan Beach
- Bruce IntVeld by Byron & Delores Farris
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- Kernell family by Barbara Kernell
- Dr. Garrett Korrect & Dr. Jon Webb by Jeanette Korrect
- Jim Lee by Jonathan Lee
- Bob Lofgren by Christine & Ron Houser
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- Naomi Millner by Rick & Jan Williamson

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- Richard Ohrt's birthday by Cheryl Greiman
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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

ATTRACTIVENESS OF SERVING

Larry Hall worked at Mizzou Hospital in Construction Engineering for his career. After retiring, Larry is breaking down carts every Monday morning preparing last week's production to be boxed on Tuesday. Then he comes back on Tuesday and wraps each box with straps to ship out. The shop is served well by Larry and others that come from a variety of backgrounds. The love for the disabled shines through by each hour served. By the way Larry's wife, Edith is an award winning cake baker, too. Columbia shop is fortunate.

"QUALITY IS BEST MEASURED BY THOSE WHO USE A PRODUCT, RATHER THAN BY THOSE WHO MAKE IT."

- HUNTER THOMPSON



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Mel's Column:

Founder Answers Questions On Why We Send Carts To Some Countries

"A question people ask as they look at the map on our wall that shows where we have distributed our Mobility Carts: *"Why do you give the Mobility Carts to people in countries that consider themselves as our enemies?"*

ANSWER:

First, because a man whom we highly respect told us some years ago that we are to love our enemies, and pray for those who would despitefully treat us. <u>Second, because the poor</u>,

marginalized, rejected and disgracefully treated in any country have nothing to do with politics. They are simply our sisters and brothers in the human race. We are to treat them as we would want to be treated in a similar situation.

After WWII, President Harry Truman established the Marshall Plan, with General Marshall in charge to help devastated Europe. As a shipload of cattle and supplies was dedicated in Germany, the dignitary representing the German government said, *"Never in the history of humankind has the defeated nation been treated by the victorious nation with such generosity and grace as you have treated us."*

Today Germany and the USA are strong allies and friends. We do not "love our enemies" by disgracing them or abusing them. We love them by sharing of what we have to meet their needs. We do not ask about politics, creeds, race, sexual preference or any other such things when we send a shipment of carts. We ship because a trusted NGO (Non-governmental Organization) there assures us of the needs of some folks crawling upon the ground.

- MEL WEST, FOUNDER

(This is an excerpt of one of Mel's recent email Updates sharing his knowledge and experiences of decades in mission. We send a weekly email; some written by Mel and others include news from the shop on shipments & happenings. Email us if you'd like to begin receiving.)



Picture of Mel West who was featured in an Inside Columbia magazine article Fall 2017.



Afghan man receives the first cart in that country in 2003 after 9/11.

ANOTHER SHIPMENT HEADS TO HONDURAS

YOUR GIFTS BUILT 130 MORE CARTS TO CHANGE LIVES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

On January 25, we loaded a Dole overseas container with 160 carts, much reduced since not as high. These went to our wonderful partner of over 10 years, WOM - Washington Overseas Mission out of Washington, MO. They are a medical mission in Honduras. The Dole Company is involved as they allow approved non-profits to fill their empty containers heading back to Central America for fruit. There's no charge for the use only fees related to the shipped items like documents,

insurance and such. This is not the first time we have loaded a Dole container.

111 Large crank = Columbia had 81, KS shop supplied 30 Large

21 Pull <u>28 small crank</u> 160 Total shipped

29 walkers

29 sewing machines & 17 fabric boxes from The Container Project (2nd mission at our warehouse & part of our 501c3)





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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.

PARTNERS IN AFRICA SEND GLOWING REPORTS

They also ask for more Mobility Carts and other mission items.

November 2017 Email:



2012 Boy on small cart watches as another one is assembled in South Sudan.

"Can't believe you have crutches! They have been asking me for crutches in Kenya. What a blessing! Any date is good for us. We can use all the Mobility Carts we can get. And people love the Pull carts! Let me check on the mix they want, but I know whatever mix you give us we distribute every one of them!

We are partnering with the Ministry of Education so we can get the data about how many children need them and in which schools....

Thank you. You are a wonderful partner!

- CONNIE CHEREN, FOUNDER OF PARTNERS FOR CARE

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