Celebrations and Memories:

We are thankful for the 3 men who are responsible for our mobility mission.

1994
- Larry Hills, missionary in Zaïre (now Congo), Africa, told Reverend Mel West of the great need for those-whoiled, hand-cranked wheelchairs for victims of polio and landmines. Mel contacted Earl Miner, product designer and long-time friend and mission partner; and the process of the prototype design began.

1995
- When prototype development was ready for field testing, four were shipped to Larry Hills in Zaïre with the instruction to "put those in the wrong place you can find, and see if they pass the test." They did.

2000
- Rev. Mel West receives Honorary Doctorate at University of MO at Homecoming Ceremony in May. He can hear Mel's address to the Honors students at 4:00 minutes.

2019
- Earl Miner, cart designer, passes and will be missed.

A book of Mel’s writings follows his life, his work and his ideas on living and helping. They are available for $25 with all proceeds going to build & ship more carts. Drop in at the shop and pick up or mail a check for $25 with postage and note “Mel’s book” in the memo-line. Additional gifts are welcome.

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Anas’s father shares, “I heartily thank NCDWS and Nowadays he can dress up, eat by himself and do other regular things. Now, he mingles with his friends and has increased different needed knowledge. Anas attended school daily and has passed UKG in the first division. He is now very happy because he can go to school with UMN’s partnership provided Anas with the Mobility Worldwide Mobility Cart, educational materials, Rural Municipality Ward No. 6 and 7 by UMN’s partner Nepal Chelebeti Disabled Women Society (NCDWS). Anas could not carry on with his daily activities because he didn’t have a wheelchair.

Due to a lack of nutritious food, Anas had a physical disability. As it was born in the second son of his parents in Harinagar Rural Municipality. A Muslim constitutes birth to any number of children is given high priority. He is the second son of his parents in Harinagar Rural Municipality Ward No. 6 and 7 by UMN’s partner Nepal Chelebeti Disabled Women Society (NCDWS). Anas No longer Crawls

From United Mission to Nepal 2018 Project Report:

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Dale Benton by Joe & Pat Powell

Proudly we salute Mel West and his recognition as an Honorary Degree recipient. It is already is booked for June 2020. Future shipments are already planned for Honduras, India, and more to Kenya. Partners for Care have 31 carts decorated from the Rotaract Conference of UMC, Susan Ann West.

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Shipping of carts has kept up with production. 966 carts have gone in overseas shipment containers to Kenya (2x), Nigeria (2x), Benin, Baltic, and smaller lots.

Prettiy staggering when you look at it weekly; YET proud to say that to the monthly list? Pray about your commitment to regularly helping those with leg handicaps. Contact us at info@giftofmobility.org for how to get started. Donor Advised Funds are shooting in increase of the 2017 tax4. We welcome your Request Minimum Donation. For worldwide donations $500 - $2,000. We will receive checks at DAF’s and RMD’s

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