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# Mobility Ministries, Inc.

A Ministry to the World . . . from Northwest Indiana



## Crawling Near Death's Door



Wilson Tembo—Action for Progress

**Lilongwi, Malawi**—As Wilson Tembo traversed the horribly overcrowded city streets of Lilongwi (the capital city of Malawi) by car, he was acutely aware of the vast amount of vehicle traffic, made more dangerous by the crowds of foot traffic—most people cannot afford vehicles.

Among the crowds were a large number of those who could not walk due to disabilities; a number of them could only crawl on their hands and knees, and were almost invisible to drivers. Add narrow lanes, and a large number of people moving in and out of the traffic lanes, and the stage is set for disaster. Wilson carefully worked his way through the mass of cars and people; then out of the corner of his eye he saw a man crawling out from between two cars into his lane of travel. (continued on Page 2)

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Wilson jammed on the brake, pulled to the side, and walked back to talk with the man. Obviously, the handicapped man realized he had put himself at death's door and was gripped with fear and tension as Wilson approached, but Wilson only saw an opportunity to help.



Wilson asked his name and questioned him about his circumstances, and if he had any means of transportation. The man, Madlitso Banda, responded he did not, and went on to say the government had supplied him with a wheelchair a number of years ago, but it had long ago broken down, and he had no funds to repair it. Since 2012 he had been crawling on the ground and begging on the streets to feed his family. His paralysis had been with him for 30 years, ever since he was quite young; perhaps it was cerebral malaria.

Wilson discovered that he had long entertained a dream to create a small business, and believed life on the street had become too dangerous to beg. Wilson learned Mr. Banda is the father of 5 children, and the entire family was living on handouts and life was very difficult.

Three days later Mr. Banda and his wife were able to get a brand new mobility unit! With a broad smile that spread across his face, he turned to Wilson and thanked him: *"Because of this mobility opportunity I can now run a small business. I really thank you for providing it for me."*

—Report from Malawi Project



## Networking: Katie Kimberling — Tristan Pyzynski — Mobility Ministries

**DeMotte, Indiana**— A wonderful partnership developed between Katie Kimberling of *REVIVED*, a local resale clothing store, Tristan Pyzynski, a young man working for his Eagle Scout rank, and the DeMotte Workshop!



As Katie changes out her inventory every 3 months, she sets aside bags of excellent clothes for us to use as packing material in each cart box. But she needs space to hold at least 75 bags per month for the Shop until the Shop is ready for them. We use up to 18 bags of clothes every week, with 50 lbs. in each Cart box.

That is when high school senior Tristan Pyzynski stepped up to help Katie and the Shop by proposing a project to build an 8' x 16' storage building behind Katie's store to hold these clothes.



Arla & Bob Gabrielse receive the key to the new storage shed, and a check from Eagle Scout Tristan Pyzynski.

Tristan drew the plans, obtained Town permits, solicited business donations, built the shed and then surprised us with an added bonus: a check for \$1,400 — the unused portion of the donations he had collected!

Katie's *happy!* Tristan's *pleased!* The Shop is *grateful!*

. . . and our Recipients are *better served!*

**Thank You, Katie & Tristan!**



# Spotlight on the WELDERS



**Wheatfield, IN**—Always working by themselves, these folks provide the rhythm for Shop production. The responsibility for welding is divided among **Ron Kolivas, Dale Merchele, Jackie Barton, Bill Vander Molen.**

(clockwise from top left) →



The welding room is separated from the rest of the Shop because of the flashes and the fumes, and it is ventilated. The Steel Processing guys supply the welding room with the processed steel parts for the Welders, and each week the Welders faithfully complete the welded parts so the parts can be painted the following Tuesday.



Accuracy, neatness, and good welds are their Standard; and each Welder grinds down their own welded parts so they can police the quality of their own work. We are blessed to have each one of them!

## Container #6 to Malawi

187 Large Carts  
49 Small Carts

Loaded Sept. 17

### “How does it get there from here?”

Container #6 began its journey to Lilongwi, Malawi on **September 17** after it was loaded by volunteers at the Shop in Wheatfield. It took a truck to Chicago, a train to New York, one ship through the Suez Canal to Mundra, India, another ship to Tanzania\*\*, and a final truck to Lilongwi in Malawi.



The last leg of the Container’s journey is quite long: after it is off-loaded on December 2 at Dar Es Salaam (a port city in Tanzania) it travels 957 miles by truck to Lilongwi, Malawi, finally arriving at AfP’s new Malawi Distribution Center.

Arrives Dec. 20

\*\* While onboard the 2 ships the Container stopped in ports in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, India, United Arab Emirates (Dubai), Kenya, and finally Tanzania.

### Action for Progress & Malawi Project



**New Distribution Center!  
in Lilongwi, Malawi**

Two earlier Shipping Containers #4 & #5 from Mobility Ministries on site for use as storage units.

**Well** installed for use by AfP; also provides free clean water for area residents.



*Our Mission Statement:*  
*To reflect the love of Jesus Christ*  
*by bringing*  
***MOBILITY and DIGNITY***  
*to those in emerging countries*  
*who are unable to walk.*



One Cart costs \$300

**Hebron, Indiana**—The Lions Club of Hebron called to schedule a delivery of 40 walkers, 14 pairs of crutches and 9 canes—it was extra from the stash they had collected over time. We welcome these items because so many of the Cart recipients can use these along with their Carts. If you donate these items, make sure they are in good mechanical shape—it is not right to send junk! And we have about 3-1/2” of empty space between the ceiling of the Container and the top of our load of Cart boxes.

**What a perfect spot for a hundred (or more) walkers!**



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 Our  
 Lives . . .***



***We  
 Thank You  
 So Much!”***



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