



WELCOME TO THE **Mobility Report** *ending immobility in the world*

CELEBRATING 100,000 RECIPIENTS IN SEPTEMBER!

Register Now for the Annual Conference!

Do you want to build more carts? Are you worried about paying for the next order of tires? Is your shop barely getting by?


Come join our Mobility Worldwide Conference, September 28-30 in Pella, Iowa. We have an amazing Keynote speaker, David Oaks, who is a professional fundraising coach.


Our own Sam Singer says, "David has given me the tools to boost donor giving by 100% over the previous year." See Mr. Oaks website for more information: davidoaks.net.

We encourage all our volunteers and partners to attend the conference in beautiful and historic Pella, Iowa. You will hear from our partners in the field, listen to compelling stories and gain valuable information for your shop.

From nuts and bolts to marketing and fundraising to stories and pictures from the field – don't miss it! We want a huge crowd, so register online today and bring your friends. The conference registration fee is just \$85. Register online at mobilityworldwide.org.



 **Location:**
Cornerstone Church
1020 E. Oskaloosa St.
Pella, IA 50219

 **Camping:**
Howell Station Recreation Area,
Marion County, IA | \$22/night
North Overlook Camp, Pella, IA | \$20

 **Airport:**
Des Moines International Airport
Transportation:
Email Dale Van Arendonk for
transportation from the airport:
dalevanarendonk@outlook.com

 **Hotels:**
Baymont Inn | \$114/night
641-628-0085 / 855-516-1090
Country Inn & Suites by Radisson
\$149/night
641-620-1111 / 800-333-3333

Affiliate Cart Production Milestones

Congratulations to Columbia, Mo and Penny Farms, FL for their production milestones and creating more than 44,000 carts combined!

Columbia, MO

30,000th Mobility Cart
Achieved in February 2023

Penney Farms, FL

14,000th Mobility Cart
Achieved in May 2023

Shipping and Production News

from Wayne Beare

First Quarter Production and Shipping				
	Large Carts	Small Carts	Pull Carts	Total
Produced	1,228	291	111	1,630
Shipped	1,057	391	59	1,507

Distribution Partners:

- Action for Progress
- AMIGA
- DIF Acuna
- Partners for World Health
- AHMEN
- Aztec Ministries
- FAME
- The Malawi Project
- Americares
- Brother's Brother Foundation
- Operation Go Quickly
- World Vision
- Partners for Care

Mobility Worldwide Highlights:

- Liberia Distribution Trip
- Sierra Leone: Water Borehole Project
- Zambia: Leadership call with Delbert Groves and Glenda Canfield of St. Mary's Catholic Church
- Affiliate applications submitted from Aztec Ministries and Partners for Care

Gorbue Nufalu Recipient Story

Gorbue lives near Gbarnga, Liberia and is in 69. She was born with her disability and has never been able to walk. Gorbue lives with her brother. Her sister came with Gorbue to the distribution. Gorbue has spent her whole life crawling on the ground, but she was able to ride away on her new mobility cart.





Donor Testimonial

Dave and I are blessed with a measure of financial security, but we are not wealthy. We have always striven toward generosity in our giving and God has always provided everything we needed. Occasionally we have been able to give a larger gift to Mobility Worldwide, but for the last several years we have made monthly donations to my home shop, the Brazos Valley, and to Mobility Worldwide international. Through our online banking we set up automatic donations. We don't have to write a check or go online every month, our bank mails a check - easy-peasy!

Why are we dedicated to our giving? First of all, Dave and I have both been on distributions. We have seen first hand the great need. We often blanket recipients into a big group - a group of 70 million. Dave and I have seen the individual whose life and family's life is changed. When you see someone crawling on the ground, walking painfully bent over or being carried or dragged by a family member your perception of a recipient changes.

The recipient becomes personal. We don't give every month for the 70 million leg disabled people estimated by the World Health Organization, we give every month to help one person. One person to be lifted off the ground - easing their life. Just one person is worth our efforts.

We know the need is great, with 70 million leg disabled people around the world, and we also know the world's problems cannot be solved over night, so we do what we can with what the Lord gives us, the ability to reach one person at a time.



Donate today

Scan with your phone's camera to donate or visit mobilityworldwide.org/donate

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Changes at Mobility Worldwide

We are searching for a new Executive Director. Scott Walters helped us grow as an organization, become better at marketing our mission and helped us fundraise. We are grateful to his years of service, but are now searching for his replacement. The Board has hired Career Aspirations to begin the search for a new Executive Director. Solade Rowe, the Managing Partner of Career Aspirations, is a first generation American from Sierra Leone. Mr. Rowe understands our organization and the people we are helping around the world.

The process will take some time. The initial search must be completed, interviews will be done by the Personnel Committee and the Board and then an offer will be made. All of these steps take time. We are looking forward to an exciting new future.

Liberia Recipient Story

On February 27, 2023, I made a trip to Monrovia with a group from Texas and Alaska. We were in Liberia to see our new Mobility Worldwide shop and to work with Lott G. Matthews UMC. Rev. Rose Farhat, the leader of the MW shop in Gbarnga, is a pastor of Matthews UMC. The group helped build the foundation for an addition to Matthews UMC, worked with the seamstresses at Matthews UMC sewing school, did about 500 eye exams, handed out over 300 Days for Girls kits and distributed mobility carts. We were very busy!

I have been on a few Mission trips, but this trip was exceptional. The group I was traveling with was amazing and the church members of Matthews UMC were very welcoming. We all felt at home despite being in Africa. I assisted Doc and Kris who helped many people with their eyesight. The Alaskans Noel Peirce, her mom Kellie and Mary Werner gave DFG kits to many girls and provided personal health education for girls who were never taught about their bodies. The remainder of the Peirce family, Ben and his dad Josh, helped build a foundation at Matthews UMC. They were joined by Gary, Trey, Lonnie and Roddy from Texas.

The highlight of the trip for me was seeing our new Mobility Worldwide shop in Gbarnga. The shop was beautifully painted and even had our logo painted on the side. We gave away about 60 carts and we had the opportunity to test new software to gather data, Jotforms. I met people who had crawled on the ground their whole lives, were injured in operations gone awry, harmed in accidents and many with diseases that affected their mobility.

I have been working with Mobility Worldwide for over 10 years and this was my third distribution. It is still overwhelming to me when someone comes to a distribution crawling on the ground or barely walking while leaning on a stick, but then – they ride away. Struggling at a snail's pace, hands and knees callused and sore, backs and shoulders aching from the strain, but then they ride away. These recipients are often treated badly, looked down upon and shoved aside, but then – they ride away. What a miracle!

Our volunteers work tirelessly to raise money and then build our carts. Volunteers in 20 shops in the U.S. and 3 in Africa build carts that create these miracles. As we approach distributing our 100,000th cart I am very grateful to all those who have worked so hard over the last 29 years. Our work has just begun but let us praise God for the 100,000 people we have served. What a miracle!

Margol Newcomb

