

SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to reflect the love of Jesus by bringing mobility and dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk and provide the opportunity for meaningful work for volunteers.



Email received—
12-31-2023

"Hello ladies and gentlemen, hello my brothers and sisters, my name is kantché Adjovi Faipa, I am in the Agoè district in Lomé, the capital of Togo in West Africa. I had the great pleasure of receiving the

tricycle last week from your partners on site here. Honestly, I don't know how to express the feelings of joy and gratitude that overwhelmed me when I received the cart. I say simply and from the bottom of my heart thank you, thank you, thank you... Since my old cart is spoiled and it has become definitively impossible to repair it, I have now become doubly handicapped, because my job consists of traveling the city over long distances (especially party squares) looking for plastic bags and cans for recycling. For almost a year, it has been my three children who have been doing this work for me if they are not at school (the oldest is an apprentice). In short, with this cart, I fully regain mobility and my activities. I say thank you once again and pray that God will repay you a hundredfold. Attached you will find some photos of me in the cart. Thank you so much."



From Africa Surgery:
"James, whose legs are totally paralyzed, used to carry a wooden board to help navigate city streets and sidewalks."

The photo to the left shows James crossing a dirt pathway that has drainage of sewage running down the middle of the passageway.

James was crippled by polio as a child. He had worked hard his whole life as a blacksmith. Now, retired and with no wife or children, at age 58, James lives at a small shelter for the disabled, in Freetown, Africa. Africa Surgery in Sierra Leone gifted James this Mobility cart. The cart will get him around safely.

This is one of 70 carts shipped to Sierra Leone by Africa Surgery.



With your steadfast support, we have constructed 7300 Mobility carts & celebrate the joy, hope, dignity & productivity these carts will give!

Shipments from Mobility IA-Leighton in the last 6 months:

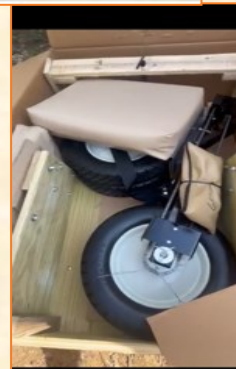
70	Africa Surgery	Sierra Leone	11/10/2023
70	Partners for Care	Kenya	11/30/2023
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SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE WITH YOUR GENEROSITY!

JANUARY 22, 2024—With the help of men from Cornerstone Church, the container was loaded with 218 Mobility carts and 3 welding machines. The photos on the left show the container that was purchased by BrightStart being loaded in Leighton. Photos on the right is the same container being unloaded in Battambang, Cambodia. The carts arrived in perfect condition.



**Container
traveled over
8500 miles!**



CONTAINER LOADED IN LEIGHTON ON 1-22-24

CONTAINER RECEIVED IN CAMBODIA 4-5-2024



Empower Together is a partnership project for the mobilization and education of the underprivileged in Cambodia. It brings together BrightStart's well-established educational programs in Battambang, Cambodia with Mobility Worldwide's mobility cart production processes. BrightStart and Mobility Worldwide are like-minded, committed partners, and this project is an exciting extension of both of our current ministries. BrightStart will launch a vocational training center in Battambang with technical support from Mobility Worldwide. This project represents BrightStart's first opportunity to provide vocational training to the marginalized population in Battambang who are in desperate need of job skills. BrightStart will be able to offer relevant and certified vocational programs featuring metal fabrication and welding. God has opened doors and provided joyous surprises as we've embraced this new adventure together. BrightStart students will begin receiving formal instruction in metal fabrication and welding to provide mobility carts to leg-disabled people in Cambodia.



**We celebrate the life of
Beek Vander Beek who died
7-12-2023.
He was a faithful volunteer in the
shop. Beek's specialty was
assembling carts and distributing
carts in Haiti.**

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MOBILITY WORLDWIDE - IA LEIGHTON DONATION SLIP

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, ST, ZIP: _____

Employer matching gift: _____

**Make check payable to Mobility Worldwide IA –Leighton and mail
to: Pete Verhey 100 Kirkwood Pella IA 50219**