

CELEBRATIONS AND MEMORIES:

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE 3 MEN WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR MOBILITY MISSION.

Remembering our beginnings (check out our History page under the About tab at www.giftofmobility.org for more details):

1994 Larry Hills, missionary in Zaire (now Congo), Africa, told Reverend Mel West of the great need for three-wheeled, 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.



Larry Hills, missionary who asked for 1 more thing.

1995 When prototype development was ready for field testing, four were shipped to Larry Hills in Zaire with the instructions to “put these in the worst place you can find, and see if they pass the test.” They did.

2000 Reverend Mel West set up a production, receiving and shipping facility in Columbia, Missouri. The PET Place (Personal Energy Transportation) facility receives parts made by volunteers and donated by businesses. Then the carts are assembled and shipped to various areas of need around the world.



Mel at production shop.

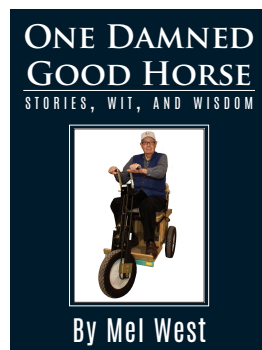
2016 Mission becomes **Mobility Worldwide** for easier identification. Our production shop is now known as Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia. 60,000th Mobility Cart delivered.



Earl Miner, product designer

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 \$20 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.



Rev. Mel West receives Honorary Doctorate at University of MO at Honors Ceremony in May. **He was honored for his decades of humanitarian work.** You can hear Mel’s address to the Honors students at 43 minutes.



Mel receives Honorary Doctorate

<https://livestream.com/accounts/13547932/events/8661774>

Mel & his wife, Barbara, celebrate their 95th birthday. Many families have sent birthday gifts and cards. Many gifts for \$95, but some for a full cart at \$300 with a total of \$2,765 in celebrations.

Our goal of shipping the 75,000 Mobility Cart in our 25th year has been surpassed by 78,000!! It’s been an amazing 25 years. We appreciate all of you and your amazing support. Let’s continue to partner over the next 25 years.



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GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

MIZZOU TEAM DISTRIBUTES IN KENYA

STUDENTS SPEND THEIR WINTER BREAK HELPING KENYANS WITH YOUR CARTS

“Gary,.....First, I wanted to tell you the team from Mizzou was wonderful! We have videotaped them distributing carts. They loved the experience...

Second, our PFC staff continues to work to get the carts exposure. **The First Lady is taking a container of carts and helping with shipping carts. Also, I met with the CEO of the Vice President’s Ruto Foundation and they want a container.** And, I had a meeting with the Vice Chancellor of Mount Kenya University who we partner with to study the impact of our programs. We have asked them to study the economic and social impact of the Mobility Cart.

We continue to passionately work hard to make Mel’s vision of all Kenyans having mobility a reality.

Best to you friend, Connie Cheren, Partners for Care in Kenya”

On July 11, another 195 Mobility Carts shipped out to PFC: 155 large, 20 pull, 20 small + 10 mini marts.



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.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

LEGACY GROUP KEEPS THE SAWS HUMMING

They have raised funds to cut wood for Mobility Carts for 7 years.

In 2013, representatives came to our Columbia, MO shop to check us out. They went back home, gathered a team, and began work. They are led by Stephen Seeling & James Leese and part of Legacy Christian Church in Overland Park, KS. We call them ‘parts makers’. Like other parts makers across the US, they raise funds to buy supplies (wood, steel, etc.), make a part(s), and deliver to Columbia periodically. This group cuts wood pieces for the large crank Mobility Carts.

Recently they lost a dedicated member of their group, Charles Evans. This is part of a letter Leese sent: “...Without the use of his shop, we would not have been able to work with your team to bring hope to leg disabled people throughout the world. Charles’ wife, Beverly, wants us to continue using the shop which will allow us to continue partnering with you as we look forward to doing God’s work in 2019...” THANK YOU Legacy Group and Beverly!



ANAS NO LONGER CRAWLS

ANAS HAD PARALYSIS BENEATH THE HIP WHEN HE WAS 2.

From [United Mission to Nepal 2018 Project Report](#):

Seven years ago, Anas was born as the second son of his parents in Harinagar Rural Municipality. In a Muslim community, giving birth to any number of children is given high priority. There are six members in Anas's family, so it was hard for his parents to take care of their children equally.

Due to a lack of nutritious food, Anas had a physical disability.

Anas had paralysis beneath the hip when he was 2. He used to crawl in the house to move from one place to another and his father used to carry him from home to school. He did not attend classes on those days when his father had to go to work. Anas used to cry when his mother used to scold him. Also, when his friends used uncivilized and bad words for him. His house and surrounding structure were not disabled friendly, so he needed help to go to the toilet and rooms.



Anas could not carry on with his daily activities because he didn't have a wheelchair.

The chairperson of Harinagar, DPO Arasad Alam learned about Anas during the treatment of children in Harinagar Rural Municipality Ward No. 6 and 7 by UMN's partner Nepal Chelebeti Disabled Women Society (NCDWS). NCDWS with UMN's partnership provided Anas with the Mobility Worldwide Mobility Cart, educational materials, disabled friendly table and chair, loan for income generation and for making a ramp surrounding his house.

After the support which was like a dream for him, he was able to go to school and wherever he liked.

Anas attended school daily and has passed UKG in the first division. He is now very happy because he can go to school by himself using the Mobility Cart. He has also developed speaking skills and increased self-confidence.

Now, he mingles with his friends and has increased different needed knowledge.

Nowadays he can dress up, eat by himself and do other regular things.

Anas's father shares, "I heartily thank NCDWS and UMN for bringing a new life to my son. Now, my dream is to see Anas as a doctor in the future."

By Surendra Rai, UMN Project Officer, Sunsari

\$20,000 SPRING MATCH OPPORTUNITY MET!!

89 families, churches, and others gave \$23,034 within 6 weeks in response to our Match letter. The match sponsors have given their generous \$20,000 gifts for a total of \$43,034. Your gifts will change the lives of 143 more persons around the globe. THANK YOU

GIFTS GIVEN LAST QUARTER:

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

GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY:

- Marilyn Anderson by Norm Anderson
- Bill Appleby by Minna Appleby
- Weldon Beach by Edra Beach, Rebecca & William Andrews, R.D. & H. H. Hollenbeck, Lisa Spilker, Barb & Rhett Hunziker, Larry & Beth Primm, Sharri & Richard Kemp, Larry & Laura Mason, Winston & Marilyn Simpson, J. Mark & N. Jean Werner, Terry & Debbie Hinrichs
- Dale Benton by Joe & Pat Powell
- William (Willie) Boyd by Linda & David Karns
- Paul W. Braisted by Anne Braisted
- Judy Carter by Brooke & Mussa Omar
- Charley Christy by Jay & Sharon Craig and other family & friends
- David Clifford by Jean Clifford
- W. L. & Elva Cottrey by Bill & Jan Goodson
- Paul Cross by Mary Cross
- Paul Douglas Doak by Patricia Doak
- Father and Brother by Barbara Wolf
- Charles Fulhage by Jane Fulhage
- Dawn Harbison By Chuck & Lou Thompson, Kurt And Josephine Rohr
- Phyllis Heckemeyer by Karen Stohlgren



GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Rev. Tom Adams by Karen & Charlie Popeck
- Our Children: Kevin, Marla, Karen, Scott, Amy, Troy, Nancy & Wayne by Sid & Mary Jean Leeper
- Nicky Dalzell by Dave & Carolyn Denton
- Roger Hofmeister by Renner & Martha Anderson
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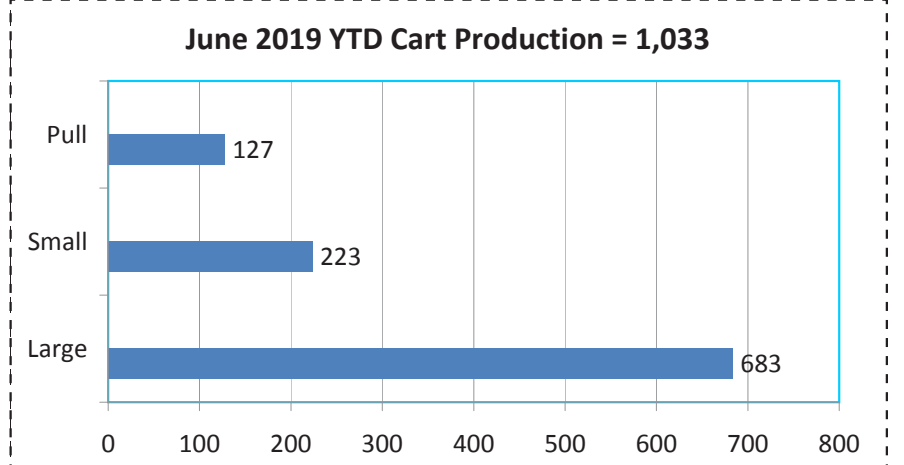
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- ALBERT EINSTEIN

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- Earl Miner (Mobility Cart designer) by Kay Brower, Betty Hawley, MO Conference of UMC, Susan Ann West
- Gordon Lee Nelson by Marilyn Sudbrock
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- Mary Oden by Don & Sally Schilling
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- Wayne Richards by Paula Richards
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- James Scherer by Bill & Margaret Parmenter
- Carol Sechler by Joyce Anderson
- Madeline Wilcox by Larry Wilcox



GARY'S COLUMN:

FROM APOLLO TO CARTS

Where was Mobility Worldwide in 1969 when Apollo landed on the moon? Not even a glimpse of an idea yet. In 1994 Larry Hills made the request to Mel West; so in 2019, MW is celebrating 25 years and a production of over 78,000 carts. Columbia is proud to have made one third of those carts and the only facility to make all 3 models. (You are welcome to join us in Austin, TX to celebrate on September 27-28.)

All that happens with many regular donors and for your gifts we say **THANK YOU**. About one fifth of our budget comes in December through gifts. According to Giving USA, the giving by individuals dropped by 1.7% for the first time in 50 years.

I offer you the option to help us out by joining our monthly giving club. We are looking to double our monthly giving units. Presently we have 22 families supporting us monthly and 4 giving quarterly. Can we add 22 more 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 showing an increase in light of the 2017 tax reform laws. We welcome your Required Minimum Distributions directly to Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia. Again this year CoMoGives campaign in December will accept checks from DAFs and RMDs.

Production for the first 6 months of 2019 averaged 40 carts per week and at \$300.00 per cart, the needed income is \$12,000 per week. Pretty staggering when you look at it weekly; YET proud to say that YOUR SUPPORT is AWESOME.

Shipping of carts has kept up with production. **986 carts have gone in overseas shipping containers to Kenya (2x), Nigeria (2x), Benin, Bali, and smaller lots.** We had a mission family to Bolivia that broke down 4 small carts, scattered the parts in suit cases and took mobility to those in need.

Future shipments are already planned for Honduras, India, and more to Kenya. Partners for Care have 31 carts decorated from the Rotaract Fundraiser 'Craft Beer and Carts' and will be gathering photos to share with the participating businesses. This fundraiser was so well received, it is already booked for June 2020.

Proudly we salute Mel West and his recognition as an Honorary Degree recipient. We say good bye to Earl Miner; yet we promise to carry on his creation of Mobility Carts.

JOIN US AS WE GROW IN 2019!!!

- GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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MOBILITY CART DONATION SLIP

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

My check is enclosed for:

\$_____ for _____ carts at \$300.00 each.

\$_____ for _____ carts sent to Kenya at \$55 each for extra shipping expense.

Name: _____

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