



GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

REFLECTIONS ON DECADES OF SHIPPING CARTS

STAFF SHARES 20 YEARS OF HER FAVORITE PHOTOS AND STORIES.

My journey with our Mobility Cart mission began 20 years ago this past June. My husband and I attended church with our founder, Rev. Mel West. We admired him, but had not worked with him. **Then one day, I read a want ad in our church newsletter. Mel was looking for someone to help him digitize his donor and contact records.** I called him. I began. Then in November of 1999, he asked could I do the bookkeeping. Yes, I had accounting background as well. As our mission grew, I took on more work like starting a website, sending out Mel's email Updates, preparing promotional materials, maintaining the growing database, choosing and working with a CPA firm, and more. Mel gave me the title of Business Administrator. That suited me as that happened to be my college degree.



In 2004, Mel proposed we have a national organization that would oversee the growing number of Affiliate production shops for oversight in how they represented our mission and quality control in cart building. I helped start that organization and have been their board treasurer and admin staff as well for 15 years. I'm a paid, part-time admin staff; but also volunteer time as does Gary. I'll share some of my favorite reports and pictures. Working at this mobility mission and with Mel and Gary has been a great experience in a number of ways. Thanks to all of you, I am able to share these pictures. Kathy Maynard, Business Administrator



2007 Honduran girl with deformed leg. Larry Wilcox, long term shop volunteer, assisted with this cart distribution.



2006 Liberian student receives a cart; others in background assemble more. [Check out his leg braces and special left shoe.](#) I imagine he is filling out a form about himself in exchange for his new mobility. Not all pictures we receive show an evident need, but this one does.



2005 Lady in a skirt with a drill reassembles our carts. Samaritan's Purse led this distribution effort in Eritrea, Africa.

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REFLECTIONS (Continued)



2006 Mother in Tanzania received a cart thru Mango Tree.



2006 Forge contacts us for mobility for Congolese refugees in Zambian camps. Ajabu was one of dozens they sent reports on. "Born with disfigured hips & legs. Can sit by himself. Can't stand or walk with help....**It hurts when he crawls.**"



2016 Bartalomayo drives his new cart in the church yard. Serge was our distribution partner in Uganda.



2011 Group in Guatemala receive carts with a Mini Mart to help start a business – mobility & more. The kit includes a resting shelf, cooler, and smaller storage containers and is popular with our distribution partners.

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a page on our website filled with Videos to share. [A local Columbia church raised awareness throughout their congregation and gave our director gifts totaling \\$5,344.42 or 18 Mobility Carts.](#) Your gifts help us create and maintain our website content. The website also helps potential distribution partners around the world find us. www.GiftofMobility.org

"...We have been inspired by videos in worship each Sunday... We want to thank you for the wonderful videos on your Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia website. **We utilized these videos to share the message of hope Mobility Worldwide brings to the world, and encouraged our congregation to respond to that message of hope...** Rev. Rick Oberle, Pastor of Columbia United Church of Christ"

CALL TO ALL MO STATEWORKERS:

Our mobility mission is an approved charity for the MSECC (MO State Employees Charitable Campaign). Employees or retirees can pick charities and give thru their paychecks or pension checks. Mobility Worldwide MO – Columbia has been a part of the fall campaign since 2008; our number is 9009. 2018 fall pledges are sponsoring 10 carts this year. **Please help us spread the word to your friends and families that work for the state of MO and ask them give mobility thru MSECC 9009.**

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.



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GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY:

- Charley Christy by Lonnie & Peggy Todd, Roger & Janie Harmon, Sandy Thomas, Dick & Sharon Hanson, Roger Hofmeister, Gene Baumann, Larry & Aileen Garvin, Kenneth & Beth Koster, Dwight Keesling, Barbara Loch, Deb Mitchell, Karen Miller, Wendy & Keith Durk, and Janet & Alan Rumpel
- Irene and Lorraine by Ellen Dugger
- Paul Doak by James & Verna Rhodes
- Letha Magruder by Garry Magruder
- Bill Poore by Karla Poore-Malaney
- Art and Ruth Witt by Judith Witt-Croswhite
- Whitney Hicks by Marge Hicks

GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- Jennifer Dressler's birthday by Lisa & Bruce Miles
- Jeff Moran by Courtney Moran
- The West Family by Martin West
- Mel West by Linda Day



CAT & CLARK ON LAST LIFT

FORKLIFT DESPERATELY NEEDED TO LOAD MOBILITY CARTS AND MORE.

The CAT and Clark forklifts have been serving us well for years. The Clark was here before me, and the CAT came in from Schneider Electric several years ago. The CAT needs \$7,000 of batteries, the hydraulic seal, and new electrical panels. Not worth fixing and overheats if used. So it is dead lined.

Clark is moving okay if we keep the water levels up in batteries. Right now maybe a LP gas model would be better for us so we could unload outside the confines of the building. Right now neither is dependable for that.

Our forklifts were regularly used to unload incoming supplies: volunteer made parts, vendor shipments of tires, shipping boxes, etc. And they were used to load all the outgoing shipments of Mobility Carts and other mission goods by our partner, The Container Project which shares our warehouse.



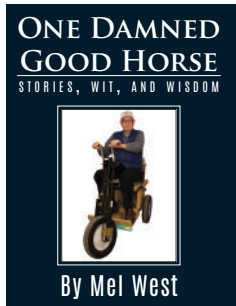
So in a nutshell, Mobility Worldwide MO – Columbia needs a forklift revival. Either a good used one or something new. And just like buying cars these days, we got forklift sticker shock. We sent an email out earlier that resulted in a pledge of \$4,000 from a Lions Club in Ohio and a connection to a family member in the forklift business.

Can you help us out? Gary is sitting on the Clark waiting for the green light.
Gary Moreau, Executive Director

YOUNG ROTARACT CLUB MEMBERS RAISE \$10,155

ROTARACT ENGAGED 31 BUSINESSES OR GROUPS TO DECORATE AND SPONSOR A MOBILITY CART.

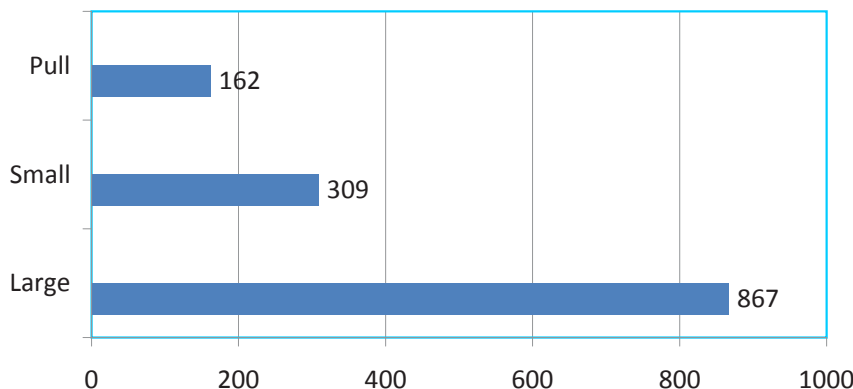
Our Rotaract Club Friends, shop volunteers, put on a first ever fundraiser that finished at Logboat Brewery Company in Columbia. They signed up 31 businesses or groups to donate \$300 for a cart, members or employees decorated it, and attended the event in June. Others bought the event ticket and raffle tickets were used to vote on best cart. Ladies Night Out won best cart. Around 200 people attended. There was great enthusiasm for the fundraiser. Look for it next year. All decorated carts were shipped to Partners for Care in Kenya on July 11. \$10,155 was raised. THANK YOU to the Rotaract Club and all who participated. Did you find the Peacock?



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 your check for \$25 with postage and note 'Mel's book' in the memo line. Your additional gifts are welcome.

Page 48: "Many huge problems today were once small, but we ignored them and let them go to seed." Mel West, Humanitarian & our Founder

August 2019 YTD Cart Production = 1,338



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: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Make check payable to **Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia** and mail to: 1908 Heriford Road, Columbia, MO 65202
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GARY'S COLUMN:

FUN TO BE SUCCESSFUL

The Columbia shop produced itself right out of work. Since January 1, we have produced an extra 5 carts per week. Rah, Rah, for over 200 volunteers that like to work and apply themselves. They embraced an opportunity to be needed in retirement. Most are retired by the way.

Only one problem, it takes \$300.00 per cart or \$1,500 extra per week to keep building at that rate. When the budget was built on 35 carts a week and we made 40, then the reserves ran low. So for most of August we backed off production some to balance us out.

That really hurts to slow down when the world needs 64 million carts to solve mobility problems. It is nice to think we are that successful, and to know that we can build 40 carts per week if only we had the donations.

So how can you help us keep building? Gain us an invitation to speak at your church, your Rotary club or other service club. Tell your missionaries you support that free Mobility Carts are available.

Tell your church mission chairmen that this great mobility project is in Columbia MO. Gain us an invitation to your favorite Hellenic/Greek fraternity or sorority house to speak of this project. Listen to our ad on KMIZ, ME TV/ 17/22. What did it say?

Show up at the Mizzou Homecoming Parade on October 12 and cheer loudly for us. Bring your friends and volunteer at the shop for one hour a month. Oh by the way, did you pray today for us to be successful, to meet our goals?

Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia has grown this 25th Anniversary Year. We covet your support and always plan to serve the least of these in the world. Will you join us?

- GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



REMEMBERING OUR PROMISES

(Located on our website under "About")

We send four newsletters a year and two letters for special opportunities to build more carts.

Promise No. 5. We promise to be truthful and frank in our fundraising efforts, and not to create a monthly crisis, or otherwise unduly make emotional pleas for your support. We do rely upon your gifts. It is the simple fact that the more you give the more people Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia can help.



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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.

SHOPKEEPER, ACCIDENT, AND A CART

DONORS OFFER \$20,000 MATCH TO BUILD AND SHIP MORE MOBILITY CARTS.

Janet was involved in an accident three years ago that left her dependent on her two children for movement. She recently received a Mobility Cart. “She is now able to go to her shop which is two kilometers away from her home without assistance which she says will greatly improve her life and that of her children.”

A sponsor family will match giving this fall thru increased giving or new donors up to \$20,000. Your donation will be doubled if you send a first time gift or the portion more than your last year’s gift. One way to do that is sign up for or increase your monthly auto debit giving from your checking account or online with your credit card. (Call for or find the form on our website.) In example, last year you gave \$100 (Thank You). This year you send \$300 or sign up for a \$25 monthly auto debit gift. \$200 will be matched. Or \$300 is matched if you are a new donor. Or \$300 matched if you didn’t send a gift last year, but are a past donor (Thank You). Please donate today as your gift will go twice as far up to \$20,000. Donations will be used to help people like Janet, a shopkeeper in Kenya (pictured here).

**Our volunteers are willing to build & load more carts.
Can you help fund an increased production to 50 a week?**



Janet had an accident 3 years ago.