



GIVE THE GIFT OF MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND OPPORTUNITY

MAKER OF THE MOBILITY CART SINCE 1994.

CHURCH IN MALAWI DELIVERS 11 CARTS

PATRICIA IS ABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL AGAIN IN HER CART.

OGT 2139: Shipment to Malawi

Received and distributed by Christ Mandate for Missions Church in Lilongwe, Malawi

December 2021 – January 2022

Shipped: 3 Large carts, 4 Small carts, 4 Pull carts

According to the pastor who handled the distribution:

“The Mobility Carts have eased mobility both to parents and children. One of the girls [Patricia] will be able to attend classes now. Attached is the picture, she wants to become a lawyer. Others are grateful that will be able to attend church services from now onwards.

“The girl dropped out of school due to travel problems because of disability; now she is back at school after receiving the wheelchair. She is in grade 6. Her ambition is to be a lawyer; she says disability is not inability thanks for the donation.” Christ Mandate for Missions Church



Patricia follows her mother.



Back to school she goes.

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VOLUNTEERS WORK IN KENYA

Have you ever wanted to go on a cart work team? A seven-member work team from our shop headed to Partners for Care in Kenya last November. They assisted in cart reassembly and distribution along with other tasks. Here are two reflections. Contact Gary Moreau if you are interested in going with another team this November.

How many pounds of water can a Mobility Cart haul?

“Our Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia team members traveling to Kenya each play a part in building Mobility Carts. Among our volunteer team, we cut wood, glue seats and seatbacks, pack carts, inventory carts, and load shipping containers. Missouri bound, we rarely get to see firsthand the results of our labors. That changed today when we were privileged to visit seven cart beneficiaries, all of which are in the pictures below.

Each man’s life experience that resulted in the need for a cart was unique, but all had thankful hearts and joyful spirits. The carts provide transportation to work, supply hauling for home businesses, and almost universally the ability to haul water. And we’re not talking about traveling short distances or hauling light loads. One beneficiary makes a 3-hour roundtrip to haul water that he then sells in his village. Each load is about 16 gallons of water or about 135 pounds. He makes about \$1.50 when he sells the water. Can you imagine hauling that weight for that amount of time to make \$1.50 and being joyful?



My first-world problems pale in comparison to these men’s lives. My challenge is to daily remember my Kenyan experiences and allow them to make me a more giving person.”

– Jim Weisbrook

Jim and Chris Weisbrook (standing next to blue pole) are both volunteers. Chris volunteers in the wood shop, and Jim is on the Board of Trustees and repairs sewing machines for The Sewing Machine Project within our 501(c)(3).

How far do you travel to get your water?

“Can we imagine living with water insecurity? Have we traveled 15 km (9.3 miles) to fill three jerry cans with water on a Mobility Cart? Have we transported water in unsanitary containers at the risk of sickening our children? Have we lost our family’s livelihood (maize crops) to drought? No. This morning the water shut off mid-shower and I could not rinse out my shampoo. I felt inconvenienced. Then I felt ridiculous. No, I cannot begin to imagine living without safe water....”

We were asked to reflect on where we’ve seen God in Malindi?

*In the face of a small boy on crutches literally running to his small cart. In the smiling acceptance of life’s injustices, injuries, accidents, polio, and snake bites that the cart recipients display. In their determination to provide for their families by sewing, carpentry, transporting, selling fish, and clean water. In the IT teacher’s inspired blessing of our feast on the beach. We talk of the Kenyan beneficiaries, but we are receiving as much if not more. **Where haven’t we seen God?***

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PFC staff, Peter, with boy waiting for a small cart.

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 Carts to others in need.



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GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY:

- Wanda McKenzie Albin by Ray & Linda McKenzie
- Elaine and Ned Azdell by Anne Johnson
- Milt Bailey by Elizabeth Bailey
- Ashley Danielle Bogle by Dennis Bogle
- Thomas G. Brown by Mildred Brown
- Frank Conley by Carla Conley
- Bill Crippen by Elaine Crippen
- Rev. Jim & Virginia Hankins by James Hankins
- Vivian E. Daniels by Rita & Jim Henson
- Irene Dugger and Lorraine Hilgedick by Ellen Dugger
- Margaret Elizabeth Flynn by Randy & Catherine Chenoweth
- Howard Fox by Shirley Ryan
- Lane Harlan by Timothy & Linda Harlan
- Bud & Berniece Houser by Christine & Ron Houser
- Lee and Roberta Jones by Charles & Rebecca Swaney
- Richard & Jean Jones by Family of Emily West
- Gene and Fran Koepke by John & Brenda Stafford
- Skyler Maddox, Alberta Smith, and Doug Brooks by Lynn Barnett
- Roland Meinert by Shirley Meinert

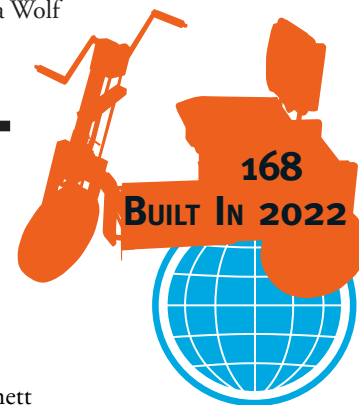
- Randy Meuir by Alma Meuir
- Gene and Rena Moore by Wilson T. & Debbie Jones
- Harold Nonhof (father) by Harlan Nonhof
- Erica Pickard by Blair Pickard
- Helen Doak Schoene by Al & Lydia Schoene
- James E. Seibert by Steven & Jenny Nearmyer, Jo & Michael Adams
- Robert C. Shaw, Sr. by Mary Ann Shaw
- Don & Wanda Smith by Dianne & Patrick Maguire
- Norma Jean Smith by Kathy Perks
- Rev. Bob Smyres by Franklyn Amos
- Twila and Bob Stapel by Frances Smith
- Zack Stidmon by Catherine O'Brien
- Ross Swofford by Harold & Patsy Garner
- Betty Thomas by Rex Thomas
- Barbara Willenberg by Bob & Jane Bellinghausen, Pamela Boyd
- Violet Winer by Mark & Leigh Kottwitz
- Father and Brother by Barbara Wolf



GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR:

- All volunteers at Mobility Worldwide MO-Col by Patricia & Peter Dalum
- Elmer Bigham's birthday by Wesley UMC
- Robert and Sharon Cannell by Tom & Joy Young
- Preston Chapel by Diana Chapel
- Carla Conley by Allison Farnen
- Mr. & Mrs. Layton Conley by Carla Conley
- Pat Cronan by Andrew Cronan
- Sam Cuchinell by Gordon & Mary Cho
- Mark & Jennifer Dressler by Joe & Betty Dillard, Lisa & Bruce Miles
- Capt. Dell & Janet Epperson by Steven & Mary Carpenter
- Wanda Evans by John Evans
- Fancy Creek Zion United Methodist Church by Randolph UMC
- Stan Grebing by Karen & Jerry Salmon
- Walt Hays and John Pascoe by Bob & Judy Gastrock
- Susan Helder by Catherine O'Brien
- Jack and Jane Holt by Margaret Freeman
- David and Marie Hunter by Beverly Jo Forderhase
- Lisa Irlle, Mark & Sandy Irlle, Jeff & Melody Irlle, and Martha Snider Kaufman by Martha Louise Baile
- Ron & Jessica Jenks by Bradley Jenks
- Greyson and Stella Kimbrough by Jo Ann Kimbrough
- Marchack Family by Travis Condict
- Roland & Shirley Meinert by Matt Meinert
- Jeff Moran by Courtney Moran
- Gary Moreau by Gary & Jody Vanderwerf
- Todd & Sue Pautz by Charles & Vivian Thompson
- Joe Powell by Lawrence Boston, Turf & Joann Martin
- June Powell and memory Uncle Sid Powell by Deborah Ann Sanders

- Doug Privitt by Darla Privitt, Diane Privitt
- Lloyd & Diana Rudloff by Kim Rudloff
- Lindsey Sanders by Lynn Barnett
- Alana Shelare by Marian Milliken
- Michael Smith & Kristen Brennan by Sarah Smith
- Ava Swofford by Harold & Patsy Garner
- Luke Troyer and Holly & Matthew Caldwell by John & Joni Troyer
- Rev. Dr. Dorsey Walker by Gladys Campbell
- Drs. Judy & Jim Wall by Kay & Bill St. Onge
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- Mel West by Donald & Joan Bay, Judy & Joseph Marnin, Stan Grebing, Linda Day, Karen & Charlie Popeck, Dora & Gregory Thackery
- Barbara Doak West by Al & Lydia Schoene
- Mel & Barbara West by Ed & Myra Kail, Rev. Patricia & John Buck, Bob & Joan Franklin, Lucy Sauer, Bill & Annette Watts, 76th anniversary by Susan Ann West
- The Wests by Martin West
- Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren by Diana & Lloyd Rudloff
- Trina & Jerry Hunter; Kaitlyn, Terry & Lou Blount; Tim Blount; Jennifer Hunter; Craig Hunter; Nate Walker; Cameron & Yessenia Walker; Audrey, Josiah Norton & family; Olivia & Matt Tempelmeyer; Heidi & Shawn Oliver & family; and Inez Viles by Neal & Pat Blount
- The Russell, Dudgeon, Kelley, Sturgeon, Young Families by Beth Ferrell



PRICE INCREASES HIT SHOP ALSO

In November, our board approved changing the promoted cost of a Mobility Cart to \$350 to better represent the actual average cost to build and ship a cart to places around the world. The average cost each year has been steadily increasing from \$269 in 2018 to \$294 to \$328 to \$377 in 2021. If not for supplies and shipping disruption last year, we could have built more carts and the average cost would have been less. As the fixed expenses like insurance would have been more widely divided. But here are some specific examples:

Tires 2018 to Dec. 2021: large front with bearing and sprocket - \$19.75 to \$24.63

Rear tires went up approximately \$4 each x 2 = \$8 or \$13 total per cart

Tool kit for reassembly & adjustments: Adjustable wrench up \$1 to \$4.38, pliers up \$1 to \$3.74, combo wrench up \$.50 to \$2.49. Total tool kit cost per cart = \$10.61 or \$2.50 increase

Treated lumber per 10 ft 1 x 6 board: The price started to go down some at the end of 2021, but now is rising again. 2011 \$5.70, January 2021 \$9.37, January 2022 \$11.32 = \$2 per board increase in one year.

Shipping of parts and carts: increase in 2021 of \$13 per cart

Luckily, we receive many free raw materials, shipping boxes, made cart parts, supplies and services. All from businesses, families or volunteer parts makers. Otherwise, our cost would be well more than \$350 per cart. We wanted to explain how and why we spend and use your gifts.



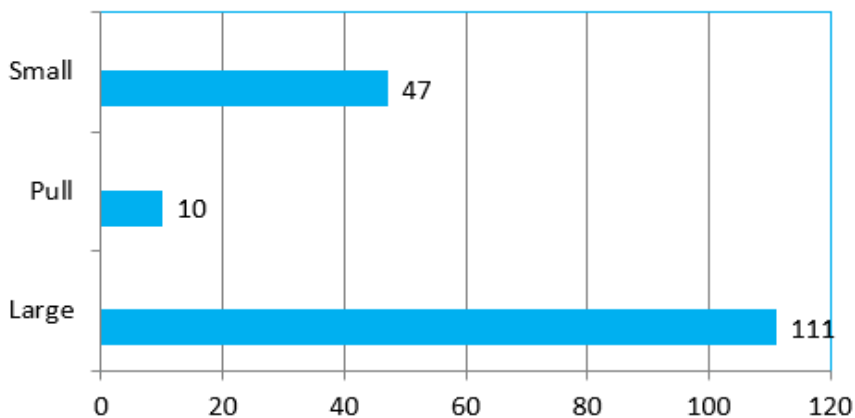
Treated lumber:
repelling insect &
water damage.

DRIVES PROVIDE 60 CARTS

4 carts were pledged through **MSECC**.

56 carts were given by 80 families through **CoMoGives**.

February 16, 2022 YTD Cart Production = 168



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 \$350.00 each.

\$ _____ for _____ set of tires.
Set of 3 tires & wheels at \$60 for each cart.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Make check payable to **Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia** and mail to:
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SEVENTY CARTS/WEEK ARE IN THE PLAN



COVID may be winding down health wise, but the supply channels are continuing to be affected. As I write this in February, we are shut down again with no rear wheels for Pull and Large crank carts. So, what does 2022 bring to us?

Just before the slow down, we were producing right at our 40 carts a week goal. Can we make 70 carts a week? Last year we did strategic planning and are looking to the future to slowly grow our weekly production to 70 carts/week. Where do you fit in?

I need you to talk to your pastor and get me an invitation to visit your Sunday worship service. Can you help me visit your service club? I would like to tell our story in front of your friends and social circles. I will bring a cart and let your workplace try it out. I will bring brochures, a video and share the history of our project.

You see this project started out with one missionary with a dream, asking a retired pastor in his early 70's to help him solve a problem. Mel West knew Earl Miner and a Mobility Cart was born. Mel shared the dreams among many churches and groups and 22 shops were created to solve it all.

Now I am asking for your help to tell more about our story. With social media, YouTube videos, or website stories, I will show how these carts change lives. Your social circles can make a difference - One Cart at a Time. Will you be the contact in your town? I am praying you will and waiting for your request.

- GARY MOREAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SAVE A DATE

CRAFT BEER AND CARTS 2022, Sunday July 17, New location, Farmer's Market in Columbia.

VOLUNTEERS WORK IN KENYA (Continued)

Back in Nairobi, we help to unpack supplies brought in our suitcases from Missouri: soccer jerseys, staplers, whiteboard markers, children's books, cloth, thread, etc. For us back home in the US, these items are easily obtained by a simple Target run or a five-minute Amazon transaction. But, here these items are not so easily obtained and they are precious for they will help the PFC staff reach and change the lives of the most vulnerable. I am grateful we can be a small part of equipping the PFC staff to continue their work."

– Jennifer Leparmentier

Jennifer traveled with her daughter Elise and her mom (Susan Heinsz with the hat) who volunteers as inventory control and has ordered cart supplies for years.



Jennifer and her family reassemble carts.

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.

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Cecilia sends you a message in a video (translated into English by the distributor):

*“Thank you very much for visiting me here. I wasn’t expecting this thing at all. My name is Cecilia. A citizen of Malawi. I started being sick the same year; this year. I’ve been troubled by my sickness to the way I am now. **From the time they amputated my leg until now, I’m getting problems. Although I’m using crutches, they are giving me pain in my armpits. But now I see this gift coming to me. Thank you, people. I’m very glad a lot and I wish you could help other people in my situation. Thank the almighty. Bless you all. Thank you very much. Thank you very much.**”* Cecilia (recipient)

Thank you to all who built these carts! They are making a big difference for the people of Malawi. Several more Mobility Carts are included on our next shipment to this mission, and we will share additional feedback as we receive it. Rita Fonder, International Shipping Assistant, Orphan Grain Train in Nebraska ships worldwide.



Cecilia had a leg amputation.

“LET YOUR LOVE OF JUSTICE BE EXCEEDED ONLY BY YOUR LOVE OF MERCY.”