

Rejected at birth, Yohane Has Reached High School Entry Exams!



It has been 20 years since the birth of Yohane in Chabwera Village near Ntchisi, Malawi, Africa. As with many children born with disabilities, Yohane's parents could not accept him and abandoned him. Fortunately his grandmother, Mary, took him in and raised him.

In the early years, Mary carried Yohane on her back so he could reach everywhere he needed to go. Then he became too big to carry, so Yohane learned to crawl where he needed to go. Mary continued to help in every way she could. In her devotion to this young boy, she has proven to be a true parent who only wished for the best for the boy. Through her faith and support of him, his commitment and determination, and the encouragement of people like his teacher and the school staff, Yohane has successfully reached the high school entry exams.

But on this day, it was something more than school that held the attention of this committed student. It was the new mobility unit Wilson Tembo was offering him. Through the high praise recommendation from his teacher, and the joint efforts of Action for Progress, the Malawi Project, and Mobility Worldwide, Yohane has an exciting and new direction and opportunity for his life.

On receiving the new Mobility Cart, Yohane smiled and said, "This wheelchair will help me move comfortably. Currently I crawl to and from class, but with this wheelchair I will be able to peddle all the way without problems." In the picture, Yohane is sitting in his new mobility unit as the teacher who recommended him for this gift stands proudly beside him.

Wilson Tembo is the Executive Director for Action for Progress and has worked with members of the Malawi Project since 2003. He is the one who submitted this report "with great delight." (Many thanks to Mr. Tembo for writing this story and Mobility Worldwide for sharing it).

MOBILITY WORLDWIDE 2019 Annual Conference



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The 2019 Annual Conference will provide a fun opportunity to network with friends & colleagues as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our founding. Workshops! Information sessions! Anniversary Dinner!

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OUR LOSS IS HEAVEN'S GAIN



JOHN KILLIAN
1/22/1935 - 5/16/2019

JOHN KILLIAN was a longtime friend of Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio. John became known to us in 2007 while working on the construction of an experimental airplane at the San Geronimo Airpark. Mobility Worldwide was using a vacant hangar as our workshop for building specialty wheelchairs, and he heard the noise coming from what he believed to be an

unoccupied airplane hangar. John stopped by and was so interested in engines and machines that he was really taken by what we were doing. Little did we know that the person who just walked into our workshop held BS degrees in Civil and Mechanical Engineering from The University of Texas at Austin. Nor did we know this person had worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad and in the family construction company. And of course we had no idea he had graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law. And when he left that day, John handed us a check to encourage us in our work.

Combining John's many trips abroad, especially his fondness for Africa; his Christian servant's heart that grew from a public affirmation in 1987 at an ecumenical crusade; his sponsoring Boy Scouts and Young Eagles; and volunteering for outreach projects of Bulverde United Methodist Church where he and his wife, Jessie were members, it was only a matter of time that John would become a volunteer and supporter of Mobility Worldwide.

John, you will be missed. And for all those disabled people in other countries you helped, we thank you.



CHARLES MC CULLOUGH
12/21/1931 - 6/9/2019

CHARLES "CHUCK" MC CULLOUGH grew up in Alexandria, Indiana and attended several universities, including Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois and the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. As an ordained minister, Rev. McCullough served as pastor in several United Methodist churches in Kansas and Texas, and a number of years as an ecumenical campus ministry chaplain. Chuck was very

active in sports, involved for 20 years in Senior Olympics competing in basketball and table tennis. He also enjoyed golf, bowling, and racketball.

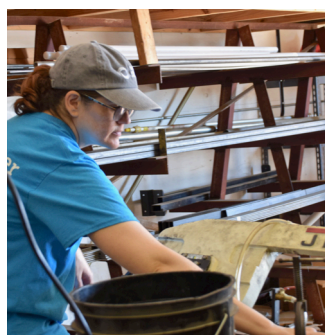
Chuck and his wife, Jean were members of Helotes Hills United Methodist Church and he was active in the Men's Club there that started the Mobility Worldwide wheelchair movement in the San Antonio area in 2004. Among the Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio volunteers, Chuck may be best remembered for leading a very thoughtful and moving Blessing and Ribbon Cutting ceremony at our new workshop at 219 E. Nakoma Drive on May 23, 2010.

WELLMED VOLUNTEERS HELP US AGAIN



Volunteers from WellMed Medical Management/Medical Group came out to the Mobility Worldwide workshop on April 27 and helped us build Mobility Carts. These employees of WellMed already demonstrated an interest in people's medical wellbeing by the type of work they do, and now they are involved in outreach projects to help others gain an improved level of independence.

Thank you, WellMed! And thank you Debra, Patricia, Jennifer, Annemarie, Tony, and Francisco.



TAILGATE PLAQUES



We introduced the idea several months ago that when you make a donation to Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio of \$400 or more and request it, we will add an engraved metal plate to the tailgate of "your" Mobility Cart. The plate will be engraved with the name you select and we will be able to track your Cart, along with its serial number, and the date and country to which it was shipped. Sorry, but once a Cart reaches its destination in another country, we rarely receive information about the recipient and information of how this "Gift of Mobility" has changed his life. A note will be sent to the donor to acknowledge receipt of the donation, with a second card going to the person being honored with the donor's information.



The pictured engraved plates have recently been attached to completed Carts and sit, ready to go with our next shipment. Many thanks to those donors who have made these recognitions possible.



HOW LONG DOES A MOBILITY CART LAST?

The most frequently asked questions we receive are: How much does it cost to build a Mobility Cart? How long does it take to build one? And how long do they last out in the field?



Well, we have calculated it takes 16 hours to build a Mobility Cart, at a cost of \$300 in materials.

The Cart to the left is new and the one below was built by volunteers in the Mobility Worldwide TX-Brazos Valley workshop and distributed at the Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya in 2014. Five years later, this lady is still cranking along! She just arrived at school to pick up her son.



CONTACT INFORMATION

For volunteer opportunities or to request a presentation to your group, please contact Tom Martin, President of Mobility Worldwide TX - San Antonio, at (210)496-4784, or send him an email to mwsanantonio@gmail.com.

For more information about us, please visit our website: mwsanantonio.org. You can visit the international office of Mobility Worldwide at mobilityworldwide.org.

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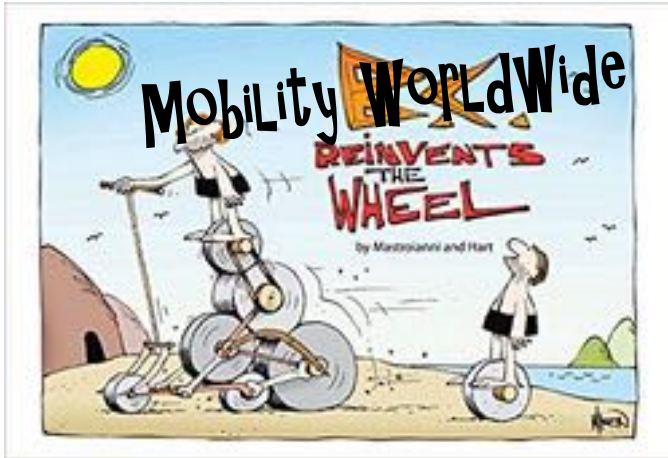
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A Donor Receipt will be sent for all donations. Mobility Worldwide TX - San Antonio is a faith-based, 501(c)(3), tax-deductible, all-volunteer organization.

We are also able to receive your donation on our webpage at mwsanantonio.org.



REINVENTING THE WHEEL!



There was a time when the various Mobility Worldwide shops were asked NOT to let our volunteers with engineering backgrounds get near the plans and schematics of the Mobility Cart because they had a habit of thinking, "I could do better than that!"

When Rev Mel West and friends started making Mobility Carts in a garage in 1994, there was no thought about standardization of the Carts because they were the only ones producing them. As time went on and the story about a simple, personally powered, three-wheeled, all-terrain wheelchair got around, more and more people around the US joined in by getting directions and setting up their own workshops. Drawings, photos, measurements, and jigs were shared so Carts produced in Missouri looked and operated like the ones in all the other shops coming onboard.

As years of producing Carts have passed and we have received feedback from our Partners in the field, Mobility Worldwide has tried to keep up with modifications to improve the weight, personal fit, and cost of the Carts. Another goal to be taken on is

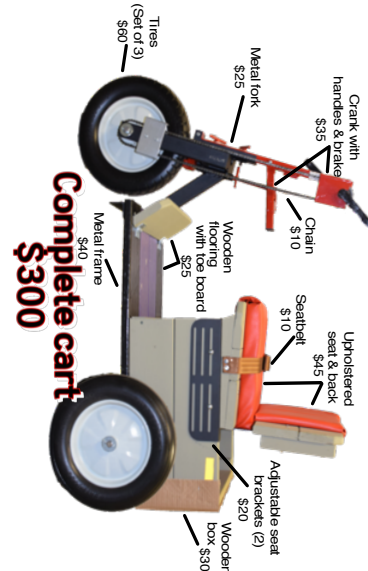
making it easier for the recipient to make adjustments and repairs in the field.

We are comparing materials for strength and durability, and applying well-proven engineering principles to guide the changes. Some modifications already incorporated in many of the 25 shops around the US include a simplified seatbelt, brake shoe changes, better crank bearings, longerlasting seat vinyl, adjustable seats, and seat back reinforcement.

Pictured to the right is Richard Baldwin, a retired engineer, volunteer, and member of the Board of Directors for Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio. He is a member of the Design & Standardization Committee for Mobility Worldwide International. And along with the other Committee members, Richard has brought engineering principles to the redesign and improvement of the specialty wheelchair. He has even introduced engineering students at Trinity University in San Antonio to the Mobility Cart and challenged them to research and offer design changes for improving its function and durability.



Help give the Gift of Mobility



Yes! I want to partner with Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio to sponsor the building of Mobility Cart specialty wheelchairs.

\$_____ for _____ Cart(s) at \$300 each

\$_____ for _____ Cart(s) at \$400 each, which includes a personalized metal plate on the Cart

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My gift is _____ in honor of / _____ in memory of _____

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