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TX – San Antonio

*"It's not right that human beings crawl
on the ground all their lives."
-- Rev. Mel West, Founder, Mobility Worldwide*



March 2020

MOBILITY CARTS DELIVERED TO FRESNILLO, ZACATECAS, MEXICO



Fresnillo is a mining city of 105,488 people in the state of Zacatecas, Mexico. In this north-central Mexico town, one little girl lived until the age of 17 years, at which

time she went off to college to learn the skill of being a translator. She then moved to California to further study the English language and refine her skills as a translator. That little girl is now Ana Gabriela Botello de Hayes, living in San Antonio, TX with her husband, Randy Hayes. Ana first heard about Mobility Worldwide in her classes at Jazzy J's Dance & Exercise. When Randy and Ana came to volunteer

at our shop, Ana spoke to Tom Martin all about the Mobility Carts which were being shipped into developing countries, including Mexico. She wondered, "Why not ship some to my home town of Fresnillo?" So Ana got busy trying to learn how to ship donated Carts into Mexico and about the paper-work necessary to pass through Customs. Yes, the gift of 50 Mobility Carts had to be inspected and approved by Mexican Customs, Border Patrol, the Sheriff's Office, the Federal and State Police, and the military. With necessary documents in hand, Ana and Randy came to Mobility Worldwide on February 12 and helped load two trailers with our Carts. The next day, our volunteers Tom Martin and Joe



Srubar drove trailers to the Texas border city of Laredo. They were accompanied by Ana and Randy and met by two truck drivers and two representatives from the City of Fresnillo. Then, overcoming the need for additional documentation, and border crossing bridges being numbered in one sequence in Mexico



and the opposite in the US, the shipment was finally approved and the drivers from Fresnillo were on their way home, a 24-hour roundtrip for them with no layover. After loading the 18-wheeler from Fresnillo, Tom and Joe drove the empty trailers back to the shop in San Antonio, a 13-hour day full of confusion, miscommunication, incorrect or insufficient details, and some outright frustration. But, everyone made it home safely and the people from Fresnillo were successful in returning home with a truck full of 50 Carts. All things considered, it was a very successful day! For Ana, whose mother and sister live in Fresnillo, the 50 citizens with disabilities who were identified to receive these first specialty Carts, and for Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio who hopefully has opened another distribution center in interior Mexico, the goal was met.

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THE PASSING OF DAVE FRAZIER

Something just won't be the same. We have lost one of the "original" Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio volunteers. After a lengthy battle with arthritis and declining health, Dave Frazier went home to be with the Lord on March 13, 2020.

Dave has meant so many things to the other volunteers and this organization, from his position on the Board of Directors continuously from Day 1 for the next 12 years; his being named to a permanent place of the Board as "Emeritus" for the last three years; and since he was the first volunteer to reach 1,500 hours of service to Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio, Dave received the first-ever "Frazier Award" framed certificate (named in his honor) for achieving that many hours. The "Frazier Award" continues to be a coveted honor, only reached by two additional volunteers since Dave received the inaugural award. And, Dave is one of only three volunteers to be recognized by inclusion in the



Finally, Dave Frazier is the first person to have a Mobility Cart named in his honor, the 1,000th Cart built in our shop. And since he no doubt had a hand in building the First Cart some 15 years ago, we like to think that Dave has touched or influenced the building of

all the Carts produced in our shop since the year 2004. On the day Cart #1,000 was completed, Dave came to the shop to add a plate etched with his name to the tailgate of the Cart, which was shipped to Fresnillo, in the state of Zacatecas, Mexico on February 13, 2020. To that person in Fresnillo who received Cart #1,000, we only wish you could have met Dave Frazier. But his mission outreach and caring will live on. To Dave's companion, Sandra Mushen, and daughters Suzi and Debi, we send our sincere condolences.



BANDERA UMC DONATES 4 MOBILITY CARTS

Thanks to the generosity of Bandera United Methodist Church, Mobility Worldwide received a financial donation that will allow us to build four more Mobility Carts! We appreciate Christine Gomez, Chair, Missions Committee, Bandera UMC, for visiting our workshop on February 29 to see how we used their supporting donation. A metal placard with the church name engraved on it

was attached to the tailgate of Cart #1341 and will identify that Cart, to whatever country it goes, that people at Bandera UMC in San Antonio, TX, USA have provided this gift of mobility. Below, please see Christine riding this special Mobility Cart, alongside the engraved placard attached to the Cart tailgate.



SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT



Thanks to our Board member, Joslyn Campbell, and her husband, James, a member of San Antonio Fire Department Station #46s, we made a connection with Fire Station #31 in the area of our workshop.

Due to his work experience as a safety contractor, another Board member, Ken McGinnis, had assessed that our shop needed to make some changes in the physical layout of the shop in order to promote a safer work environment. He asked for representatives from Station #31 to come to the shop and provide us with a list of concerns regarding potential for injury or loss due to fire, fumes, etc. One of their concerns was housekeeping for our 2,500 square-foot, cramped workplace. They recommended we needed to do something to minimize slips, trips, and falls, so we have begun identifying equipment no longer used to be donated, recycled, sold, or discarded. We have already



purchased recommended fire extinguishers and they are in place. Next on the list are three smoke detectors and emergency lighting to make for quick egress from the warehouse if necessary.

The above, right photo shows Ken McGinnis taking representatives of Fire Station #31 on a tour of our shop. Thanks, Ken, for taking on this project; and thank you to the firefighters from Station #31 for their assessment of our shop and recommendations for providing a safe work environment.

ANNUAL BANQUET



The Mobility Worldwide Annual Banquet was held at the Golden Wok Restaurant again this year on January 18. This is a time when we get together, hear from our president about our accomplishments for the past year, and outline our goals for 2020. A few

years ago, this celebration was held to recognize our volunteers as a group and individually by thresholds of work hours to thank them for their service to the organization and to the disabled people living in developing countries. Then recently we began inviting those who have supported us financially and in other ways, as a means of thanking them publicly for partnering with us in making the Mobility Carts possible.

In the photo above is Joslyn Campbell as she receives special recognition from Mobility Worldwide President Tom Martin. Joslyn is owner of Jazzy J's Dance & Fitness, and she and her team have been strong supporters of this organization financially and by volunteer time.



Linda Montez is a fairly new volunteer to Mobility Worldwide, sharing her skills and enthusiasm in the workshop and assisting in outside activities. Linda received her 100-Hour Certificate at the banquet in recognition of her valuable assistance and commitment to helping disabled people who live in developing countries.

Jodie Sell is shown here with President Tom Martin, being recognized for her 1,000 Hours of service to Mobility Worldwide. At the banquet, Jodie also narrated a slideshow she had put together from a recent mission trip to Haiti.



The photo to the left is of Deb Young being recognized with her 500-Hour engraved tag to apply to her previously awarded Certificate. Also receiving the 500-Hour recognition was Jack Arnold (photo not available).



Volunteer Carl Coppock (R) is shown receiving an engraved tag documenting his 2,000 hours of service to Mobility Worldwide.



And Roger Galloway (R) is pictured receiving his tag for 2,500 hours of service, the highest number of volunteer hours ever recognized in this local organization. According to the records, Roger has personally welded the metal frames of 796 Carts in five years!



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)596-4584, 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.

If you have a change of address, would like to switch to receive the newsletter by email, or if you no longer wish to receive the Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio quarterly newsletter, please send your request to mwsanantonio@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

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

HONORING LOVED ONES WITH THE GIFT OF A MOBILITY CART

We are offering you the opportunity to "name" one of our Mobility Carts to honor or memorialize someone you know. This is not the first time Annemarie Mudd (right) has honored a relative in Germany in this manner, as a previous Cart of hers went with a shipment to Mexico.



The cost of producing one Mobility Cart is \$300. For a donation of \$400, and upon request, we will add your engraved plate to the tailgate of a Cart and you will be welcome to come to the shop to take pictures. Thank you, Annemarie!

YOU, TOO, CAN HELP BUILD A CART!

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

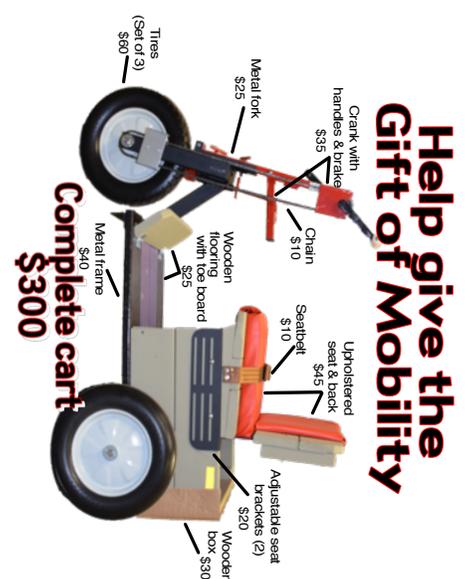
One of the most enjoyable activities in which our regular volunteers get involved is when an outside group comes to the shop and helps us build Mobility Carts. We get to tell the story of how this volunteer organization got started and what our mission is. We show a video of Carts being distributed in the various

countries to the individuals selected to receive them, and we see how this mobility device immediately can change a life. We have had volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints come to our workshop in the past and help us by cutting and drilling wood and metal, painting, and assembling the parts of the Cart. The members of the various local churches are able to connect with each other by utilizing an internet website, JustServe.org. You can go to



that site and put in your Zip Code, and a list of some 80 volunteer opportunities will show. Fortunately for us, someone had entered Mobility Worldwide's

name and the group contacted us to reserve a date. A "Mothers and Daughters" group from the LDS churches came out on March 7 and had a fun day. Since they had room for a couple extra helpers, the group opened up the day to a "Fathers and Sons" group as well. We thank this group for their assistance and enthusiasm, and we thank the adult supervisors for helping out.



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

\$ _____ toward production of a Cart

Name _____

Business _____

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Phone _____

Email _____

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

Please send an acknowledgement in my/our name (withhold disclosing the amount of our gift) to:

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Relationship _____

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