



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



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The Board of Directors for Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio wishes everyone a meaningful and joyful Christmas season! And we give thanks to our volunteers and supporters who make the mission of Mobility Worldwide come true.

How Shall We Title This Story:

— **“AND NOW, THE REST OF THE STORY”?**

— **“A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK”?**

— **“IT CAN'T BE TRUE”?**

— **“GOD'S HANDIWORK”?**

For those who read a copy of last Quarter's Mobility Worldwide's Newsletter, this is a continuation of an article printed on Page 2 of that newsletter titled, **“You Can't Make This Stuff Up!”**

As the story goes, a man in the country of Honduras observed a man riding in a Mobility Cart, getting around in a town park one day, and he wondered about the special cart the man was riding. So he approached the man and asked for information of how it works, where he got it, etc. And then he noticed the metal tag affixed to the steering post, providing the web address of Mobility Worldwide, a number indicating in which shop the cart was made, and a serial number.

The man later was able to connect with the website engraved on the steering post and obtained a mailing

address. He then wrote a letter to Mobility Worldwide, asking how to go about requesting a cart for his invalid mother. The man, Jose, was attempting to help his mother, Irma, who had lost the use of her legs and was depressed from her inability to get outdoors. Jose thought this device might be useful for his Mom to get out around her colonia, visit friends, and enjoy being outdoors.

That letter was received by Wayne Beare, Logistics Coordinator for Mobility Worldwide. At about the same time Wayne was wondering how to best handle this request for a Mobility Cart, “A Mission in God's Amor” (AMIGA), a missionary group, was putting together a shipping container to send from San Antonio, TX to Honduras to provide equipment and supplies for their upcoming medical mission trip. Local coordinator, Mike Schramm, contacted the San Antonio affiliate workshop for Mobility Worldwide and requested 5 Mobility Carts to be part of their shipment to Honduras.

However, the San Antonio affiliate had just made a delivery of 25 Mobility Carts to disabled people in Acuña, Coahuila, Mexico, and could not fulfill the request for Carts being requested by AMIGA. The Logistics Coordinator, Wayne Beare, was contacted and he located 5 Carts in our Moundridge, Kansas workshop. Kirby Goering, in that workshop, put the order together and sent them to San Antonio. And now Mr. Beare knows why he was the one who ended up with that letter from Honduras!

Mike Schramm from AMIGA came to the Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio workshop on August 26 and picked up the 5 Mobility Carts from Kansas to be shipped



to Honduras. Mobility Worldwide volunteer, Linda Montez, gave a blessing to Mike and the Carts, reading the “Blessing of the Mobility Carts.”

But, now the AMIGA team needed to find Irma and her son, Jose. And this is another one of those “little miracles” associated with this story. Irma and Jose live just five miles from the Honduras facility where Mike and the workers from AMIGA stay before they disperse to set up their medical units!



Pictured left is Irma with her new Mobility Cart, with Mike from AMIGA standing behind her. And to the right is Irma with her son Jose, realizing what this “Gift of Mobility” may mean to his mother. Ah, the love of a son for his mother!



And finally, the photo that brings us full circle. The lady in the red polo shirt is Sister Raquel, who co-founded the AMIGA project along with “Doctor Helen” (not shown). That’s Irma to the right and Jose to the left. And Sister Raquel is reading the same “Blessing of the Mobility Carts” that was read by Linda Montez in San Antonio when the Carts for Honduras were picked up for shipping two months earlier.

And for those who would like to read the “Blessing of the Mobility Carts” for themselves, here it is:



Blessing of the Mobility Carts

Dear God, Creator of All People,

It is not right that human beings crawl on the ground all their lives. You have touched the life and heart of each one of us standing here today. You have created in us compassion for those less fortunate than we, and you have given us skills to make a difference in the lives of your special children. Thank you for choosing us and using us for this important mission.

Bless and consecrate these Mobility Carts and deliver them into the hands of those who need them. Use the Carts to change the lives of the recipients, that they may become independent and productive, and achieve their dreams. And may they see You through this mission work.

Amen.

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ANOTHER SHIPMENT TO ACUNA

After months of delays in being able to complete and ship our Mobility Carts due to the “Supply Chain,” our order of specialty wheels from China finally arrived! And within days, we had a trailer-load of 20 Carts ready to go to Del Rio, Texas and be transferred from our trailer to the trailer from DIF Acuña. So on November 15, Joe



Srubar and Rob Remig from the Mobility Worldwide San Antonio workshop drove the trailer to Del Rio, Texas and met up with representatives from the DIF (Development of Integral Families) office located across the border in Acuña. They all have visas for approved travel in the United States, so we do not have to cross the border and go into Mexico. Pictured at the bottom of Page 2 are, from left to right), Bobby Barrera, interpreter; Zaira Gonzalez, Assistant to the First Lady of Acuña; Rob Remig, Mobility Worldwide; Joe Srubar, Mobility Worldwide; and Amalia Hernandez, Director of DIF Acuña. (And Joe and Rob are holding a very thoughtful gift of homemade seasonal nut bread as a “thank-you” from Yahaira Romero de De Hoyos, First Lady of Acuña). And we want to recognize and thank Luis, the driver and loader of the DIF trailer. That’s Luis on the left, with Amalia and Zaira. Thank you, Luis for your hard work!



to provide workers (our volunteers) at several events where we could earn an income for Mobility Worldwide with which to purchase material for the construction of Mobility Carts.

We were given the tasks of providing lunch for sale to the vendors and visitors, which involved grilling



hamburgers and hotdogs, and preparing the sandwiches. We also sold homemade cookies; set up and operated the Raffle; sold fine wood products; and

provided overnight, outdoor security for the vendors’ booths that were set up outside. Overall, we earned enough to purchase materials to build and ship 20 of our Mobility Carts! To the planners of the Festival, we say thank you for this opportunity to provide the “Gift of Mobility” to 20 more people! (CONT’D)



ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Again this year, Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio, was selected by the planning committee for the 13th Annual Del Webb, Hill Country Retreat, Fall Arts & Crafts Festival to be the “Charity of Choice.” This means we were given the opportunity



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And we extend our thanks also to 10 Mobility Worldwide Board members and regular volunteers who worked at the Festival. Also thanks to 20 members of Jazzy J's Dance & Fitness, and many more husbands and families, who contributed baked goods. And we thank the Northside Lions Club for providing 4 members who were responsible for the overnight security. Thanks also to Tom Martin, president of Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio, who was responsible for making most of the lathe-turned bowls and intricate cutting boards, etc. for our Sales Table.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

Have you ever wondered what happens to a Mobility Cart once it has survived weeks in a shipping container and further transportation to an interior location in a country foreign to us with often a climate far different from ours? Well, so have we. We like to think of the Cart still looking and operating as well as it did the day it rolled off our assembly line. It has been built on a steel frame, made from pressurized outdoor wood, padded seats covered with marine-grade upholstery, given two coats of paint, and some parts powder coated for longer lasting out in the elements. And then something called “time” comes along, coupled with blistering sun and unrelenting rains. And after five or more years of daily and heavy use, things don't work as they once did. These Mobility Carts are the “legs” for the recipients. The Cart allows children to get to school, and other family members to mingle with



friends in the village square. And people use the Cart as a means of getting to the market to sell and trade their crops, etc.

The first two Carts in this article are both in Kenya, Africa, so “nature's treatment” would have been similar to both carts.



The first Cart is just dirty from going through the mud in the African rainy season which can last for 7 months! But the ice chest mounted on the back tells us this owner is probably employed

to some degree and is likely selling fresh crops kept cool. The second Cart shows much more wear and is in need of much repair (or replacement). The tire tread has been worn off, metal is rusted, and the seat upholstery is disintegrating.

The “resin injection molded seat” shown to the right is our latest attempt to manufacture a long-lasting Cart that will also be more comfortable to get in and out of.

A new padded seat has been introduced which is designed for longer sitting time. Mobility Worldwide has made 250 of these resin Carts and is assigning them around the world, tracking their performance, and



receiving input from the users. Watch future newsletters for more stories on this topic.

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

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