

Changing

THE WORLD



SUMMER 2017

A MESSAGE FROM KEN BEHRING



Here is hoping everyone is having a good Summer! I just turned 89-years-old (90-years-old according to the Chinese). For my 89th birthday I celebrated with dozens of guests from the Chinese museums we work with through our *International Museums Partnership* and many, many friends from Northern California.

Because it was my birthday, we opened two new exhibits at Blackhawk Museum, *The Art of Africa* and *Into China*. Both exhibits feature rare handicrafts from the most seldom visited areas of these continents. We even held a concert featuring my latest addition to our Asian Art collection, our replica, 2400-year-old *Bianzhong* (Bronze Bells) of *Marquis Ye of the Zeng State, China*. A 11,000 pound birthday present to the community and myself.

Thank you to my granddaughter, Elizabeth, for her hard work in creating our stunning new exhibit spaces. Thank you as well to all of the workers and employees who helped build, place and polish our artifacts. Your efforts made for a very memorable party, indeed!

I would like to offer thanks to everyone still enthusiastically supporting Wheelchair Foundation around the world. Thank you to the students, the individuals and organizations who believe mobility is a basic human right and continue to provide hope, freedom and mobility across the globe. Keep up the good work!

Kenneth E. Behring
Founder and Chairman

Mission and Goals

Our Mission

The Wheelchair Foundation is a nonprofit organization leading an international effort to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, create global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult in the world who needs one, but cannot afford one. For these people, the Wheelchair Foundation delivers Hope, Mobility and Freedom.

Our Goal

The Wheelchair Foundation aims to deliver wheelchairs to people who cannot afford to buy one, and to further the awareness that a wheelchair is no longer an unaffordable relief option for delivery to developing countries around the world.

Mobility

Since its establishment on June 13, 2000, the Wheelchair Foundation has witnessed hundreds of thousands of examples of how mobility creates independence and new possibilities for recipients and their families. A mobile child is able to attend school. A mobile adult is able to get a job and provide for their family, or care for the children at home so the spouse can work. An elderly person can rejoin society or family activities after years of staying in a bed. The joy and hope that a simple mobility device can deliver is what gives people a new outlook on life and hope for the future.

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WHEELCHAIRS COMMITTED OR DELIVERED

Afghanistan.....	7,150	Lithuania.....	1,090
Albania.....	550	Macedonia.....	760
Algeria.....	1,480	Madagascar.....	1,270
Angola.....	6,790	Malawi.....	3,530
Antigua and Barbuda.....	280	Malaysia.....	4,040
Argentina.....	11,569	Maldives.....	10
Armenia.....	3,244	Mali.....	1,060
Australia.....	292	Malta.....	240
Azerbaijan.....	280	Marshall Islands.....	140
Bahamas.....	2,620	Mauritania.....	100
Bangladesh.....	350	Mexico.....	167,779
Barbados.....	1400	Micronesia.....	1,265
Belarus.....	990	Moldova.....	1,720
Belgium.....	280	Mongolia.....	1,320
Belize.....	3,095	Montenegro.....	120
Benin.....	280	Morocco.....	5,470
Bolivia.....	5,574	Mozambique.....	1,660
Bosnia-Herzegovina.....	2,040	Myanmar (Burma).....	900
Botswana.....	1,688	Namibia.....	466
Brazil.....	2,305	Nepal.....	3,380
Bulgaria.....	530	Nicaragua.....	8,705
Burundi.....	520	Niger.....	240
Cambodia.....	3,730	Nigeria.....	1,420
Canada.....	560	Northern Mariana Islands.....	410
Cape Verde.....	780	Oman.....	280
Central African Republic.....	240	Pakistan.....	3,175
Chile.....	11,388	Palestinian Territories.....	1,906
China.....	426,161	Panama.....	14,100
Colombia.....	13,102	Papua New Guinea.....	2,080
Congo, The Democratic Republic of the.....	205	Paraguay.....	2,614
Costa Rica.....	9,215	Peru.....	13,607
Croatia.....	1,300	Philippines.....	10,835
Cuba.....	1,800	Poland.....	2,700
Cyprus.....	280	Portugal.....	990
Czech Republic.....	597	Puerto Rico.....	490
Dominica.....	280	Romania.....	3,571
Dominican Republic.....	9,063	Russia.....	2,230
East Timor.....	110	Rwanda.....	2,200
Ecuador.....	9,889	Saint Lucia.....	830
Egypt.....	1,168	Saint Petersburg.....	120
El Salvador.....	10,575	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.....	665
Eritrea.....	250	Samoa.....	1,360
Estonia.....	500	Saudi Arabia.....	20
Ethiopia.....	3,468	Senegal.....	630
Fiji.....	2,060	Serbia.....	2,370
France.....	560	Seychelles.....	10
French Polynesia.....	280	Sierra Leone.....	2,610
Georgia.....	1,030	Slovenia.....	110
Ghana.....	2,610	Solomon Islands.....	110
Greece.....	520	Somalia.....	88
Grenada.....	280	South Africa.....	23,060
Guam.....	250	Spain.....	500
Guatemala.....	9,723	Sri Lanka.....	3,170
Guyana.....	250	Sudan.....	280
Haiti.....	5,320	Suriname.....	520
Honduras.....	7,544	Swaziland.....	1,970
Hong Kong.....	970	Syria.....	641
Hungary.....	120	Taiwan.....	756
India.....	2,716	Tajikistan.....	480
Indonesia.....	3,340	Tanzania.....	4,018
Iran.....	3,880	Thailand.....	8,640
Iraq.....	4,300	Tibet.....	331
Israel.....	8,110	Tonga.....	500
Italy.....	580	Trinidad & Tobago.....	5,980
Jamaica.....	4,080	Turkey.....	5,550
Japan.....	1,750	Turkmenistan.....	520
Jordan.....	5,022	Uganda.....	10,184
Kazakhstan.....	1,510	Ukraine.....	5,630
Kenya.....	2,930	United States.....	36,584
Kiribati.....	375	Uruguay.....	1,862
Korea, North.....	1,352	Uzbekistan.....	1,240
Korea, South.....	5,700	Vanuatu.....	250
Kosovo.....	1,300	Venezuela.....	3,030
Kyrgystan.....	1,240	Vietnam.....	14,476
Laos.....	780	Virgin Islands (UK).....	284
Latvia.....	740	Virgin Islands (US).....	280
Lebanon.....	2,430	Western Sahara.....	153
Lesotho.....	1,060	Zambia.....	2,646
Liberia.....	780	Zimbabwe.....	2,840

TOTAL COUNTRIES AND REGIONS.....150+
TOTAL WHEELCHAIRS.....1,056,516

A GREAT HONOR TO ASSIST THE OGLALA LAKOTA OF THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION



With *The Tipi Raisers*, a non-profit working on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota, we were able to provide a wheelchair to Kevin Poor Bear. Kevin is 50-years-old and sells his artwork to support his family.

PERSONALLY DELIVERING WHEELCHAIRS IN UGANDA - DONOR DAVID KASIBANTE REPORTS



She was born on January 10th, 1992. Her name is Christine Ainembabazi. Christine developed polio at the age of five and has been unable to walk since. Christine is living in the village of Rwishaiika in Western Uganda, where she attends school. Here in East Africa there has been an extended rainy season and getting to the village where this girl lives was quite impossible until now.

This wheelchair that you have given her is going to have a major positive change to Christine's livelihood; She will no longer have to depend on others for every little thing. Now with mobility, she can have an active life participating with her friends and family in what everyone else calls a 'normal life'. She is so grateful, as is her family for your amazing generosity.

BLACKHAWK MUSEUMS OPEN NEW EXHIBITS



An international audience was on hand on June 13th of this year as Kenneth E. Behring hosted a very special private event at Blackhawk Museum on the occasion of his 89th birthday. To celebrate what he considered his “90th Chinese calendar birthday,” Mr. Behring invited representatives from more than 30 of his Chinese partner museums and museums throughout the United States, and around the world, to attend the unveiling of two new exhibits: *The Art of Africa* and *Into China*.

Several hundred guests were welcomed by dragon dancers in colorful costumes zig-zagging through the crowd, followed by the opening of the new *Art of Africa* and *Into China* exhibits.

Both exhibits highlight Mr. Behring’s efforts to share artistic handiwork as a medium of passing on knowledge. The focus is on artifacts created by human hands. Younger generations can no longer make a living wage practicing these age old crafts and the ability to create these pieces of art by traditional means is being lost.



The *Art of Africa* includes numerous “tree of life” statues carved from single tree stumps depicting daily life in an African village, with others specifically focused on man’s interaction with nature, or the life of tribal women. The exhibit also displays handmade musical instruments, beautiful wildlife paintings, bronze statuary and a diverse collection of African tribal masks.



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT: >>> Consul General of the People’s Republic of China, Mr. Luo Linquan, presents Kenneth E. Behring with a gift of appreciation at the opening of Blackhawk Museums’ newest exhibits. >>> African tribal totems and carvings are featured as a medium for story telling. >>> An array of ceremonial masks provide an in-depth look at Africa’s cultural diversity. >>> African wildlife art in many media share impressions of the fierceness of a Lion, or the gracefulness of a Gazelle. >>> Guests view *The Spirit of the Old West*, *The West Lives On*, *The Blackhawk Auto Collection*, *The Art of Africa* and *Into China* at Blackhawk Museum. >>>



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: >>> The most spectacular addition to the Blackhawk Museum, thus far, is the replica of the 2400-year-old Bianzhong (Bronze Bells) of Marquis Ye of the Zeng State, China. Originally excavated in 1978, this 11,000 pounds set includes 64 cast bronze bells capable of producing notes covering five-and-one-half octaves. Musicians from the Hubei Provincial Bureau of Cultural Relics performed at the event in honor of Mr. Behring, even playing "Happy Birthday" for him on the massive bell set. >>> Dream Land is a sculpture depicting a Chinese fishing village. This unique piece of woodwork took artisans several years to complete and weighs thousands of pounds. >>> 56 Horses wood carving, nearly 30 feet long and weighing several tons, includes one horse for each of China's distinct ethnic groups. >>>

Into China features three incredible majestic wood carvings that inspire true wonder as to how they were created! Attendees were in awe of 56 running horses carved from a tree stump nearly 30 feet long and weighing thousands of pounds, and a gilded Emperor's throne displayed with period specific costumes from the Emperor's court. Intricate embroidery and hand painted glass and ceramics show off the talents of creators of these rare objects.

Blackhawk Museum is open to the public 10AM - 5PM. Closed Monday and Tuesday. www.blackhawkmuseum.org





ABOVE: >>> Through the generous donations of the Asbury, Lynnewood and the San Ramon Valley United Methodist churches, Steve Elliott, Bob Hoffman, Larry Suter, Nancy Benevenuto, Paul and Ann Kuelz, Skip and Liz George, Doug and Mary Ellen Huey, traveled from the San Francisco Bay Area, to Guatemala. There they were able to distribute 100 wheelchairs in partnership with the Wheelchair Foundation and the Rotary Club of Guatemala City. >>>

By Steve Elliott

Our first distribution was at *Virgen Del Socorro* in Antigua. At this long-term care facility, run by the Franciscan Order of the Catholic Church, care is provided for free for children and adults with permanent disabilities, who will never go home.

Our second donation was to a senior community, *Hogar Margarita Cruz Ruiz*, in Guatemala City. Established by three sisters, this home, a lovely converted hacienda, provides compassionate care to elderly women who have no place else to go. It was amazing to see mobility limited women slip into their new wheelchair for the first time. Previously, the staff would physically carry these patients

to meals, chapel and open space. Our hearts leapt with joy as we experienced this moment. It is a level of dignity they so deserve.

Our largest distribution was at an event in Guatemala City sponsored by the Rotary Club. It was overwhelming to walk into an outdoor pavilion filled with anxious families selected to receive a wheelchair. One by one, each family was called to the front to accept the wheelchair. One by one, we collectively celebrated the grateful, beaming recipient and their family. It was one of the most heartwarming moments you can imagine and one of the most humbling.

We delivered what seemed like an endless stream of wheelchairs. To see a very young boy experience mobility for the first time in his life, brought tears to our eyes. This little boy had only known life as his loving and patient mother carried him on her back. Adults who had lost a leg or seniors who could no longer walk on their own were simply grateful beyond words. As our host, Alejandro said, “You changed many lives today.” My goodness, we did.



...AND THEN THERE WAS YADA



By Glen Mather - Wheelchair Foundation Florida

It was going to be a small distribution, just 15 chairs. The main event was the dedication of a beautiful medical clinic called *Roberto Clemente #3*, just outside the gates of the *Gran Pacifica* resort in Via Del Mar, Nicaragua.

The small town mayor makes a speech. The proper people are thanked and the names of the wheelchair recipients are read by a local Rotarian. After six such distributions over the past six years, I had become used to the line of people with crutches, walkers and other crude conveyances, queuing up for the opportunity for mobility.

Then I spot Yada - sitting in our smallest wheelchair, stunningly beautiful in her flowered dress, her five-year-old face beaming. Her mother haltingly tells her story. Yada, it seems, has suffered all her life with a heart condition that prevents her from walking more than a few steps without losing her breath. She has little energy, and nods off frequently - her lips and fingers were blue, a telltale sign of circulation problems. Without a wheelchair, there was little hope to get her to school, as she was too difficult to carry for her petite mother.

Now everything is changing. Her new wheelchair gives her the freedom to move when she can and rest when she cannot. Several of the staff of *Gran Pacifica* have pledged to follow up with the mother over the next few weeks to help connect Yada with cardiac experts who can provide a good diagnosis and advocate further treatment.

Pamflio, a man who has one leg amputated and the other without several toes, had been living in a nearby village with his niece, becoming completely dependent on her for his daily living. For seven years he relied on crutches with immense pain. With his new red wheelchair to permit his independence, his caretaker can go back to work baking goods and earning a wage to give them both security.

At the clinic, the portable music system is turned up and the pinata is hung. The young boys, most wearing their baseball uniforms, take turns with blindfolded swings, the girls more interested in the falling candy. Fifteen red wheelchairs are loaded on pickup trucks, motorbikes and a three-wheeled jitney.

Fifteen families lives are changed in one afternoon, and one memory remains, Yada.

season highlights

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CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT: >>> The *From the Heart* School Program allowed several school students and teachers to travel to South America to distribute wheelchairs to children and adults in need of mobility. The kids raise funds throughout the school year and then travel to present wheelchairs firsthand. >>> Clowning around in Argentina, some of our youngest recipients were amused. >>> Blackhawk Museum's new *Ocean Reef Wall* with background artistry courtesy of muralist Roxana Santos de Hayden. >>> A handshake of gratitude at a distribution at *Asilo Ancianos Santiago Crespo* in Alajuela, Costa Rica, was followed by a sincere invitation to lunch at this recipients home for everyone who had traveled to Costa Rica to help the disabled. >>> Blackhawk Museum's sensational exhibit opening, held on June 13th of this year, was made even better with the assistance of these young volunteers from APAPA of Northern California. Thank you to everyone who worked to make our event a grand success! >>>





CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: >>> Wine for Wheels supporters, Glenn and Tammie Perry with sons Collin and Brandon, receive certificates of appreciation for their gifts of mobility to the people of Belize. >>> On a family visit to Costa Rica, former Wheelchair Foundation employee, Jeff Neal, locates a wheelchair he distributed in that country 15 years ago! "Fifteen years on the beach and this wheelchair is still going strong!" >>> Ms. Melanie Benitez of *RotaCare Pittsburg Free Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul* of Contra Costa County, California, receives 10 brand new wheelchairs for clients from Wheelchair Foundation. >>> KEB Aircraft mechanic and occasional world traveler, Tim Hablitzil, happened across this gentlemen enjoying the sunshine and fresh air on a morning jog in China. Tim has help distribute thousands of wheelchairs over the years, but commented that it was very cool to see one in use, in a place he never expected to spot one of our red wheelchairs. Thank you Tim! >>> A thumbs-up for a new red wheelchair during a distribution in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Thank you to Douglas Cockcroft and *Splitting Image Taxidermy* for their efforts to provide mobility to the disabled and less fortunate of South Africa. Keep up the good work! >>>





WINE FOR WHEELS DELIVERS WHEELCHAIRS TO BELIZE

By Roseann Papageorge

On an ordinary day, the 9th of November, 2007, Jazwell Benitez Moguel was run over by a truck and lost the use of his legs. Jazwell was 18-months-old. This incident changed the lives of his whole family, as he could not receive the proper care he required in Belize. Jazwell and his mother relocated to Houston, Texas, to start rehabilitation at the *Shriners Hospital for Children*. This all happened only weeks before Christmas and his family could not be together for the holiday, something which continued for the next nine years.

The morning of our wheelchair distribution, Jazwell and his mother were in Belize City for more physical therapy. The boy paid no attention to the doctors, only to the clock. "Mom we have to leave soon, I do not want to be late for my new wheelchair." He was counting down the minutes looking at the time. Even with reassurance from his mother, Jazwell was still antsy to see his new gift.

When they arrived at the Lions Club, his eye darted around in search for his new chair. Finally, there it was, It stood out as it was the only child-sized wheelchair in the room. We picked him up and slowly placed him on the shiny red wheelchair. It was just right for his small stature. Yet, when he sat up straight in the chair he felt like a giant. His smile stretched from ear to ear and his glow was that of pride and joy.

Jazwell was so excited to go to school the next day and show off his new bright red wheelchair. He attends *ACES School* in San Pedro, Belize, with other special needs children and was the talk of class. I reconnected with his mother who shared with me the happiness he had displaying in sharing and showing off his new wheelchair. This was not just a means for transportation, to this child it provides freedom and a way to be equal to his peers.

Thank you to everyone supporting our Wine For Wheels fundraising efforts to get wheelchairs to the disabled and less fortunate of Belize and the rest of the world!



Wine for Wheels is thousands of friends and colleagues who meet at different venues all over the country and across the globe. Some events are private, some public, and some in far off lands! All of them collect donations to buy wheelchairs for those in need. *Wine for Wheels* provides a fun and interesting way for individuals and groups to initiate fundraising campaigns at all levels and to offer their friends a way to engage with the world.

Interested in hosting an event? Contact - Jeff Behring
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FROM THE HEART - TO ARGENTINA



By Justin Anderson

ABOVE: >>> Students and Teachers from Northern California travel to Argentina to donate wheelchairs to children and families in need. Kids from the United States partner with local groups to provide wheelchairs to individuals and families. >>> Below: >>> Our author, Teacher Justin Anderson, with wheelchair recipient, Victor, and his family. Teachers, students and parents can all participate in funding and delivering wheelchairs. >>>

Over 50 schools participated in raising money for wheelchairs over the past school year. All schools were in San Ramon and Pleasanton, California, with the exception of Skyline. Skyline was the only Oakland Unified School District school to participate and raised more funds for the chairs than any other high school in the program! As a result, Wheelchair Foundation decided to honor Skyline by putting a patch on every wheelchair that we distributed in Argentina this past week! All in all, we distributed 280 wheelchairs to individuals that needed, but could not afford a wheelchair.

A couple of short stories of individuals that received wheelchairs that made a big impact on me:

Victor - He is 35-years-old. 10 years ago, he was studying to be a teacher and he was in a motorcycle accident. He is paralyzed from the waist down and has a cognitive disability as a result of his accident. I am also 35 and about 10 years ago, I became a teacher. Victor and I sought very similar paths in life and due to one accident, Victor was unable to take the same path that I did. This was very grounding for me. The wheelchair will allow Victor to be more independent and go to the store on his own. *(continued on page 12)*





Julio - He is 65-years-old. Some recipients were unable to get themselves to the distribution centers to pick up their wheelchairs. In these cases, we made home visits. Julio and his wife lived deep in the Iguazu jungle in northern Argentina right on the boarder of Brazil. We took his wheelchair to him.

Prior to his stroke, Julio was a fruit farmer and he loved his gardens. 10 years has passed since his stroke and Julio had been outside only a few times in those 10 years, only to go to the hospital. Through tears (we all had tears), Julio's wife jokingly said in Spanish "now I can wash my hands of you." Julio responded by saying "be careful what you wish for, I may roll this chair right out of here now."

It was a very touching moment. Julio said he will now go sit in his garden every day, something that he has not been able to do in many years.



Ian - He is six-years-old. His older sister, Jennifer, supports him with everything in life. Jennifer is nine-years-old. This is Ian's first wheelchair and he was so excited!

These are just three of the countless stories that I could write up about this trip to Argentina. All of these successes are a result of the support that students and staff all gave throughout the year to the Wheelchair Foundation and the *Wheelchair Wednesday* donation days. You all made a commitment to helping people in need and it was so appreciated!



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT: >>> Deep in the heart of the rainforest of northern Argentina, near the Brazillian border, a long awaited wheelchair arrives for 65-year-old stroke victim. >>> Six-year-old Ian recieves a much needed wheelchair and shares his wonderful smile with everyone he meets! >>> A home delivery provides a glimpse into the daily life of the disabled in Argentina. >>> Letters from California students to wheelchair recipients in Argentina. Recipients write back and the teachers return responses to students back in the U. S. A. >>>

WHEELCHAIRS FOR PORT ELIZABETH

By Douglas Cockcroft



In March of this year, special needs pupils from Merryvale and Lonwabo Schools in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, were the recipients of 85 brand new wheelchairs. Wheelchair Foundation, in partnership with *Splitting Image Taxidermy*, handed over wheelchairs to disadvantaged pupils to replace old and no longer functioning equipment.

Splitting Image Taxidermy managing director, Douglas Cockcroft, noted “since partnering with Wheelchair Foundation in 2011, the Port Elizabeth region has received more than 400 donated wheelchairs.”

“Special needs schools struggle with various challenges, but donations like these make life easier for our children, who are all in need,” noted Merryvale School Principal, Mario Engelbrecht.

Merryvale grade 4 pupil, Lulonke Nombande, 10-years-old, said he was happy about his new wheelchair and couldn’t wait to show his family. “It’s beautiful and red, and I really like it! It moves faster than my old chair and I know my mommy will like it as well!”



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: >>> Wheelchair recipients from Merryvale and Lonwabo Schools were treated to a choir performance as part of a wheelchair distribution event in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. >>> Students watch and sing along in their new red wheelchairs. >>> Splitting Image managing director, Douglas Cockcroft, gets a thumbs-up for a new wheelchair. Douglas has helped distribute more than 400 brand new wheelchairs to those in need in the Port Elizabeth area. >>>

REAL LIFE IMPACT



Contributed by Donors Paul and Debbie Kavanaugh

We have many other projects we work with worldwide so the Wheelchair Foundation is one of many we do. We are working with the Wheelchair Foundation on a repeat basis because we see the actual dollars being spent on the chairs thereby insuring people get the benefit that we, and our partners that help us, want them to get.

What motivates us is seeing the real life impact that mobility provides for the people. It is also a great thing to see the families and what it means to them.



In addition, we have worked with Wheelchair Foundation's Eva Carleton a number of times and she has been very professional and very responsive. Another factor is that we get to pick the countries that receive the wheelchairs. I am a trial attorney and have worked with mobility-impaired people my entire life. I know what this means to them.



*My wife and I have been avid travelers our whole adult lives. We have been to 115 countries so far, so no destination is to “different” for us. Many of our projects are in rural Africa, Asia and South America. **“Have a destination - will travel,”** is our motto.*



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: >>> Paul and Debbie Kavanagh with one of the nearly 1,000 wheelchair recipients they have personally donated wheelchairs to. >>> Paul Kavanagh (center) with wheelchair recipients in Nepal, earlier this year. >>> Debbie Kavanagh poses with a young man receiving a new wheelchair, one of 100 donated to the disabled and less fortunate of Nepal. >>> Paul and Debbie with a gentleman who lost both legs in an auto accident and was in desperate need of a new wheelchair in Mendoza, Argentina. >>>

We have done four different distributions so each has its own unique perspectives. One particular touching story was a young woman who had spina bifida who was going to college. She wanted to know why we were helping her. Why, when her own country would not and her family could not? We simply said that “we were Americans, and when we can help, we do.” Lots of tears were shed.

Another was a man from Mendoza, Argentina who lost both his legs at the hip in an accident. The chair he had was barely held together by bailing wire and tape and was literally falling apart. When he got his new chair, he was smiling like he had just gotten the keys to a Ferrari. The last was a lady who had been trapped in her home for eight years because she could not walk. She wept like a child knowing she could now get out of her house. We are setting up our fifth distribution later in the year in Argentina.

In addition, we are planning our next project in Cambodia for next year. With the help of our friends, we call our “Wheelchair Warriors,” we plan next year to go over the 1,000-wheelchair mark. With many more to be done down the road.





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