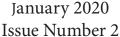


Tri-Kin Updater











y leg was amputated. Since then I could not walk and had to crawl on the ground. I tried a wheelchair but didn't have the strength to move it in the sand. I tried crutches, but I kept falling down.

"Then I got a big surprise--a hand chair. I could not believe it when I was given one. I was so happy I cried and danced.

"You see, even though my hands have no fingers, I can move with this chair. I can do it by myself.

"Thank you. Thank you. I never imagined someone would think of me.

"I am baptized as a child, but I know today that God loves me. This gift is so great. It changes my life. It is restoring even my health." [A first hand story from www.leprosy. org].

When we get a note from one of our team members that is as gracious as the one we got just before Thanksgiving, we want to share it with the entire team - not only those who work directly on Trinity Carts, but those who donate and pray for us.

"Dear Dick, I wanted to pen you a Thank you letter. How many years have you been a soldier of Godgoing boldly forward working to make hundreds of thousands of lives better? And surely this number is a conservative estimate.

I think of how each and every PET/Trinity cart changes the life of the recipient so profoundly that words cannot accurately describe. The family of each recipient is gifted with the joy of seeing their loved one regain what is so easy to take for granted - the ability to get where you want and need to go! The ripple effect is inestimable and impacts every community member and really the entire country - yes country, where the Trinity Cart has landed.

Bring it home for a brief moment and KNOW that every person involved - even we who are so tangentially involved are blessed and our hearts sing knowing that in one very small way we have made one life - thousands of lives better.

Dick - you truly are a gift to our world - I'm so glad our paths crossed.

God bless you - Happy Thanksgiving - ***"

How neat is that. Thank you so much. That is such a blessing for the whole team.

From time-to-time we find ourselves short of volunteers who have certain skills. During the Pacific North-West winter, several Tri-Kin leave the snow covered ground and head



for sunnier climes. Our "hard working" chief painter is one of those who gets cold feet and heads for Arizona for the duration of our snow and cold. He did come back for Christmas, and here he is as "boss" of the paint shop. But - now he's gone again so he can square-dance in the Phoenix area. Oh, that's Joe Kramarz in his usual boss's chair.

Our current volunteer needs are for painters, welders, an upholster, and Freedom cart assemblers. Welders are especially needed right now. If you, or someone you know, would like to pitch in for a few hours, please call Dick Carpenter at 466-3425.

Included with each Trinity Freedom Cart we pack, is a "to-go" box of tools and directions (in 4 languages) for re-assembly of the cart. The set of tools includes all necessary wrenches, screwdrivers, extra nuts, bolts, and screws, and other miscellaneous necessities for both assembly and long term maintenance of the cart.

Since our beginning, tools for this to-go box have been purchased, at significantly reduced prices, from DoughBoys Tools and Equipment. Larry Holman started the business as River City Tools in 1980, and then renamed it DoughBoys in October 1995. Larry's, son Chris and son-in-law Donny Ledbeter, took over several years ago when Larry semi-retired.

It is with a great deal of sadness that, at age 44, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, Chris left his earthly life to go to a place where pain is not known. We are greatly saddened on two counts; Chris' homegoing, and the fact that DoughBoys has now closed their doors after many long years of providing every day and hard-to-find tools. We will miss not only the ability to get the tools we need, but also the loss of the very friendly crew at DoughBoys.

Dick Carpenter says: "It's a new year for Trinity and we need to create a shipment for World Vision. Late February was our goal for a shipping date but that has slipped into mid-March as production came to a halt for the last week of 2019.

Currently seat and wood parts for 16 carts are ready for assembly. However our usual steady production of steel parts has been interrupted for lack of welders. Thankfully painter Bob Torrell has temporarily stepped forward to weld. Thank you Bob."

If you know someone who doesn't get a copy of this Tri-Kin Updater, but would like to, please let us know at 8trikin@gmail.com. We plan to issue an Updater each month.

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