



**The Inland North-West Trinity Project**  
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# Tri-Kin Updater



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## *They're on Their Way*

A lot of hard work, cooperation, and team-work went in to the 140 Trinity Carts that began their long journey to Jordan on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December. Their first stop will be to the Global Hope in Action warehouse in Corona California and, when a ship is ready to be loaded, they will be on their way to Jordan. (We have calculated that each box will be moved a total of 18 times from here to there.)

Several weeks ago, 60 Minutes featured the refugee camps in Jordan where they are primarily filled with

people leaving Syria to escape fighting there. They estimated there are 6 million living in several large refugee camps, half of them children. The 60 Minutes segment showed how the IRC (International Rescue Committee) has partnered with a workshop from Sesame Street to help educate the children.



Global Hope in Action was founded by John Ditty and his wife several years ago to care for individual cases where traditional relief activities would either be too late, or too little. The Ditty's have committed their lives to help the world's neediest through delivery of medical supplies and equipment. They, and we, are

particularly excited to know that our carts will immediately help meet the needs of those who cannot walk.

## *Teamwork at its Best*

Wood donated by our friends in Canada, cut and finished by our Tri-Kin from the western side of Washington, trucked to Spokane by Peninsula Truck Lines, then cup hooks put in place by early risers of our paint crew. That's a lot of wood to be primed, painted, powdered, then sent to our assembly shop for assembly with additional welded and powder-coated steel parts, for packing and shipping. But it all gets completed by teams working together.



Our featured volunteer article for the October 2012 newsletter said this: “I’m sure you have all heard of Bonnie Wartes, our oldest PET-Kin, and if you haven’t met her, you’re missing a real blessing. Bonnie not only paints Rainbow PET parts, but she also collects



stuffed animals to pack around PETs for shipping. She volunteers her painting skills for us and also volunteers in a thrift shop where she collects bags and bags of stuffed animals. Bonnie will be 92 this December.” She often said she has no desire to let age slow her down from her many hours of volunteer work for several organizations.

It is with great sadness that we have to report that Bonnie left her earthly life last week. We know she is much happier now in a place where pain is unknown, but that doesn’t relieve our grief and sadness that she is no longer here with us. We miss her very much.

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There are times when writing a check isn’t the most efficient way to give to a charity. Once you reach age 70½, and must take the yearly RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) from your IRA, if you receive the check directly, you will discover that income tax is due on the entire amount of the distribution. The amount you receive is added directly to your gross income and is taxable as such.

If, on the other hand, you have your IRA custodian write a check from your IRA made payable to a qualified charity (such as the Trinity Project), your entire donation is treated as a QCD (Qualified Charitable Donation) and is not taxed as ordinary income by the IRS. Probably the best part is that the QCD can be up to \$100,000 per year. Please check with your Financial Advisor for any additional details as we are not qualified to give you financial advice. We just want to make you aware of this IRS rule.

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If you know someone who didn’t get a copy of this Tri-Kin Updater, but would like to, please let us know at [8strikin@gmail.com](mailto:8strikin@gmail.com). We’ll issue Updaters once a month as long as your editor can keep up that pace.

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## *Friendship*

by Dick Carpenter

As missionary workers, we spend hours together each day, week, and month. I like the thought of us being a community of Thick Relationships. This being true for 14 years means we have created many friendships over the years.

One author has concluded, “...every friendship is a small and imperfect echo of the Triune God.”

When we talk to other people, civic clubs, or churches, we always point to Christ in Matthew 25 where He tells us to the degree you do it for “the least of these, you do it for me.” From this, we know we are working for Christ each hour we are cutting or painting boards, welding steel, making sub-assemblies, building a cart, or packing.

In the Gospel of John, “Jesus gives all who trust Him the privilege of being his friends.” When we live this, that trust flows through our Tri-Kin friendships. When we work, even our silence, abides in that friendship. When we work, our laughter and sharing, reflects the joy we share in working with Christ, and with each other.

Jonathan Edwards said, “friendship is the highest happiness of moral men and women.” Looking deeper in to our friendships, Christ wants us to view the cross in terms of friendship.” In John 15, Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this, than someone lays down his life for his friends.” Tri-Kin sacrifice “life” as time and energy and are invested for the leg-disabled people who receive our Rainbow Freedom Carts. We may never know or see them but we are friends. Remember this:

Friendship – with God and One Another – is one of our Greatest Joys!