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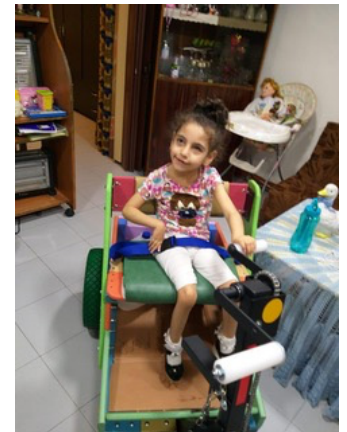


Good News From Lebanon



We described the country of Lebanon in our last Tri-Kin Trailways (September) newsletter. At that time we didn't have any feedback about the 120 Trinity Carts we loaded in two FedEx trailers last June bound for Lebanon. The news we now have is that they have all been distributed and just today we received pictures and stories from those in the field. The best news of all was that, during the distribution, about 40 people received Christ. *"I think today was the best spiritually I've done. 18 Lebanese and Brazilians who were in town also came along to help. Absolutely wonderful"* our distribution partner said.

Joice Doury Fares (left) is 14. Her birth was difficult, causing her brain to be starved for oxygen. Her family says they (and Joice) are extremely grateful for her new Trinity Cart since she is too heavy to carry and she can now go places on her own.



Rousil Aadel Aamamor (above right) is 7. Shortly after she was born she contracted a disease which caused brain damage. Her family is very poor and depressed. When Rousil received her Trinity Cart, her family was elated as they regained hope for their little girl. After Rousil got her cart, her parents received Christ as a result of our donors generosity; giving to see the down and out lifted out of the dirt into a life of dignity and hope. WOW!!!



The majority of the 120 Trinity Carts were sent to cities and villages in the Eastern section of Lebanon. Bar Elias and Bekka (or Bekaa) are villages about 53 miles east of Beirut. Because they are near the Lebanese border with Syria, many refugees from the severe unrest in Syria have taken refuge in these villages.

The woman in the foreground (left) is Ikram el Sheleh who lost her ability to walk when she was a baby because of a disease. She is now very thankful and happy because – as she said – *"now I am able to go out of my house."*



Hanaa & Asmaa el Makareh are twin-sisters whose walking ability started deteriorating at age 5. They are from Saadnayel, Bekaa, Lebanon.



Mahmoud Abou el Beid, had a physical disability which became aggravated after being hit during the war in Syria.



Badih Mahmoud Saraab (left) has a problem we haven't previously associated with a need for Trinity Carts; Rheumatoid Arthritis. It is a chronic, life long, progressive disease that can cause irreversible joint damage. It seems to occur when the immune system mistakenly attacks healthy joints, and includes pain, swelling, stiffness and loss of physical functions, such as use of the arms and hands, or the ability to walk. Badih lost his ability to walk four years ago, so his new Trinity Cart is a life-saver for him so he can now be mobile again.



Another casualty of the Syrian war is Mohammad Hussein Saraabi (right) who lost his ability to walk after being hit by a bullet in his head.

Abdullah Ahmad Mahmoud (left) is a 5-year-old Syrian boy with Cerebral Palsy. He lives in the Lebanese Physical Handicapped Union Center in Barelias Bekaa, Lebanon. It doesn't take much imagination to

see how happy he is with his new Trinity Cart.



Abdullah Amouri (left) is a 24-year-old Syrian young man who has Cerebral Palsy.

Mohammad Chams Dein Ibrahim (right) is a 7-year-old Syrian boy also with Cerebral Palsy. We met him and his sister Zamzam with the same condition at the Lebanese Physical Handicapped Union Center.

Their parents are so thankful since they are able now to take them out on these carts; it was very hard for both of them to be carried when they were away from home.

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Ways you can make a direct impact on the Trinity Project

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The panel at the bottom of this page explains several different ways you can get money to The Trinity Project, but did you know there are several ways to give funds and at the same time save taxes?

We can't give you financial or tax advice; that needs to come from a professional tax advisor or tax attorney who will help you determine financial consequences of your charitable activities. What we can tell you though is that if you have items such as stock or a 401(k), which is worth more now than you paid for it, rather than have to pay tax on the increase, you are able to request up to \$100,000 of that be transferred directly to the Trinity Project. Inherited stock falls in another (even better) category. One thing you need to keep in mind is that the funds need to be transferred directly from your account to the Trinity Project. Once you personally receive a check, tax is due.

Charles^{*} supports the Trinity Project with monthly donations. He recently turned 70½ and was excited to learn that he can donate up to \$100,000 per year from his traditional IRA to a qualified 501(c)(3) ministry (that's us). That will do two things for Charles; 1) it will satisfy his required minimum distribution for the year, and 2) it will reduce his taxable income.



Julie^{*} has many shares of Boeing stock she bought over 25 years ago. Rather than cash it in and have to pay income tax on the gain, she decided to donate it to The Trinity Project. She knew her gift would not only help alleviate pain and suffering, but she would avoid capital gains tax, which allowed more funds to be given to the ministry.

Two other ways of getting funds to the Trinity Project are through making a bequest of part, or all, of your estate, and either a revocable living trust or an irrevocable trust (there are advantages and disadvantages to both).

The purpose of Trinity's new Schwab account is to fund the future (3-5 years) costs for the production and shipping of Trinity carts.

^{*}not his/her real name

As we've mentioned before, funds for buying parts for Freedom Carts, seem to be getting more and more scarce. As our business partners have to cut back, or in some cases, go completely out of business, we are having to buy more items that use to be donated by these partners. We are so indebted to all of our business partners, and especially to those who have remained with us through these 13 years. We can't say enough good things about them.

We now have several new ways (and some old ones) to make donating to the Trinity Project more convenient.

1) You can still send checks, made payable to WCPC-Trinity Project and send to: 15123 Little Spokane Dr., Spokane, WA 99208.

2) Donate electronically through Pay Pal, even though you don't have a Pay Pal account. All you need is either a credit or a debit card. Go to our web-site: nwtrinityproject.org and click on the word "DONATE" (which is on every page of the site). That will take you to the image you see on the right. All you need to do is click on the yellow button (or any of the other buttons below the yellow one). The rest is clearly explained. We'll gladly send you an official tax receipt.

3) We now have an investment account with Charles Schwab & Company into which you can make donations of stocks, bonds, annuities, mutual funds, IRAs and other such investments. To get more specific details on this account, please contact Dick Carpenter at (509) 368-1777 or Mike Larson at (509) 998-5517.



These two guys (brothers) have a very strong work ethic. They not only work in harmony, but they are so quiet one hardly knows they are there. They each build two carts every Monday, and if they see something else that needs to be done elsewhere in the shop, they are on it without hesitation.



Both Rod and Lee grew up in Spokane, played basketball for North Central High School, went to the U of Washington, and served in the Navy. Both have long term marriages, Rod to Carole for 63 years and Lee to Doni for 52 years.

Maybe we shouldn't say it this way but family wise they kind of went their separate ways. Rod and Carole have three boys and Lee and Doni have four girls. Lee and Doni now have nine grandchildren.

Both boys, when they finished their navy stints, came back to Spokane to work in the family construction business, Hazen & Clark. Both are retired, but not sitting in rocking chairs. They are both leaders in the community, serving on numerous boards and service organizations. They do enjoy their family cabin on the Pend Oreille River, and especially enjoy watching the grandkids as they experience the same beauty of the North West that they did as boys.

Lee and Doni also enjoy traveling both in the US and abroad as they kayak and, now that winter is near, Lee

will try his hand again on the ski slopes.

Dick Carpenter says they both are such a pleasure to have with us and work tirelessly to keep our weekly and monthly production goals met. Dick is grateful for their help, cooperation, and the joy they bring to the shop. That's Rod on the left and Lee on the right.

More Good News From Lebanon



The whole crew at the Physical Handicapped Union Center in Barelias Bekaa, Lebanon. When you read the work they did on Pages 1 and 2, they did much-much more than anyone could have imagined, all made possible by of our wonderful team of volunteers, giving companies, and gracious donors. Thank you all.

Does your church, Sunday school class, club, or organization need a guest speaker? We are passionate about our mission and love to talk to groups. We can give a 15-minute or hour-long presentation and can bring a Freedom cart along for the ride! Call or email us to schedule your presentation. Visits to the shop may also be scheduled here: 509-466-3425 or beboid@comcast.net.

We included an article in the September issue of Tri-Kin Trailways titled “Lessons to Think About ~ A Parable”. We asked for your comments about your thoughts as to how the parable of “The Giving Tree” relates to the Trinity Project and whether you see any connection between us and either the boy or the tree. We received several comments, all of which were very thoughtful, and we appreciate all who took the time to answer.

Comments seem to fit into two different categories: 1) a heartwarming story of unconditional love, or 2) a disturbing tale of selfishness. We’ll paraphrase some of the best we received.

The Trinity Project, with all of the volunteers, donors, and companies who make the project so successful, are the “giving tree”. Recipients of the carts are “the boy”. All of the recipients seem to be very grateful when they first receive their cart, but few respond directly to us. We don’t want to call them ungrateful since many probably don’t have the skills or ability to read or write. Those who do, don’t seem to realize that there is a “giving tree” behind every cart.

Nature’s resources (including trees) are always there when we need them. As we grow older, we have increasing needs for these resources, but how often do we give thanks for them? “I guess this allegory is actually an object lesson intended to make us think about God’s gift of the earth to us in all its forms as it sustains us.” Do we have a grateful attitude for ALL of God’s every day gifts to us? Living with a thankful attitude will be seen by others and will bear a good influence in some of them as well.

“I see this story all the time with borrowing things and money from parents. Then old age sets in and neither has much of anything left.” When we as parents see our children going through difficult times, we want to help them and, more than anything, make them happy. We want them to share their time and joy with us. With maturity, what we thought was important we realize really wasn’t that important after all. We long for the simple things we left behind, time and loved ones we can no longer enjoy.

Thanks to all who read and took part in helping all of us understand “The Giving Tree” and “the boy”.



To the untrained eye, this jig (left) may not look like much, but it is worth its weight in gold. One of the problems in the Trinity shop in the past has been to notch the goose neck end so the pivot tube can be properly fit to the goose neck and accurately welded. The pivot pin (which fits inside the pivot tube) is a critical part which connects the tractor unit to the trailer unit in each Freedom Cart. Originally, notches in the goose neck ends had to be ground by hand; very labor intensive and not always accurate. Visualize having to weld a round tube to the square goose neck

end. You can see the problem in the picture on the right. With Bob Berndt’s invention, he calls it a goose neck jig, when the two parts are welded, they are always in proper alignment. The jig not only makes the job easier and quicker, but the end result is that the weld is right every time. Thank you Bob for the idea and design. You are a valuable asset to your fellow workers and to our recipients.





We aren't certain the exact date this picture was taken, but it is close to the beginning of the project ~ so, this is as near the "original" crew as we can get. **Back row l to r**, Lyle Crecelius, Maurice Feryn, Joe Kramarz, Dick Carpenter, Ted Davies, Bill Murray, Harvey Lochhead. **Middle row**, Don Mortensen, Earl Boetcher, Bob Jones. **Front row**, Tom Crow, Carol Rasor, Dave Rasor, Ed Edmonson.

Because we are in the business of making it possible for people with leg disabilities to be mobile, we are always looking for different and better ways to provide transportation for the disabled. Any new or innovative uses of our carts or wheelchairs are of interest.

Recently we came across a newspaper article about an injured turtle who now has a "wheelchair" so it can be mobile again after an accident which caused several fractures on the bottom part of its shell.

Had the turtle been left to try and heal naturally, the fractures would have allowed dirt to enter and cause infection. The injuries were unusual for being underneath the shell, not on top, so the challenge became how to let the animal move around and also let the injury heal.

With some creativity, ingenuity, and sketches, a university veterinary student designed and built a small wheelchair with - - LEGOs. The wheelchair is unique in that it surrounds the turtle's shell and sits on four LEGO wheels. With the wheelchair strapped on, the turtle can move but still keep the bottom of its shell off the ground. It also allows the legs to be free so it can move as well as allowing it to completely close up when it feels threatened.

From all reports, the turtle seems to be enjoying its new wheels.



Our business partners faithfully support us with paint, powder coating, wood, welding equipment, bearings, transportation, and many other products free, or at drastically

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reduced prices. If it weren't for them, we could not provide the service to the down-and-out that we do with each shipment of Freedom Carts. We wanted a way to say "Thank You" to each of them, so when Mertz Wuts joined our team and we found out he was a model builder, we immediately "volunteered" him for the job of building 12 - 1/5th size "Mini-Carts", one for each for each of our business partners. Each cart has a real chain to drive the front



wheel. All three wheels turn and the hand cranks work.

We say **Thank You** to each of the 12, and also to Mertz for such a beautiful job. The picture at the top left is self explanatory, but to get a size perspective, Mertz got a shot of his curious cat inspecting each cart. You can see the chain in the picture of the single yellow cart.



When we get financial donations from our support team, we send them a note of thanks ~ so, when we get a note of thanks back from one of them, it makes the news. Just such a note came from one of our very faithful partners the other day and we would like to share part of what they said: "I wanted to pen you a Thank You letter. How many years have you been a soldier of God - going boldly forward working to make hundreds of thousands of lives better? 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 easily taken for granted - the ability to get where you want to 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 the two of us 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.

You truly are a gift to our world - I'm so glad our paths crossed. God bless you."

What a blessing. The whole team is blessed beyond words. Thank you so much.



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