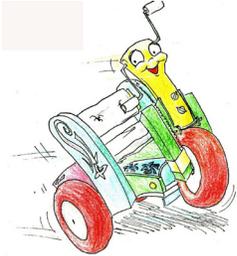


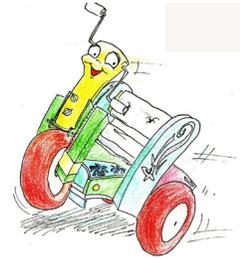


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# Tri-Kin Trailways



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## Liberia ~ the Country

The last shipment of 160 Trinity Carts sent in December is headed to the West African country of Liberia. The last we heard in early April was that they are still “on their way”, and not there yet.

Liberia is an interesting country, but so diverse it’s hard to know where to start. As you can see from the map, it is bordered by Guinea on the north, Cote d’Ivoire on the east, Sierra Leone to the northwest, and the Atlantic Ocean along the south and west sides of the country. Since it is just north of the equator, it is hot all year. The rainy season is May to October, and dry – dusty winds from the Sahara desert blow from November to March. The coastal plains form an almost flat coast filled with mangroves and swamps. The land then rises to rolling hills covered with tropical rainforests, to a rolling plateau and finally low mountains in the northeast which is mostly deciduous trees. The capital city is Monrovia, named after US President James Monroe.

Beauty is everywhere (almost). Since it is one of the poorest countries in the world, slums are legion. Just 2% of the people are connected to the electrical grid. Although English is their primary language, 95% of the people speak one of at least 20 local languages. The land is rather sparsely populated. At 4.7 million, Liberia is rated number 127 on the scale of most densely populated countries of the world.



Beauty away from the city



That’s hard to understand

when you look at pictures of Monrovia, but the rest of the country is pretty remote.



Monrovia during a rain

Even after two civil wars, 1989-1996 and 1999-2003, land mines don’t seem to be a serious problem, although there are a few still unexploded ones. When I searched the web for information on their land mine population, all I got were pictures of gold mines. I guess that can be qualified as a “land mine” at least they aren’t the explosive type. The two civil wars killed about 250,000 people,



A "land mine"

displaced many more, and shrunk their economy by about 90%.

The culture around Monrovia has two distinct roots, freed US slaves, and African descendants of the indigenous people and migratory tribes. In 1920 the American Colonization Society relocated roughly

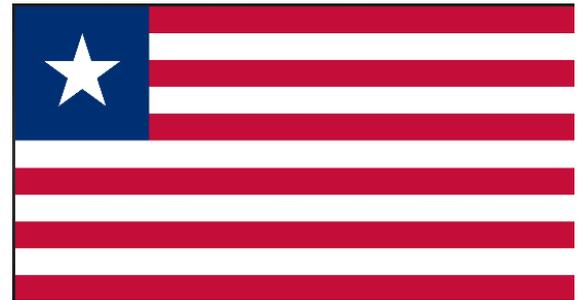


Main street in Monrovia

15,000 freed American slaves, and freeborn black people, to the West African coast. In 1848 Joseph Jenkins Roberts, a wealthy, free-born African American from Virginia who settled in Liberia, was elected as Liberia's first president.

Thousands of slaves eventually were sent and migrated to colonies where Liberia is now; in fact Liberia means "land of the free". During WWII Liberia supported the US war efforts against Germany and in turn, the US invested in considerable infrastructure to help modernize things like their major air transportation facilities.

Oral tradition says the land that is now Liberia was originally inhabited by Pygmies. There were many different tribes living in the area when the Portuguese arrived in 1461. Spanish, Dutch, English, and French traders also visited the area which became known as "The Grain Coast" because of its Melegueta pepper, better known as the "grain of paradise". It is even sold by Amazon today and advertised as: "*Grains of Paradise (Alligator Pepper) for Home Brewing - Kosher Gluten-Free Non-GMO All Natural*



The Flag of Liberia

*Pepper"*.



Beautiful Liberia

The Liberian constitution and flag were modeled after the United States. The 11 stripes on the flag represent those who signed Liberia's Declaration of Independence and the white star represents the first

independent western-style republic in Africa. In 1847 Liberia declared its independence as a republic. Unfortunately, only the returning African-Americans were allowed to vote, thus limiting the natives' rights in the area.



Beautiful Liberia

At the current time, "diseases of concern" are Ebola, Malaria, and Polio.



Polio in Liberia

Long before West Africa's 2014 Ebola epidemic, Liberia was already stricken by poverty, corruption, and hunger. Bush-meat, a cheap source of protein, is one source of the disease. It is illegal to possess or sell it, but as you can see, some still do it for the money. The 2014 outbreak began when a toddler in a rural village in nearby Guinea touched an infected animal. The disease quickly spread to more than 28,000 people - nearly 11,000 of them in Liberia. Bush-meat



Illegal Bush-meat sellers & Vendor

is now banned in Liberia, but many sellers and vendors break the law daily. Experts believe the virus can be sexually transmitted for many months after symptoms abate.

Liberia was declared Ebola free in 2015, but just lately it has sprung up in Guinea and Sierra Leone again. As of this writing three cases have been identified in Liberia.

During "Ebola time", one Liberian said, "even in your own house, you can't touch anyone. You couldn't hug your kids, people were very afraid." Schools were closed, markets shuttered, and businesses forced out of business. "Life after Ebola is worse than the Ebola virus itself" he said.

Only recently have bats been suspected of transmitting the disease to humans.

## 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, leverage your assets, and at the same time save income/estate 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, a 401(k), IRA's, or 403(b)s, 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, to avoid taxes, the funds need to be transferred directly from your account to the Trinity Project. Once you personally receive a check, tax is due. Again, different rules apply to different types of investments and timing as to when contributions to the investment were made, so please check with a tax advisor or attorney as you plan your personal charitable giving strategies. There are many tax advantages when you give retirement assets to a qualified charity such as the Trinity Project.



Two other ways of getting funds to the Trinity Project are through making a bequest of part, or all, of your estate, and setting up 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.



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 used to be donated by these partners. We are extremely indebted to all of our business partners, and especially to those who have remained with us through these 14 years. We can't say enough good things about them. In addition to losing business partners, we are now having to pay an extra 17% tariff on steel, tires, welding wire, and bearings.

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 mail to: 15123 N Little Spokane Dr., Spokane, WA 99208.

2) Donate electronically through PayPal, and you don't even have to have a PayPal account. All you need is either a credit or a debit card. Go to our web-site: [nwtrinityproject.org](http://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 when you donate via PayPal.

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.



**OUR WEB-SITE IS UP AND RUNNING  
WITH GREAT PICTURES AND VIDEOS.**

**PLEASE CHECK IT OUT AT:  
<http://nwtrinityproject.org>**

## In Memory of a Beloved Tri-Kin

The same day the December issue of this newsletter went to the printer, we received notice that Lyle Crecelius had died. Lyle was one of the founders of our project here in Spokane, was on our Board of Directors, and such a great asset, he will be truly missed.

When Lyle first heard about the project, Dick Carpenter was searching for a place to build the carts. Dick was almost ready to sign a rental agreement for a facility several miles from most of our volunteers' homes – not a very satisfactory answer to where the carts would be built. Lyle stepped forward and volunteered his shop, barn, and property, which was ideally suited, and situated, for what was needed. It was centrally located to where most of the volunteers lived. He even gave the OK to use many of his shop tools – a tremendous money saving over having to rent a facility and buy large wood-working tools. The large milking barn, next to the shop, used for cart storage between the time they are built and are shipped. It is ideal as large FedEx trucks are able to back in right next to where the carts are stored to make loading them much less tedious.

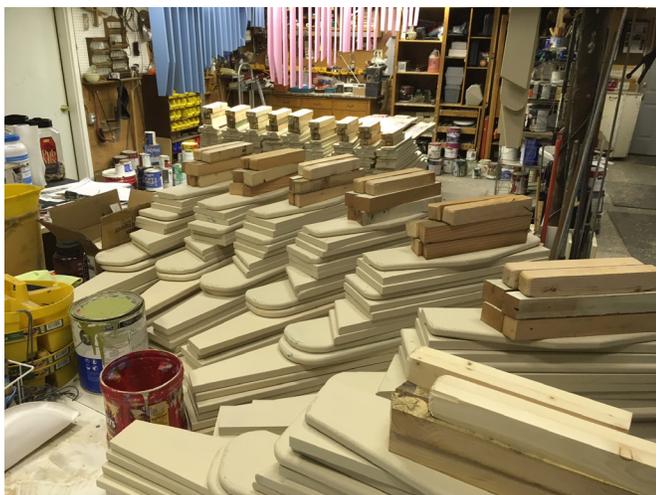
Lyle and Bonnie were married in Madras Oregon and recently celebrated 62 years of marriage. They have one son, two daughters, and 12 grandchildren.

Lyle received his medical degree from Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, graduating with honors in 1962. He interned for a year at Gorgas Hospital in the Panama Canal Zone. In 1965 he received a Degree in Radiology at the University of Oregon in Portland and was a short term missionary in Gambell Alaska (at the very north-west tip of St Lawrence Island, just 50 miles from mainland Russia).

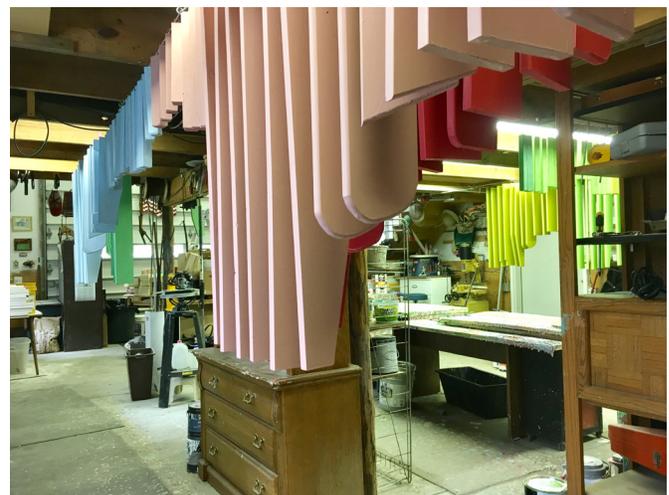
Lyle enjoyed photography, and took many family skiing vacations. We can't say enough good things about Lyle, his love for helping people, his willingness to share his buildings for the Trinity Project, and for his love for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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Ready to Paint



Ready to Assemble

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 [bebold@comcast.net](mailto:bebold@comcast.net).

## Another of our Wonderful Volunteers ~ Wayne Engstrom

Wayne (or “Colonel Wayne” as Dick Carpenter calls him) Engstrom is one of those people who would be very hard to replace if needed. His specialty is welding and he welds all of our metal parts before they go to be powder coated. When he isn’t welding, he is either painting, or helping someone else in the shop. If his help is needed to unload wood, he is a Johnny-on-the-spot. He was instrumental in adapting the welding station to accommodate two welders when Trinity had a new welding machine donated. Wayne has a real commitment to accuracy so that when steel parts are “married” to the wood parts of a Trinity Cart, they fit the first time.



Wayne adjusting the chain for Rocky

Wayne’s past career backgrounds have uniquely prepared him for all he does in the Trinity shop currently.

He was born close to Spokane, on a small farm in Colville. With one older sister, a farmer father, and a homemaker mother, he must have been an ideal child since he enjoyed his farm chores, even to the point of liking to change the irrigation sprinklers.



Wayne in “uniform”

He graduated from Washington State with a degree in (you would never guess it) agriculture.

After graduation he started his second career in the Air Force where he thought he would become a weather officer. As fate would have it, he became a pilot, and after training in T-37’s and T-38s, he flew F-101 and F-102s, but then went from fighters to a much larger airplane, the KC-135 tanker.

After active duty, Wayne joined the Washington Air National Guard where he served full time and retired as a Colonel.

Both Wayne and his nurse wife Wilma (who retired as a Lt. Colonel in the Air National Guard) have one daughter, who just recently also joined the ranks of the retired after a career in marketing.

Both Wayne and Wilma love to volunteer. Before Wayne discovered the Trinity Project, he volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. Wilma dedicates her time to Hospice of Spokane and occasionally with the Washington State Veterans Cemetery.

We surely do appreciate all Wayne has done and is doing for the Project. He is a real asset to the entire project.



What Trinity Carts can do for people. Before and After pictures.



How are Freedom Carts, once they reach an overseas port, transported to their final destination? We'll let these pictures answer that question.



### **Help Needed:**

As of April 5, we have 82 Rainbow Trinity Carts built, packed, and ready to ship, in our storage barn. But, the issue is that we have not been able to find an organization who can ship them to where they are so desperately needed. If we have to stop building more carts because of lack of storage space, we will not only lose momentum among our Tri-Kin, but those leg disabled who need them will have to go without until a shipper can be found. If you know of a charitable organization who ships supplies overseas, please let Dick Carpenter know. (509) 368-1777 or (509) 466-3425.

### **Trinity Carts in Honduras**

All of the violence and dangers lurking in some Central American countries has caused more need for Rainbow Freedom Carts. Fortunately a load of carts shipped just over a year ago was available when they were needed in Honduras.

Jose Torres Manfusco (right). Lost his leg when he stepped on a land mine while hunting for mushrooms in the hills near his home. He and his wife and 6 children own and run a small market in their home town so his new Freedom Cart has given him the ability to do so much more in their market.



Zorroco Galistas' and his dad (left) are best friends. Zorroco loved soccer and playing with his classmates but an unnamed virus slowly destroyed the strength in his legs. Once he got his Rainbow Freedom Cart, Zorroco can lift himself out of the dirt which has enhanced his whole life and attitude. He can laugh again. His school work has improved and he can go to games and cheer for his friends and still be part of the team.



# The “Liturgy” of Building Freedom Carts

by Dick Carpenter

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When I graduated from college, I refused to attend my graduation because it seemed to be a meaningless waste of time. As an older man, I came to realize that these rituals give meaning to life. After having loved and enjoyed 14 years of building Rainbow Freedom Carts, I wonder what “liturgy” God has blessed into our daily habits and rituals?

While at an Institute of Ministry, a friend and I were offered the opportunity to spend a day with “Christ and the Disciples”. Upon arrival and while we were expecting a day of miracles, our greeting was “This is a laundry day. We will be washing our robes.” Christ then introduced us to “Liturgy of the Ordinary”:- brushing our teeth, making our beds -and, for Tri-Kin,- countersinking screws, priming wood parts and welding brake handles. The original meaning of “liturgy” comes from two Greek words meaning public worship and service. For Christian builders of Freedom Carts, liturgy is nothing less than doing the work the way we designed it to be done.

Our way of being on the Trinity Team works its way into us through the our daily repetitive practices, habits and rituals. One of our fun rituals is to have a Pizza Party after every loading of 70 or more Freedom Carts. We gather in the Trinity Shop and while eating, we share ideas and incidents of past working days. Professor James K.A. Smith explains that a particular view of “the good life” is ingrained in us through repetitive practices and habits that motivate how we work and what we love.”

Without these liturgies, our Freedom Carts would be haphazard machines and deserving of little trust by the recipients. Our wood cutters habitually cut lumber to the precise size. Our welders know to construct a perfect welds as they build the frames so nothing will break whether 40 degrees below zero in Mongolia or 120 degrees above zero in Nigeria. Established habits and routines let us rely on the skills our packers use to make sure every part, is secured enough to be moved 18 times before it is unpacked and re-assembled in Lebanon, Indonesia or Guatemala, and put to use by a disabled person who may have never walked.

Liturgical work in the shops by our Tri-Kin is our worship (liturgy) of our Lord as we seek to honor Him in our daily work habits, practices, routines and rituals. It is His way of teaching and blessing us.



This is Araba Yeka, 79 years old from the Democratic Republic of The Congo. He needs the Trinity Cart because of “advanced age” gangrene. He also says he wants a “personal engine” for his new cart.

This is Dick Carpenter, ?? years old from Spokane Washington. For Christmas he got one of the 13 “Mini-Carts” made by Mertz Wuts for our business partners. It was signed by all of the Tri-Kin and was a complete surprise to Dick.





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