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Jordan ~ Destination For Our Next Shipment

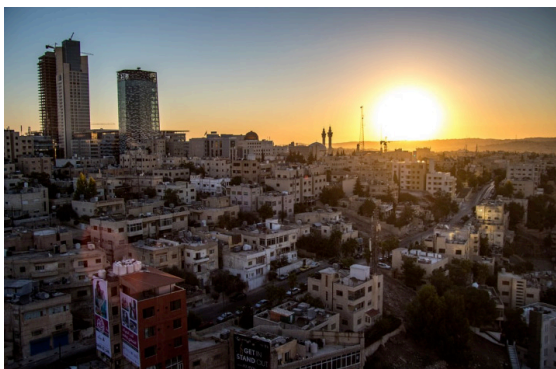
Most people familiar with Biblical history in the Old Testament will recognize the importance of the Jordan River. The country of Jordan is located just east of Israel, across the Jordan River.

Because of its location in the Middle East (Israel to the west, Syria north, Iraq east, and Saudi Arabia south) you can imagine a critical situation of being “caught-in-the-middle”. It is because of its close proximity to many Middle East wars, Jordan has more than its share of refugees. It is to these large groups that our next load of 140 Trinity Carts is headed in late November.

Jordan appears to be a fascinating country, full of thousands of years of history. It has long been considered one of the rare stable enclaves of the region. It has (what “The Crazy Tourist” calls) mind-blowing World Heritage Sites, not the least is the ancient Nabataean ruins of Petra.



Petra is a city carved from rock. It is believed to have been inhabited in the 4th century BC and was the ancestral capital of the thriving Nabataean civilization. More current “history” includes its roles in Hollywood movies such as Indiana Jones.



Other highlights of the country would have to include many archaeological sites which have uncovered many high-profile pilgrimage sites for Jews and Christians.

Amman, Jordan’s capital, besides a modern city, has many ruins of ancient stadiums, mosques, forums, theaters, and churches.

A very interesting country, but they have more than their share of people crawling in the dirt in need of the help we can provide for them to lift them into a life of dignity, productivity, and hope.

When Dick Carpenter was in the Seattle area several weeks ago, he stopped by the World Vision U.S. headquarters in Federal Way to see whether there might be some common ground between their purpose and ours. It turns out there is, and they want to work with the Trinity Project to ship carts to where they are needed overseas. We have yet to know how many, and how often, but we are excited to have another shipping and distribution partner – and especially so close to home.



Some of World Vision's Current Ministries

World Vision's stated purpose is that they are: "a global Christian relief and development organization. They are dedicated to helping children, families, and communities reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice." One of the ministries of World Vision is that they work with communities by providing small loans to create and expand businesses and help improve access to local and international markets. They say that around 1.85 billion people, or 36 percent of the world's population, lives in extreme poverty. Nearly half the population in developing countries live on less than \$1.25 a day.

Founded in 1950, one of their best known ministries (called "Sponsor a Child") is for donors living in developed countries to sponsor children in developing countries. During the 1990s they began focusing on the needs of children who had been orphaned in Uganda, Romania, and Somalia due to AIDS, neglect, and civil war.

Their "Sponsor a Child" program has now morphed into something unusual within the charities who are helping children. According to a recent issue of Christianity Today, World Vision has reversed the process of a donor picking a child to having the needy children choose their donor from pictures of those who have a desire to help a child. Their headline said: "World Vision Flips the Script on Child Sponsorship". The article says: "Chosen (the name of their revised program) starts with people here in the US signing up to be chosen and getting their picture taken – soon thereafter sponsors will receive a picture of the child holding their photo and a note letting them know about the child and what made the child choose them." Excitement over this new process seems to be growing by leaps-and-bounds.

The goal is to empower children, letting them make the first of many choices during their sponsorship. "We are simply expressing what we believe in a new and fresh way," Edgar Sandoval, president of World Vision USA said.

"We are working to empower them to be agents of change." World Vision currently has approximately 3.5 million children under this program.



A Young Boy in Guatemala choosing his sponsor

Our Spotlights Volunteer Tri-Kin

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Robert (Bob) Boies graduated in June 1959 from North Central High School in Spokane, where he was very active in baseball and basketball, as well as Cub and Boy Scouts. He worked two summers while attending high school, at West Yellowstone Montana. After graduation, Bob went to Sacramento, Calif., for nine months where he worked for the Calif. Almond Growers Exchange, on the automatic machines sorting almonds. While there he lived with his grandmother and uncle, Bill Boies.

Bob returned home from California and went into the painting and paperhanging business, working for Don Larsen Painting Contractor, along with his father who was also working for Don. In October 1963 Bob joined the Army National Guard and served his six-months basic training at Fort Ord California. He served his remaining five and one-half years' service in the Air National Guard in Spokane while also working for Don Larsen.



He built two of his homes; the first in Nine Mile Falls, Washington, in 1973, and the second back up the hill in 1977. Their home on the hill is in a quiet setting, with a beautiful

view of Long Lake and the mountains, amid pines and wild flowers. Bob is a contractor on his own besides working for Don Larsen. He has now taught his two sons the business.



Bob and his late wife Cheryl were active members of the Christian Life Center. They were members of the North Park Racquetball Club (Dick Carpenter can verify he was a very good racquetball player). He was also a member of the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, and of the Eagles. They were also into sports: skiing, water skiing, golf, racquetball. They have 3 children (2 boys and a girl), and 7 grand-children. Since Bob was a professional painter, he “designed” our very own primer color which eliminated mistakes when we needed to order additional primer.

Bob has had to slow down drastically over the past few months because of his declining health and is now living by himself in the Fairwood Retirement Facility in Spokane. Those who know him best describe him as a person with “the heart of a giant”. He is extremely generous and loves to help others in need. His work for the Trinity Project has been extremely valuable.

In Memory of Three Beloved Tri-Kin



Bob Fuller was lovingly referred to as our Trinity cart “happy-hooker”. In spite of his arthritic hands, he faithfully screwed cup hooks into the ends of every board (usually about 200 each day) before the painters began their work. If it weren't for Bob's work, the time it took to prime, paint, and dry each piece of wood would have at least doubled.

Since he grew up in Pomona California, near many orange groves, he enjoyed fresh orange juice by squeezing the tree-ripened oranges using the ringer on his mother's washing machine (when she wasn't home).

After his service in the Navy, Bob and Jeanie raised four children. He graduated from USC with a degree in accounting, played



football, enjoyed golfing (where he says he hit “multiple” holes-in-one), camping, fishing, and gardening.

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When we featured Bob in the Tri-Kin Trailways newsletter (right) in December 2017, he offered to autograph a copy for anyone who asked. As Dick Hiller found out, Bob “offered” even before anyone asked.

One of the “highlights” of Bob’s memorial service was a very formal presentation, by two Navy Seamen, called “Military Honors”. It was a beautiful ceremony of unfolding, presenting, and then re-folding a U.S. Flag. It was then presented to Jeanie.

Bob’s life on earth began on March 6, 1927 and ended July 7, 2019. His absence from the Trinity Shop has already been drastically felt.



Joe Bozick was one of the early Tri-Kin from the West-Side of Washington who worked with other painters and wood cutters from the Shoreline area. He was very active with the Shoreline Rotary Club. Joe graduated with a civil and structural engineering degree from the University of Washington and joined Pacific Engineering Technologies, Inc in 1974, then served as their president from 1992 to 2007. He and his wife, Christa, raised two sons who are following in his footsteps and are currently engineering principals for Pacific Engineering Technologies.



Besides his work with the Trinity Project, he will be remembered for his design, leadership, and construction, of water collection systems in Uganda with the HEED project. HEED’s mission is to **H**elp, **E**quip, **E**vangelize, and **D**isciple orphaned and vulnerable children to become servant leaders. Joe made many trips to Uganda, as well as many other countries around the world, to oversee water and housing projects. On one of his trips to Uganda, he built a large pole-barn adjacent to the water system. Since then the Ugandans have converted that barn into a High School which now has over 600 students.

Joe was also very active in the Footloose Disabled Sailing Association in Seattle, whose motto is “Leave your disability at the dock”. Since one of their main ministry outreaches is to the leg disabled, Joe found the Trinity Project to be a natural extension for his interests. He had a heart of gold and will be remembered for his generosity, hard work, and dedication to helping those less fortunate.

Kay Sumpter was a skilled wood-worker from Pasco Washington. Both he and his wife, Montejean (better known to the Tri-Kin as “Monte”) loved to help others. If “Generous” was their middle name, they both more than lived up to it.

Kay was born in Lyon Mountain New York as the oldest of 5 brothers who helped raise cattle on their Dad’s farm. Among his many jobs, he served as a diesel mechanic in the Navy, was a successful “hog” farmer in Montana, a construction worker on the Libby dam 17 miles north of Libby Montana, a head mechanic on the Alaska pipeline for Caterpillar Diesel, and head mechanic on a large potato farm.

Kay and Monte had a wonderful marriage, enjoying dancing, camping, and working with the Trinity Project. The picture shows Kay and Monte (with Dick Carpenter) and the perfectly cut load of wood they delivered to the shop several months ago.



Ways you can make a direct impact on the Trinity Project

The panel at the bottom of this page explains several different ways you can donate to The Trinity Project. There are 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 is that if you have items such as stock, a 401(k), IRA's, or 403(b)s, you are able to donate up to \$100,000 to be transferred directly to the Trinity Project. Inherited stock falls in another (even better) category. One thing you do 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. There are many tax advantages when you give retirement assets to a qualified charity such as the Trinity Project.



Two additional ways of donating 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).

Trinity has also established a Schwab account which is funded for 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 parts for ourselves that had been 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 tariff on steel, tires, welding wire, and bearings.

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

1) **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE:** You can send checks, made payable to WCPC (or Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church). Put "Trinity Project" on the memo line, and mail to: 15123 N Little Spokane Dr., Spokane, WA 99208. Please ONLY put WCPC on the make payable to line.

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



3) As mentioned above, we have an 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 Mike Larson at (509) 998-5517. This is a great way to keep from having to pay capital gains tax, and to reduce your tax liability at the same time.

We have “Royalty” in our Midst

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Lois Carpenter pointed out that we have two welders in our welding shop who make up the “royalty” pair. Yes, we have “John-Wayne” here. Just a bit younger, and still very much alive (the “real one” died 40 years ago) but two very hard working “Royals”. Actually the “real one” was named Marion Michael Morrison when he was born in 1907. John and Wayne we appreciate the great work you both do.



John VanderBeek



Wayne Engstrom

A new experiment

As one of our efforts to get news about Trinity Freedom carts into your hands sooner, we are planning to add a two page newsletter every month (that is if your newsletter editor is able to keep up that pace). Printing and mailing costs are such that we have decided to send the monthly newsletter only by email, in addition to our regular 3-4 times per year newsletter, which we will still send through the US Post Office. To spread the word, we need your help. If you are receiving only the regular hard copy of the newsletter, would you please let us know that you would also like to receive the monthly email. All you need to do is drop a note to 8trikin@gmail.com, mention the monthly letter, and give us the email address where you would like it sent. The monthly letter will also be posted on our web-site: www.nwtrinityproject.org. You can also help by suggesting articles you would like us to cover. Just send a note to your editor at 8trikin@gmail.com.



Just arrived ~ a load of beautiful wood from Canada



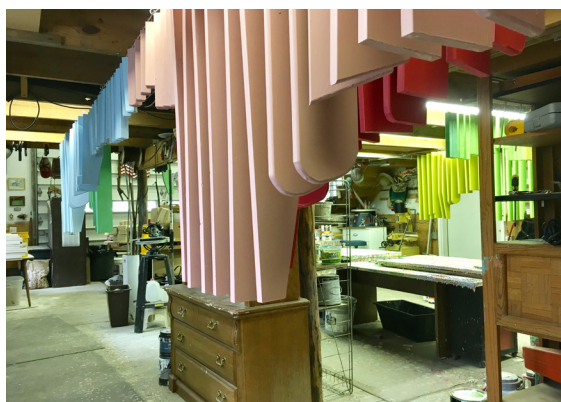
Just arrived ~ a load of freshly cut wood from Woodinville



Pieces for many Freedom Carts ~ hooked and ready for the paint crew



*Three of the paint crew
applying our traditional
Rainbow colors*



*Ready for assembly into Rainbow
Freedom Carts*

Erosion

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by: Dick Carpenter

The effects of soil erosion go beyond the loss of fertile land. It has led to increased pollution and sedimentation in streams and rivers, clogging these waterways and causing declines especially in fish populations. Degraded lands are often less able to hold water, which can then cause more flooding.

Decades ago, Wendell Berry taught me the impact of this kind of erosion which I have witnessed in lands around the world. One huge example is the depletion of the Aral Sea, now a puddle, in Kazakhstan. Our concern here has to do with various forms of erosion that can be experienced in degradation of an objective.

The first sense of erosion I have seen in our Trinity mission is that of finances. Maybe people are experiencing what has been called “donor fatigue”. Support for construction and shipping our Freedom Carts has dropped from over \$16,000 each quarter to about \$5,000. This has degraded and clogged our “land” to the point we missed a shipment of carts last March. A gift from the Worldwide Education Research Institute (WERI) helped and we shipped in July. As I write this, God has intervened, and our “lands” are somewhat healthy again.

Last September our 57th shipment was directed to Cambodia but ended up in Viet Nam due to “prickly” customs officials in Cambodia. Erosion – maybe, but in all probability, God knew where they were most needed.

Another kind of erosion is that of relationships within our ministry. The most significant kind of course is death. The Lord took three of our dedicated Tri-Kin home this year. The loss of Joe, Kay and Bob is akin to extremely severe soil erosion. We have had to find ways to replace these dedicated souls.

Personnel erosion happens when a Tri-Kin slowly reduces his/her commitment to the ministry which eventually “erodes” to working no more. Sadly, we had two in 2018/19. We understand life changes but it still affects our overall mission.

Conflict is another erosion that depletes relationships. When it arises in Trinity, we try to mediate to solve the issues and heal that essential “land”. I remember the love of confrontation when I made a bad decision that could have been erosive in, not only relationships, but the very heart of what we are trying to do. The quick, and loving, intervention of a few got me back on track and stopped the erosion at Trinity.

Another type of potential erosion would clog our ability to even produce Freedom Carts. That could happen if we were to inadvertently abuse one of our supporting companies. Instead of costing \$250 to produce a Cart, it would probably double our cost. This kind of erosion scares me! We must all be constantly vigilant to not allow this erosion to sneak into these relationships. So far, after 14 years, we have worked hard to protect this “land” from this type of erosion.

This may be heavy reading but it is important all of us (workers, donors, and those who pray) to constantly understand the subtle workings of erosion. By being vigilant for early symptoms of all types, we keep it from changing or destroying our mission to allow the “least of these” to raise above the dirt into a life of dignity.



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