



The Inland North-West Trinity Project
Home of the Rainbow Freedom Cart
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Tri-Kin Trailways



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Fortunately Trinity Freedom Carts are very well made and are sturdy



Another Mobility “Cart” Provider

From time-to-time we contact other providers of mobility products to determine mutual interests and see whether we can help meet their needs. Not long ago, we contacted an organization in Wheaton Illinois called “His Wheels International”. Alice Teisan is their Founder and Executive Director, and she sent a copy of one of their newsletters. The story is so touching, we’ll repeat it verbatim here.

“We at His Wheels want to thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and financial contributions. You have helped us make it to our eighth birthday. It is amazing to think of all the mile markers we have passed along the way.



“Here is a picture of the latest trike recipient at Soddo Christian Hospital in Ethiopia. I can’t imagine the way a trike will change his life.

“I see Jesus in you,” the crippled man said,” to an hospital staff member. “At this point, I sat down on the sidewalk next to him [outside of the OB ward].. With tears streaming down my cheeks, I put my hands on his face and looked deep into his smiling eyes, and said, “OK, yes, Jesus is in me but this very moment I’m looking into the face of Jesus.” He smiled and accepted the compliment but then said, “But you were Jesus.”

“But what led up to these words is quite another story.

“It is a daily occurrence to walk on the streets of Ethiopia and encounter crippled beggars.... Many are born with club feet that were never repaired, others suffer from the dreaded Mossy Foot and still

others have serious birth defects, unrepaired accidental injuries or osteomyelitis due to malnutrition and filth...

“On this day, Demeketch (my housekeeper) and I were returning from a shopping trip into town. It had rained the night before and the streets were still wet and muddy from the rain. We were on the home stretch and ...took the shortcut to the hospital dealing with the mud....There we saw him, crawling up ahead of us on the muddy road... on hands and knees... Slowly, slowly, like a tortoise with a final destination in mind... just hunched over and slowly crawling, crawling, moving ahead inch by painful inch... His skinny legs trailed behind him... His clothes...osmosed into a smudged brown, the color of Wolaitta dirt. His knees were wrapped in multiple layers of torn scraps of cloth... anything to soften the cruel reality of packed dirt on knobby swollen knees. In contrast, his palms rested on new women’s gold plastic sandals. As he crawled ahead he used the sandals to keep his hands out of the mud....

“I took a few more steps and that’s when the Holy Spirit really tugged at my heart. I stopped, turned to

Demeketch and said, "Translate for me."

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"He looked up at me from the ground with his infectious smile. "Friend, I said, "Have you ever been to Soddo Christian Hospital?"... He said, "I am on my way there right now. I have heard of this doctor and have come from the countryside to see him." He continued, "My mother prayed to God that she would have



a child. When I was born this is what she got." "God has given me this life and my mother praised God for me."... All the time... his brown eyes were crinkled in a smile....

"This man had prayed when leaving his village that Jesus would help him get to see Dr. Anderson. He had virtually nothing but his transportation to the hospital. The rest of the visit he committed to Jesus." Dr. Anderson could not help through surgery but he authorized getting him a trike. In addition they helped him get "a taxi that would carry the heavy new [trike] back to the village." The hospital staff went on to say, "I never learned his name...I'll just call him 'Jesus.'"

The picture shows one of the His Wheels trikes.

Update on our 140 cart shipment to Jordan

They are officially on their way. The picture shows them being loaded into the shipping container in Riverside California. And - we'll just have to forgive them for not paying attention to instructions on the top of each box.



We talked about the need for these carts in the refugee camps in Jordan where several million people from surrounding countries are living in tents with no air-conditioning and less than ideal sanitary conditions in the

December issue of our new monthly Tri-Kin Updater, delivered by email.



Again we need to share with you that another Tri-Kin has been promoted to Glory. Earl Boettcher was one of our extremely talented machinists. He designed and built the 3 sets of cutters we use almost daily to make the reflective tape shapes which help decorate our carts, which also makes them safer. He would fix things that broke. Dick Carpenter would meet him in his big shop to discuss better and more efficient ways to accomplish our many tasks. When Earl got so he couldn't work anymore, he allowed us to take from his shop items we could use. He was also a big help to the welders. He would come to the Trinity Shop and discuss an issue and how to approach it. Earl is survived by his wife, Mary, three daughters, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He will be severely missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and working with him.

Our Spotlights Volunteer Tri-Kin

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When it comes to attempting to get historical information about one of our Puget Sound Tri-Kin, one had better be quick and alert. Our request got to their family just as they returned from a Caribbean cruise. Dave Potter has not only been a great wood-worker but an extremely effective fund raiser, and what a neat and effective combination that makes.

Born and raised in Marlborough, Massachusetts, Dave chose to join the Coast Guard Academy right after he graduated as his high school valedictorian ~ he wanted a broader view of the world. After graduating with honors in 1968, he did indeed get to see the world ~ for the next 30 years. Dave was promoted to captain in the late 1980's, then retired about 10 years later. Still with "itchy feet" he and



wife Jan enjoyed sailing and RVing around the Northwest until her illness forced them to stay closer to home for treatments. After Jan's passing in 2012, Dave met Nancy at church and they were married in 2014. Dave and Jan raised three children, Mike, Andy, and Melissa who all live in the Puget Sound area. Now, between Dave and Nancy, they have seven grandchildren.

Dave does enjoy all sorts of outdoor activities, summer and winter as you can see in the two pictures above.

One of the things Dave has always enjoyed is his work in his large wood-working shop, where he has made many pieces of furniture for their home. He now finds building parts for Trinity Carts a natural and is



extremely rewarding as he sees where they go and how they help people who may have been unable to walk all of their lives. Just as a side-bar, he has been known to use his shop as a Trinity recruiting shop for other wood workers.

Dave is our chief wood cutter in the Puget Sound area. His team works tirelessly to make sure we have a good supply of perfectly cut wood parts. Dave and his partner, Gary Christopher, are also our voices in Puget Sound; giving presentations to clubs and churches. Lake Forest Park Presbyterian, with Dave in leadership over the holidays, generated one of the largest donations from a church that we yet have on our books. Dave also has an amazing work shop which he has dedicated to serving our Lord. Dick Carpenter met Dave

many years ago when they both served in a Christian conciliation ministry.

Dave and his Puget Sound team all get A's for the super jobs they do in building carts, raising funds, and public good-will for the whole project. Keep up the good work Dave and all. You are very much appreciated.

Donor Appreciation / And Other Information

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In the last few weeks we've received several very nice notes from donors and we want to share some of them with you, the rest of our Trinity Team. Thanks to all of you.

"Dick, The stories and pictures in your newsletters are humbling and amazing - your continued and faithful passion and work is heart filling, Blessings _ _ _"

"Mr. Carpenter, Thanks for your inspiring work. I lived in Jordan and appreciate your help and love. _ _ _"

Another very gracious note arrived just after New Year's, accompanied by a substantial donation.

"Dear Mr. Carpenter, I find the newsletter very informative & joyful. Keep up the good work. Let your volunteers know how great they are. God's blessings on you. Yours Truly _ _ _"

We want to thank all who donate to the Trinity Project ministry. Several of the donations came at one of those critical points of our ministry. We don't know exactly who is praying for the ministry, but we certainly do want to thank you. We definitely feel that someone is praying.

Donation receipts for 2019 have been sent. If you donated and did not receive a receipt, please notify us at 8strikin@gmail.com.

If you usually receive a hard copy of the Tri-Kin Trailways via US Mail, you may not get it for awhile. The mailing labels are all printed and we are just waiting for our printer to print 750 copies of the newsletter.

However, apparently our government officials have determined our printer is not an essential business. We can't even get them on the phone, so we're "stuck". If you know someone who normally gets the hard copy, it would be a help if you can: 1) please let them know what is happening, and 2) send us a note (8strikin@gmail.com) with their email address so we can get a copy of this newsletter to them.

As you probably already know, the next shipment of 90 carts is destined for World Vision in Federal Way, Washington. The carts are built and are currently stored in the old milk barn next to the Trinity shop. So far the trucking company folks are working, but how do you get enough people together to load 90 carts, and still keep them at least 6 feet apart? We don't want to violate the Governor's orders for "Social Distancing", so we need some "original thinking" as to how the loading can be accomplished legally.

A critical issue we will shortly be facing is that of future financing. Without a newsletter, with a donation card and return envelop enclosed, some of our faithful donors seem to have forgotten our needs. Before COVID-19 hit, we ordered tires. They have been delivered but the total came to over \$10,000. With that paid, there is little left for steel, bearings, chain, and miscellaneous fasteners for future carts. Ways to help financially are covered on the next page and any help would be most greatly appreciated.

One more subject we would like to explore with you is the newsletter. We want to include information and issues that interest our donors, prayer partners, and volunteers, so any comments (both good and bad) are appreciated. Is 8 pages too much, are the articles appropriate, are the articles interesting, is the layout pleasing? If you have other constructive comments, please share them with us at 8strikin@gmail.com. Additionally if you never read the newsletter and would rather not be bothered, please let us know.

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 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 15 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.

Here are several ways to make donating to the Trinity Project more convenient.

1) 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 be sure the only thing on the make payable to line is WCPC.

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.



Recent tax changes, authorized by Congress last December, include changes which affect federal retirement laws. One provision raises the age when individuals must

start making minimum distributions from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) from 70½ to 72 years of age. The tax law did not, however, alter the giving incentive known as the IRA charitable rollover. Individuals aged 70½ and older may still make tax-free distributions to nonprofits from their IRAs, even if they are not required to make distributions from their IRAs because they have not yet turned 72. The law, as far as giving a non-taxable donation to a qualified charity (such as the Trinity Project), once you reach 70½ remains the same. As we mentioned above, the one requirement you need to be careful of is that your check must go directly from your financial institution to the charity - without passing through your hands, to keep you from having to pay tax on the donation.

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Can you believe we're 15 years old already? Yes, when Dick Carpenter first heard about these 3 wheel, sturdily build, go (almost) anywhere, carts for those who have lost use of their legs and cannot walk, he immediately booked a flight to Florida to learn how to build these wonderful, lifesaving, vehicles. And that was in February 2005. Now 15 years later, our volunteers have built, packed, and shipped

3560 carts, which means there are over 7000 delighted folks in the developing world. Those helped are both the handicapped and each has at least one care-taker who is also thankful for each cart.

By the end of March, another 90 completed Trinity Freedom Carts will be on their way to World Vision to help more disabled. As of this writing, we aren't sure what their final destination is, but we will soon.

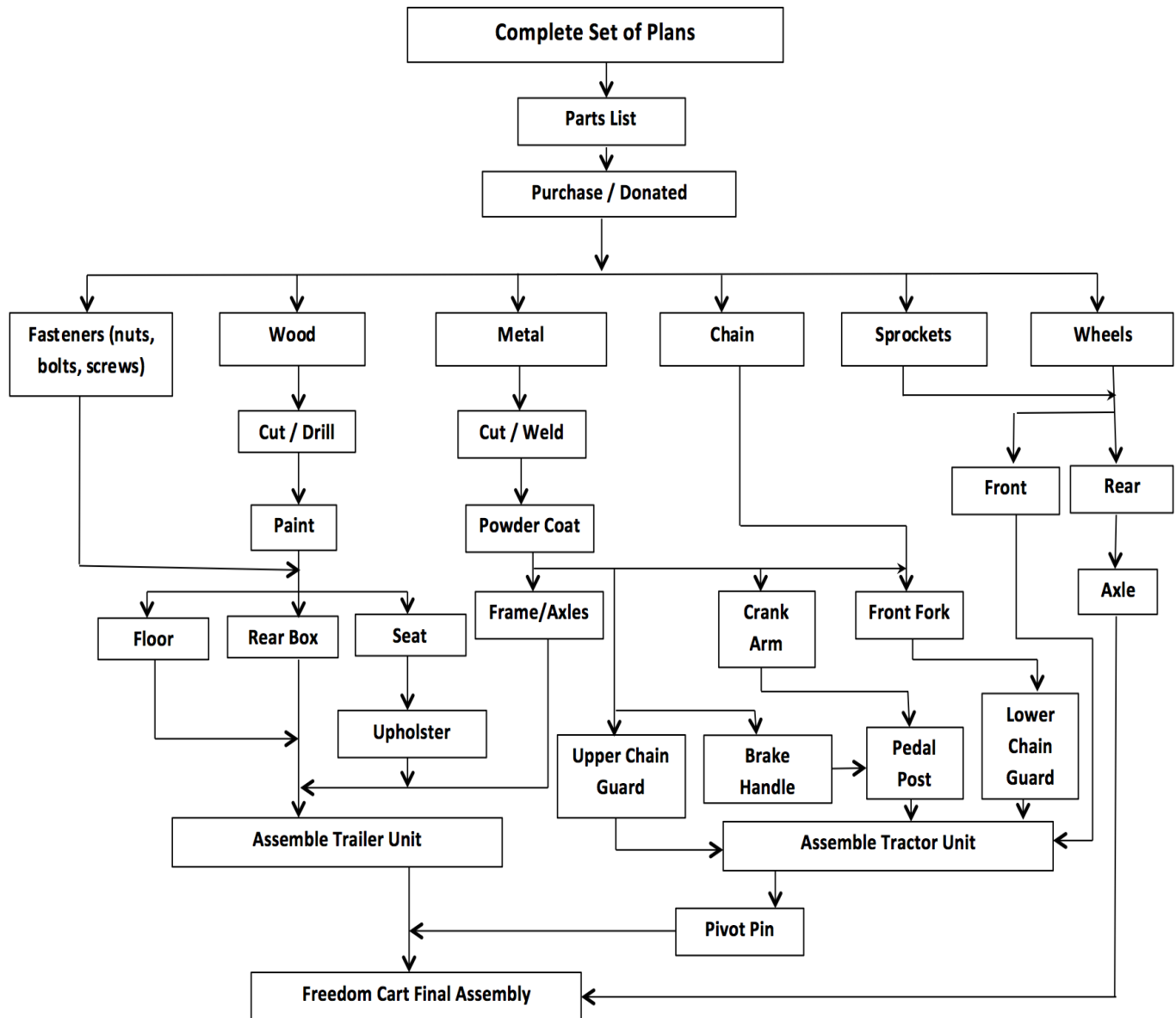
Polio eradication loses ground

Last year proved a difficult one in the global fight against polio. Afghanistan and Pakistan reported 116 cases of the disease in 2019, four times as many as in 2018, Science magazine reported. Even more alarming, 196 children in 12 African countries contracted the disease from a live vaccine containing poliovirus type 2, which has regained its virulence and ability to spread. Experts worry type 2 could jump continents and reseed outbreaks around the world.

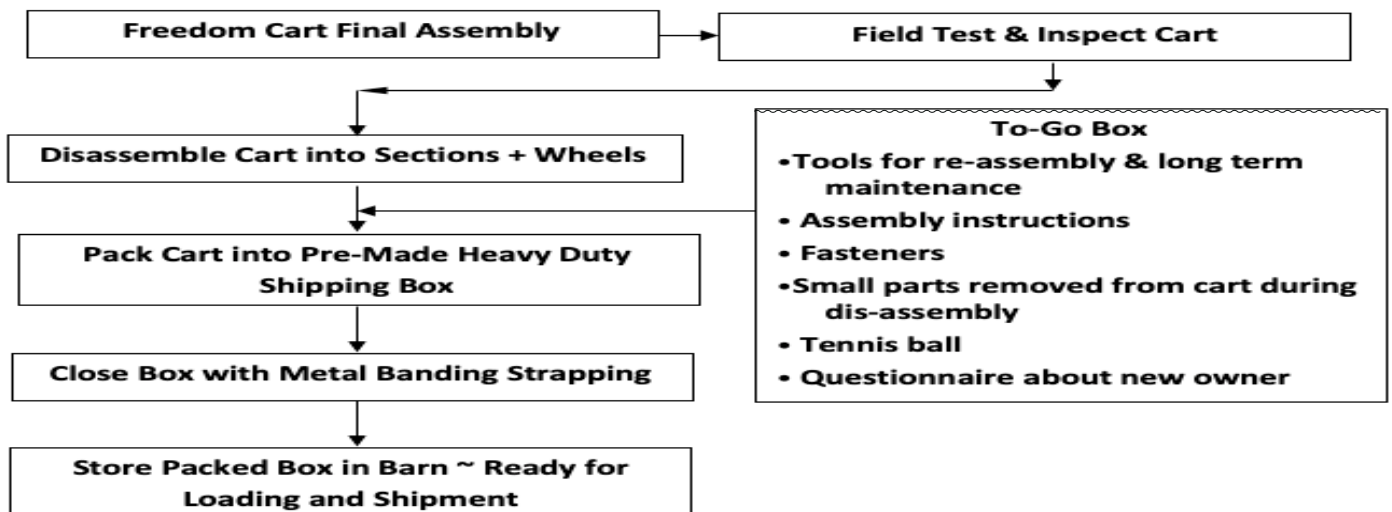
A research consortium is developing two experimental vaccines just for type 2. Researchers in Belgium and Panama are conducting Phase II studies, but it remains unclear if the vaccines will work, and will they be ready in time. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is considering making more of the three-virus vaccine that was pulled from use in 2016, but producing enough could take years.

"All options are on the table," virologist Mark Pallansch of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told Science. —J.B.

Some of the steps involved in the assembly of each Freedom Cart



But Wait . . . There's More:





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