



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



**Before**

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**After**

## *More News from Liberia*

The following letter came with pictures and testimonies on the next two pages. As you can see, there are never enough Freedom Carts for all who need them.

October 8, 2020

Dear Brother Van Steenis,

It is with joy that I write to sincerely thank you for the kind donation of 165 wheelchairs through our ministry to the physical challenged community in our country.

We started distribution of the wheelchairs on Saturday, August 22, 2020. The exercise covered five of the fifteen counties in Liberia. Those counties include: Montserrado County, Grand Bassa, Bong County, Sinoe County, and Rivercess County. Earlier on, it was difficult to start as we decided to see and verify the end users of the product. Coming almost to the end of distribution, we experienced increase in demand. Thus, we could reserve only 10 chairs for the hospital.

Attached to this communication, please find pictorial display of testimonies of the distribution from recipients. The distribution exercise prompted several request from some of the communities we visited. Needs for summer clothing, food (rice and beans) and of heart touching was a request from a large town (Felila) in Bong County for a mobile clinic where pregnant women and children could be attended to. This request is key among the many as the dwellers in the town reported that a woman in labour pain gave birth on the road from the town to the nearby clinic a distance away from the town.

The donation did not only help the physical challenged community, it has also broadened the scope of our ministry of the Liberian Nation. For this, we are immensely grateful to you and your partners. We also thank the fountain of Life Church Family for helping with the cost to clear the container from the port.

May the Lord bless and strengthen you

Yours in His Service,  
Apostle Josiah Terpo Swen

Editors note: Even though all of these carts were built and shipped by our Northwest Trinity Project, apparently the recipients are told they are from another organization. We're fine with that, as long as the leg-disabled are given the carts to go where they want and need to, the credit can go to others. It also seems most people call our Freedom Carts "wheelchairs". Words are quoted as each recipient wrote, or said, them.

## More News from Liberia (Con't)



**D**Alphonso Weagar. “I want to bless the almighty God for this church, the Head and entire membership for the love they have shown us. This show to us how much they love and care for us. I want to say once more thank you in Jesus name.”

**J**erry Lavalla (Buchanan, Grand Bassa County). “I am so grateful to God for receiving this wheelchair. For four years now, I’ve Been unable to move about because I had no means. But since I received this wheelchair, I can now move from one place to another. I am free to go anywhere. I want to say big thanks to God and to the Seed Faith Ministries Center and the Greater Vision College of Health sciences for their gift.”



**L**usenne (Live in Bong county). “I am in serious tears of joy now for this wheelchair that is given to me and other physical challenged people. Without the wheelchair many of us can’t go anywhere. Some of us can just remain at home. But with this wheelchair, we can now go to the nearby villages and town.”



**P**eter D. Jimmy (Lives in Buchanan Grand Bassa County). “I will like to say on behave of the members of the group of 77 here in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, our sincere gratitude to the Seed Faith Ministries Family and their partners for this unprecedented love they have shown us. People with disability have been neglected for too long and seeing this happening today brings joy. May God bless the works of your hands in Jesus name.”



**H**enry Tokpah (Lives in Bong County). “I am so happy to receive this wheelchair. It will really help me to move from one place to another. When I got in this condition my family abandoned me. I had no one to help me buy something from shops along the road. Now with this wheelchair I can go in the market places independently. I can now buy my own food and even prepare my meal. Many thanks to God and to the Head Pastor of the Seed Faith Ministries and the head of the Greater Vision College.”

**M**artha B. Nimely (Grand Bassa County). “I am happy today for what the Seed Faith Ministries Center and the Greater Vision College family have done for me. Since I got the wheelchair I can now go and visit my family people in the town. Before I was just home, whenever I want to go somewhere I had to pay my grand children to carry me. But now I can visit my friends and family alone. I want to say many thanks to God for his blessings and thank you once more, Seed Faith family.”



**M**a. Oretha Momo (Lives in Bong County). “I am very much happy for this wheelchair. I have never owned a wheelchair before. I always been home daily. I don’t even know some of the places in this town. But with this wheelchair I can now go anywhere in the town to visit some family members and friends. I want to say thank you Seed Faith Ministries Center and Greater Vision College for this great job.”



**E**lizabeth Weagar (Lives in Grand Bassa). “I want to say thanks to the Seed Faith Family for this Wheelchair. Few months ago My first wheel I had, spoiled So I was not freely moving from one place to another. At least I can go places now. I can even go to the market. I am also asking you people to please help us with crutches for our other friends who cannot us the wheelchair and also find a way to help other physically challenge people. May God bless the work of your hands.”

**T**oby Weah (Lives’ on the Bushrod Island in Monrovia). “I am lack of words. My greatest concern this morning was my stomach, but what I am experiencing here now is amazing I am shock as you can see my old chair, it is completely damage. I don’t have much to say but thanks be to God and may God bless the Seed Faith Ministries and the Greater Vision College.”



**AFTER**

**BEFORE  
OLD WHEEL**



**I**saac Tokpah (Lives in Bong County). “I’m lacked of words today to see myself with this free modern wheelchair. Because being without wheelchair, which is my second foot, I was just at home from the morning to evening. I couldn’t go to the market to purchase food items nor other basic needs. At least with this wheelchair I will now go to places, I can now visit some relatives and even go around the town. I say thank you for the donation we want for seed faith church to come and plant a church here that we can attend and serve God.”

**W**e've mentioned them before but really haven't given much credit to the folks from the west side of the Cascade Mountains. Some say, instead of the "west" side, the "wet" side of the state is a better description. Actually rainfall on the Seattle side is less than they get in New York City, but it just seems like more because it's spread out most of the year. Your editor spent 30 years on that side of Washington state, and I can vouch for the fact that it is a beautiful place when the clouds move out of the way for the sun to shine.

The "West Team", which also includes those in Canada who work with the Trinity Project; Dan Barg and Robert Prince from Chilliwack BC. Dan is a neighbor and friend of Robert and donates Cedar and Hemlock logs for the Trinity Project. Robert then mills the logs into 1" x 6" boards and kiln dries them. When he isn't doing work for Trinity, Robert makes custom wood furniture and has a very large following. He is active in his local Lions club and has recently returned from another service mission to Thailand. He is clearly a man for whom service is an important part of his life. Unfortunately COVID-19 has closed the Canadian border so that supply has stopped for now.

The late Joe Bozick (Shoreline Washington) learned of the Trinity Freedom Cart program at church and recognized its potential to help others. He was joined by Steve Carson and Jim Ware. Joe recruited more wood cutters and Steve set up a paint shop, where, every Saturday a group of high-school Rotary club students showed up to paint. When the paint shop had to be vacated, they focused on wood from Canada and have made numerous trips to bring lumber back for cutting. The finished parts are then trucked to Spokane by Peninsula Truck Lines.

There are many other active people on the West-Side who also participate in cutting and painting. The Shoreline folks include people like Dave Potter and Gary Christianson, Tri-Kin in Woodinville, and Ted Ripley and Bill Gray in Kent. All experienced and expert wood cutters.

What a great team and wonderfully productive wood workers. We are privileged to have those who work on the West-Side on our team.

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### *A Few Quick Notes from Dick Carpenter*

**O**ur wood cutters in Puget Sound and locally have kept our intrepid Painters very busy but for a while they worked in the cold. My gas stove in the paint barn went on strike. After \$150, they now have comfortable working space. For awhile their production overflowed our storage racks but we found another place to store the excess. Our financial situation is excellent except for two shadows haunting me. The 5 charities in California we've worked with these past 15+ years have pretty much shut down. The other shadow is from our order of 200 rear and 100 front tires. It's a 3 month lead time which makes planning difficult. I expect the invoice to be around \$10,000 dollars plus a 17% tariff. We just have to be judicious in our current spending for inventory.

Our 4th shipment for World Vision is coming along (see page 5 for loading the 3rd shipment for World Vision). We have 20 Carts in our 40' container, 2 more packed in the trinity Shop and 5 more to pack. We're down to one packer so the builders will always be ahead. That's OK, we will just keep moving towards our goal. Our inventory of powder coated steel parts is excellent. Maurice keeps a regular inventory that helps a lot. I'm concerned about large sprockets. I asked one of our companies if they could find a local source. They did ... \$10 each. After I gasped in horror, he said, "Let me work on it." A week later, the company gifted us with 250 sprockets! This is a great example of why we work so hard to not abuse these companies in any way. Those "Thank You" cards shared after each load-out are an important way for us let our commercial partners know we appreciate them and do not take them for granted. We do have a source for the small sprockets.



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*El Salvador, destination for  
the next 70 Freedom Carts*





## *More Freedom Carts for World Vision*

A truck full of 70 more carts headed to Federal Way for World Vision. We believe this load will shortly be headed to El Salvador. The reason the loading crew are holding Trinity Cart parts is because all of the completed carts have been packed and are ready for the next shipment. Just nothing left for “show-and-tell”.

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## *Worth Repeating*

A recent Health magazine had a short article entitled “Volunteering Makes for Rewarding Retirement”. They quoted a 92 year old man who said: “Staying physically active, busy, and volunteering is a good way to be rewarded.” This 92 year old volunteer repairs wheelchairs and walkers and gives them freely to those who need them. He also volunteers once a week at the County Food Bank, as a handyman at his local church, and when he goes for a walk he picks up litter in the neighborhood. He says: “When I’m up and working, I feel so much better than just sitting around. My projects also keep my brain engaged. Volunteering surrounds me with the most wonderful people.” Sounds like good advice. We strongly recommend following his example.

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## *Information from our donors*

We don’t like to brag, but when we receive a special letter from one of our donors, we do have a desire to publicly acknowledge it. Here is a note we received in early November, which accompanied a very generous donation:

“Dear Dick Carpenter,  
I always enjoy the newsletter. It’s so wonderful to see the kindness of all of you in a world of chaos. Keep up God’s work. Bless you all, Sincerely”

We don’t receive many kudos from this side of the ocean, so we can only assume we are doing something right, although we feel we are doing exactly what God would have us do. When we get a note like this, we rejoice, as it helps verify that we are doing the right thing. We appreciate so much the kind words of this donor. Thank you so much.

It’s very seldom we receive any type of feedback from the recipients of our carts on the other side of the ocean. On the occasion when we receive a picture of a recipient on their new cart, they are almost always smiling, and that does tell us the person is thankful they no longer have to crawl on the ground, or depend on others to carry or transport them in some other way, most for the first time in their life.

While we are on this subject, during the COVID-19 crisis, donations have dropped significantly. Currently, we have just enough funds to purchase what we need to keep building for the short term.

## Our Spotlited Volunteer

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In past newsletters we have always chosen a volunteer to highlight then have asked a family member, or friend, to write something about the volunteer. We also ask the writer to keep it a surprise for the volunteer. Unfortunately we are going to have to forgo that procedure for this newsletter. This time it is no surprise to the volunteer, nor does his family need to secretly participate. As you have probably guessed by now, the highlighted volunteer for this issue is the newsletter editor himself, Don Mattocks (who has somehow managed to keep out of the spotlight for almost 12 years).

Having been born at a very young age in Kansas (ages ago during the depression) I was raised in Tulsa Oklahoma, but then moved back to Kansas after high school to attend the University of Kansas as a pre-med student. After two years of pre-med, another two years in the Army, then marrying a wonderful nurse by the name of Laura right after my discharge, I decided to switch fields to engineering. Two reasons for this drastic change were 1) Having married a nurse, I could see a little more of what I would have to face in med school and beyond. 2) My logic told me I would be better at figuring out problems step-by-step using logic, rather than having to memorize names of hundreds of organs, bones, and nerves.

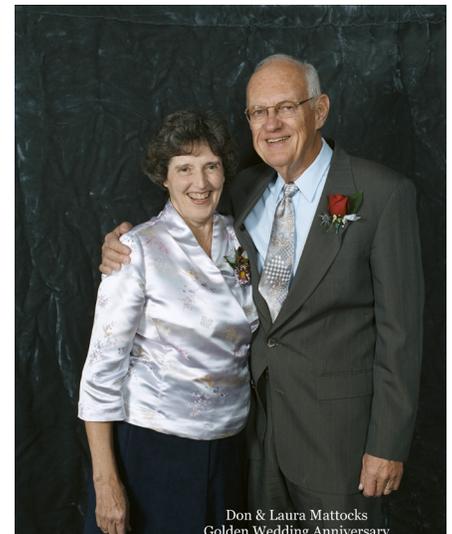
The logic seemed to work as I spent a mostly enjoyable engineering career of 35 years with The Boeing Company in Wichita Kansas and Seattle Washington, designing airplanes, missiles, ground-effect machines, and other various aerodynamic type vehicles.

The last of our three children, a girl and two boys, were all married by 1992, (we now have 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren) so the next year, Laura and I decided to move to Missouri and work for Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) where for six years I was their Director of Financial Services in the Overseas Missions Department. How my new boss decided designing air-borne machines would be a good background for missionary finances, I'll never know, but those years were indeed enjoyable. After my "second retirement" (from CEF in 1999) I switched immediately into a volunteer position in the newly started CEF Mail-Box Club in charge of their computer data entry section. (By 2005 there were over 50,000 enrolled.) In addition to data entry, I trained others and wrote numerous software programs used for data analysis.

Then after my "third retirement" we moved back to Washington (Spokane this time) in 2005. It took almost three years to get a house built, and settled, but in 2008 I saw an article about the PET project (now the Trinity Project) in the Spokane newspaper and called Dick Carpenter to let him know I wanted to volunteer to be a wood cutter. After realizing they didn't need more wood cutters, Dick asked me what else I might be able to do. When he found out I enjoyed writing, he immediately told me they needed a person to write a newsletter.

At Trinity I write and publish a quarterly newsletter (this issue is number 43), keep mailing and e-mail lists current, and, as the Secretary-Treasurer, keep track of donations and write official tax receipt letters each year. When I started, the Trinity Project was not a tax-free organization so donors were not able to deduct their contributions to the project. I was able to obtain our 501(c)(3) tax status so we are now an official charitable organization, which allows donors to deduct what they contribute from their annual tax returns.

One of my unofficial tasks has been to see where the project could better use the limited donations we receive for building our Freedom Carts. Dick had already done a fantastic job of getting free, or greatly reduced cost, parts and labor for the carts, such as powder coating all metal parts, and shipping boxes sturdy enough for overseas travel. Unfortunately there are still items we needed to purchase, the most expensive is tires. In addition, the newsletter wasn't printed or mailed free. I was able to obtain our bulk mailing permit, and found a significantly lower cost printer. Now, rather than spend over \$2 to get each newsletter to our support team, we print and mail them for about \$1 each. The task of writing grant requests has recently found its way to my desk. So far I've batted zero, but will keep trying.



Don & Laura Mattocks  
Golden Wedding Anniversary  
15 years ago, at our 50<sup>th</sup>

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 must 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 Charles Schwab account which is funded for the future (3-5 years) costs for the production and shipping of Trinity carts. To get more specific details about 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.

**A new way to give to the Trinity Project:** We now have an account with Amazon.com where, when you purchase from Amazon, you can designate a part of their profit to come to us. When you sign in to Amazon, use **smile.amazon.com**. The first time you will be asked which charity you would like to support. Just find "The Inland Northwest Trinity Project", click on it and, as long as you use the "smile.amazon.com" to sign-in, a part of your purchase price goes to help those who cannot walk. There is no added expense to you.

Here are several other 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". That will take you to the image you see at the right. Just click on the yellow button. We'll gladly send you an official tax receipt when you donate via PayPal.

Tax changes, authorized by Congress a year ago 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.





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**After**

## Freedom Cart Connection – Contact and Newsletter Information



For volunteer opportunities, visits to the Freedom Cart shop, or to request a presentation, please call Dick Carpenter at (509)466-3425 or send him an e-mail at [bebold@comcast.net](mailto:bebold@comcast.net). For address changes or comments about this newsletter, send to [8trikin@gmail.com](mailto:8trikin@gmail.com). Tax-deductible donations may be sent to WCPC-Trinity Project, 15123 Little Spokane Dr., Spokane, WA 99208. Our web-site is: [nwtrinityproject.org](http://nwtrinityproject.org) Please also see the article “Ways you can make a direct impact on the Trinity Project” on page 7. We are on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/trinityfreedomcarts/> where we would appreciate a thumbs-up.

