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A Ministry to the World from Northwest Indiana

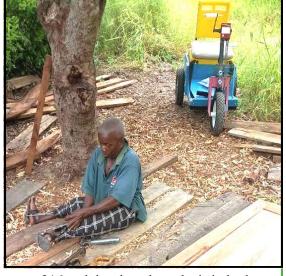


"Mobility Assistance is All I Needed"

Mzuzu, Malawi — It is often thought that individuals with mobility challenges are of diminished value to themselves and their communities. Regrettably, we often marginalize them and provide minimal consideration for assisting them in utilizing their abilities to benefit themselves, and to benefit others. But physical impairments often have no bearing on the <u>capabilities</u> of the affected individual; in fact, many have honed their abilities and skills <u>because</u> of their mobility challenges!



This is exemplified by Hamilton Msowoya, age 65, a skilled carpenter who lives in Mzuzu. He was born with no physical impairments, but in 1976



he contracted malaria at the age of 16 and developed paralysis in both legs. He has had to crawl like a small child ever since.

Hamilton recalls, "As a teenager how could I have imagined I would not be able to walk for the rest of my life, but I had to accept my situation because the malaria from which I suffered was very severe. I am grateful my life did not end then; I believe God kept me alive for a purpose."

Despite his difficulties, Hamilton completed primary and secondary school. Recognizing that he possessed both his hands, just like other able-

bodied individuals, Hamilton realized his potential, took up the study of carpentry, and began making a living through his carpentry business.

He expressed his determination to be a skilled carpenter despite having to work from the ground. However, moving from one place to another presented a significant obstacle. He relied on the assistance of family and relatives to transport him on a bicycle, and occasionally resorted to taxis for short distances. These challenges often caused him frustration, but he remained resolute in his pursuit, driven by the support of his family and his need to contribute to their well-being through his carpentry business.

Hamilton had long desired a mobility unit to facilitate his movements because a wheelchair would not work in his environment. Despite his ongoing efforts and those of his parents and family, obtaining such a



device proved elusive until Elder Robert Tauka intervened with *Action for Progress (AfP)*, and facilitated the acquisition of an off-road mobility unit—a handcycle that could go where wheelchairs can't go!

Upon receiving the Mobility Cart from *AfP*, and realizing its full potential for his life, Hamilton expressed profound gratitude to God for this opportunity, and to *AfP* for their timely assistance. This device will significantly enhance his mobility and contribute substantially to the growth and recognition of his carpentry business. Hamilton's aspiration is to elevate his business to new heights.

—Thank you, Donors, for making this possible for Hamilton!

Homeschoolers Check Us Out

It was a great day in September when the Mobility Workshop was filled with excited and curious students on a fieldtrip from the local

homeschool group—Home Grown Hearts; many parents accompanied their children. Dividing the students into 2 different age groups worked well so Arla could have fun with the younger kids, getting their opinion on which color carts they liked best; answering the question "what are jigs for?"; why does a welder wear a 'helmet?'; and finding out on a world map where these carts are going. Meanwhile Bob could answer the many more technical questions that came from the junior and senior high schoolers. After the tour, the group watched videos of people who were receiving these mobility carts and we discussed how their lives were impacted by these gifts. Thank-you students for your encouragement of our work and your sincere caring for the people who will be blessed with this gift of mobility! Keep it up!















First Action Trike is Produced in March

Milestones
in 2025



First Container of Action Trikes shipped in October

Our Mission Statement:

To reflect the love of Jesus Christ by bringing MOBILITY and DIGNITY to those in emerging countries who are unable to walk.

We cannot function without you, our Donors! You <u>trust us</u> to make these high quality dependable *Action Trikes* and distribute them to the most needy persons in the world!

"Lord, please help us to find meaningful work to do in Indiana for your Kingdom!"

This was the prayer that went up from Cornville, Maine as George & Ruth were planning to move to Wheatfield, Indiana where they had no church or ministry connection.

When they arrived in the area, they were driving down Rt. 10 and took a "wrong turn" onto 550 West where a large sign announcing *Mobility Ministries* drew their attention. After peeking through windows, they went online to see more information about the ministry as well as a video that included a man they had just met at church who was a Volunteer at *Mobility Ministries*. The connection with *Mobility Ministries* was made and God answered their prayer!

George and Ruth want to express their heartfelt thanks to each Donor, as <u>your generosity</u> is what allows them to participate in this meaningful work to honor God!

"Thank You to our Donors"
from
Ruth & George Arnold
2 new Volunteers



Business Donors. Sometimes businesses (both large and small) share our vision for meeting the needs of the leg-disabled. In early 2025 we met with **Alro Steel**, a very large business in Niles, MI. They caught the vision, agreed to be a part of our efforts, and

Alro Steel

generously assisted with a significant donation of steel that we processed into parts for the Action Trike! We thank them for this encouragement and commitment!

Organization Donors. By mid 2025 the <u>57 Rotary</u> Clubs in the Northern District of Indiana had teamed up to generously sponsor the production of 186 Action Trikes!



<u>Individual Donors</u>. Because of your many <u>individual contributions</u> (some <u>individuals able to sponsor an entire</u> <u>weeks worth</u> of Action Trikes—about \$5000) and the encouragement of businesses that caught the vision, we increased our production of Action Trikes in 2025 by 60%! We will build as many Trikes as you provide the funds for!



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