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New ACTION TRIKES Given to Chifundo & 13 Others

Lilongwe, Malawi — Mtali village, under the jurisdiction of *Traditional Tribal Authority Chibungu*, is where Chifundo Lemiton, aged 35, lives. One day Chifundo woke early and went out to do his daily activities. As a hardworking man, he spent his time attending to his small business, making sure he could provide for himself. As evening came, like any other person, he was tired and he went home to rest. With no electricity in the rural areas he lit a candle inside of a glass. But Chifundo fell asleep after his long work day, the glass shield around the candle failed, and a fire started at the door of the house. Chifundo awoke and screamed for help because he could not get out. Neighbors rushed to help and pulled him out of the burning house; however, Chifundo had already suffered severe burns. He was quickly . . . *(Continued on page 2)*

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taken to the hospital for medical attention. The doctors informed him that the veins and muscles in his legs had been severely damaged by the fire and that walking would now be nearly impossible. Chifundo's life changed completely. Simple things like walking to his shop, attending church, or visiting his friends became a daily struggle.

It was during this difficult time that the team from *Action for Progress* [AfP], our Distribution Partner in Malawi, was told about Chifundo's story by *Hands of Action*, a Malawi community-based organization. AfP prepared an Action Trike for him, and Chifundo, with the help of his brother, traveled to Kubungo Primary School to an Action Trike distribution event where villagers, local leaders and church leaders gathered to witness the distribution of 14 Action Trikes.

The presence of the following organizations reflected their unified purpose to give support to those in need within the rural village communities they served: Wilson Tembo (the Executive Director of AfP), Mark Thiesen (a visiting Board Member from the *Malawi Project* in Lebanon, IN) and representatives of *Hands of Action* and the *Traditional Tribal Authority Chibungu*. Mark Thiesen delivered a message of *Hope* that is brought on by *Love* and *Compassion*. He explained that the mobility unit that Chifundo received "was not just a device, but a symbol of love." He encouraged Chifundo and the other

Action Trike beneficiaries present, not to look down on themselves, reminding them that despite challenges, they are capable of achieving great things. The other organizations expressed deep gratitude to AfP for its continued efforts in improving the welfare of those living with disabilities, and for its incredible gifts of Action Trikes to provide assistance, bringing real and meaningful change to people's lives.

Then the moment came when Chifundo and the others were each helped onto the seats of the newly

designed Action Trikes. The excitement was all over Chifundo's face. Then, in addition to the mobility unit, Chifundo and all of the other recipients, were each offered a Bible in the Chichewa language (their heart language), to read for their spiritual encouragement. Chifundo thanked *Action for Progress* for the gifts! ***

With this new mobility device, Chifundo and all the other recipients will now be able to visit church, connect with family and friends, find employment, go to school, shop at the market, and move around with greater independence.



A Day of Celebration!

Wilson Tembo of *Action for Progress* and Mark Thiesen of the *Malawi Project* gather with 14 recipients and other distinguished officials, to present Action Trikes to the man pictured above, to Chifundo, and to 12 others.

*** How do we pay for Chifundo's new Action Trike ? (It takes nearly \$500)

We can't without you! That's right. We can't build and ship Chifundo's amazing Trike to him to transform his life so immediately and so dramatically, without you, our Donors!

We build what we can!

But we need you to donate!

It's a Partnership!

God has Seen Me Through!

Malawi—Since being diagnosed with polio shortly after birth, 30-year-old Jupita Sindan has never let physical challenges stop her. Her parents, who had to carry her to school, always encouraged her to work hard. As it became more difficult for them to carry her to school, Jupita was blessed with a wheelchair from *Malawi Against Polio* — which worked well for awhile.

“The wheelchair was motivation for me to continue working hard at school. It was my dream to reach university level just like any ambitious lady would do,” says Jupita, “I always wanted to be a teacher and role model to my fellow physically challenged neighbors, helping them realize that *disability* is not *inability*. But my wheelchair wore out and broke, and my dream was threatened.” Jupita found getting to school became almost impossible.

Then she heard the *Action for Progress* was providing amazing mobility devices for people like her. She was thrilled when she was given a Mobility Cart, saying “God has seen me through!” Despite her struggles, she achieved her goal and recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from the University of Malawi and now teaches at Jenda Community Secondary Day School. A woman with a dream, ambition, a thirst for education, a desire to succeed . . . and a Mobility Cart!



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.*

First Action Trike is Delivered! —and Now It’s Finally “Off to School!”



Malawi — Madalitso Frackson is 26 years old, and lives in Msaka Village. She had severe leg disabilities since birth. She was able to briefly attend Primary School with a borrowed wheelchair but had to go back to crawling on the ground when that wheelchair was taken away. That was a tough time for her. She promised herself that “if I ever get another wheelchair, I will go to school no matter how old I am. I want to learn to read and write; and, if I can, I really want to go to a university. I dream of maybe becoming a doctor.”

When the very first Action Trike was delivered to Malawi, *Action for Progress* presented it to Madalitso—she was SO excited! “This tricycle is fast, easy to ride, and very comfortable,” she said with a smile. “I don’t have to use too much energy, and that makes it easier for me to move around and now I can again go to school!”

She proudly said she has already enrolled in the Standard One Grade at Chisepo Primary School (equivalent to US 1st Grade). She’s working hard to do well, and she reported she just placed 9th in her class. Though she is an adult, Madalitso does not mind learning with younger children because she is focused on achieving

her goal to get an education now—whatever it takes.

The new Action Trike is a wonderful upgrade in design and efficiency, and gives recipients a new and much improved mobility vehicle—for Madalitso, age 26, it represents a fresh start as she begins her education, starting from 1st Grade!

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Visitors!

The 8th Grade Students from DeMotte Chr. Sch. learning about Mobility and how they are called to 'Love their Neighbor' by serving others!

8th Graders Learn About Service



Time to Celebrate Our Journey!

DeMotte, IN — On April 17, more than 90 Volunteers, both past and present, joined together for a luncheon and program to celebrate the 15 years *Mobility Ministries* has been in existence. With over 4700 carts produced in these 15 years, the Volunteers shared their joy in being part of this impactful ministry. Bob Gabrielse traced the history of *Mobility Ministries* through story-telling and videos. Peg Nick provided lovely floral arrangements, and Lou Bertolotti led the singing. Rob Schurman spoke for the Volunteers in thanking Bob for his leadership, and Dick Stephens gave the closing remarks and prayer. What a great way to Celebrate our Journey!



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