

Wheelchair Project in Zambia

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So far.... 1210 wheelchairs have been distributed to Zambians with disabilities

2012 goal.....another 1120 wheelchairs to be distributed

We need your help raising \$60,000 to send 2 containers of wheelchairs in 2012!

In the past you have generously supported the Wheelchair Project and we need your financial help to send TWO containers of wheelchairs in 2012. The gift of mobility changes lives. It literally lifts people off the ground and allows them to go to school, to the market, to church and participate in the community. In the past people with disabilities in Zambia were kept hidden by family members because of perceived stigma. A wheelchair is not only a gift of mobility but gift of dignity and compassion.

The Wheelchair Project is targeting two new areas in 2012; Western Zambia and hospitals treating people suffering from leprosy. Western Zambia is one of the poorest and most remote provinces in Zambia and the government provides no wheelchairs to people with disabilities. Wheelchairs in Zambia cost about \$300, a cost most Zambians could never afford. Wheelchair distribution is the first in this area and people with disabilities are already being screened in anticipation of receiving a wheelchair in 2012. The second container is targeting hospitals who care for Zambians suffering from leprosy. Lepers are considered to be outcasts in the community and are often overlooked in humanitarian aid.



Esther has suffered from leprosy her entire life and has spent most of her life on the ground and in bed



The disease has eaten away her fingers and toes



In July 2011 Esther received her first wheelchair. Her smile of appreciation says more than words

The cost for transportation and distribution is \$60,000. Your prayers and support will change the lives of the poor and vulnerable in Zambia. All wheelchair recipients are told the gift of mobility is given to show the love and compassion of Jesus.

Please help us to help those who have no hope of receiving a wheelchair by making a donation. Make your check payable to Zambia Mission Fund and send to:

Zambia Mission
658 E.N. 21st St.
Abilene, TX 79601

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Wheelchair Project for Zambia.

In 2011, many churches and companies supported the Wheelchair Project. A 3-minute video explaining the Wheelchair Project is available and if you would like a copy please indicate this on the enclosed card.

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