

Hope in Motion

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Spring Prayer and Praise Report 2010



Judy and Alberto (top right and right) pose with an encouraged Matias, who received the power wheelchair at left.

News from Uruguay: Hope for Matias

Sarandi del Yi is a small town one and a half hours from Durazno, Uruguay. A couple who had lost their daughter affected by special needs had established a center to help others.

They told us about Matias, a young 16 year old boy who had become a quadriplegic due to an accident. They said that he was very depressed. They had loaned him a manual wheelchair so that he could attend school, but someone had to push him. His therapist said that he had given up and his grades were not good.

We returned to Durazno and prepared a power chair for him. When we went back to Sarandi del Yi and gave Matias the power chair, he was very happy, but afraid to use it. The therapist said that she would work with him.

A couple weeks after we returned home, we received word that Matias had learned to propel himself in the power chair and that his attitude had changed. His attendance and grades were already improving.

— Judy and Alberto Nuñez, FRIDLA www.fridla.org

Prayer point: Pray for FRIDLA's outreach to Uruguay, Peru and Chile. And that Bolivia will repeal the heavy taxes on humanitarian aid, so outreach there can continue unhindered.

Patrick's Warehouse Report



Above: Patrick (right) instructs the Troops. Below: Michael Englehart makes sparks fly while Jason Mackland looks on.

News from the WOLAVSICSAD (warehouse operation logistics administrative volunteer supervisor inventory coordinating and shipping director*):

We have been able to reduce our inventory since last year. Just recently, we have donated wheelchairs and other equipment to *Christian Aid Missions, Operation Mobilization, LifeLine Missions and Apostolic World Relief for relief in Haiti*. It was shipped out in February and just last week.

It has been a blessing to know that we have been able to help share the love of God with partnering ministries. We still have equipment for distribution even after we donated equipment to *Through the Roof Ministries for Honduras, Summit Missions in Moldova, Pioneers Church Planters in Thailand, and Friends of the Disabled - Latin America in Peru, Chile and Uruguay*.

Boy Scout Troop #48 has invaded the warehouse a third time to help strip damaged goods for recycling. We recycle those donations that are too damaged to repair, and benefit from clean scrap metal prices thanks to their work. Troop leader Chris Englehart

tells us "The boys enjoy taking things apart, so this is perfect for them!" He added "I didn't realize how much work is involved in scrapping for recycling, but it's definitely worth it." Our financial picture has improved since Christmas time. *Thank you for prayers and financial support.* We were able to rent a truck seven times last year and twice so far this year to collect donations from Invacare. Renting has proved far more cost effective than owning. Also, I was able to receive my compensation for the hours I worked all of last year and for this year, so far. In Mark 6:35-43 Jesus does a miracle with two fish and five loafs. I was inspired this morning at a prayer meeting about this story. Jesus said to feed the people before sending them away. Jesus' disciples asked, how are we going to feed so many with so little? Jesus showed them, he blessed the fish and the bread and all were fed and there was a lot left over.

Wheels is similar this way. The needs are so great worldwide, not just in Haiti or Chile. I feel that we are such a small part in the ability to provide equipment for many needy people.

Our warehouse in 2007 and 2008 was overflowing with equipment. I prayed, "Lord all this stuff is not helping anyone setting in the warehouse... please send it out." The Lord started

* editor's note: Our Board has discussed COO (Chief Operations Officer) as a more appropriate title— It's easier to pronounce, anyway!





Top L to R: Scout Master Denise Markland, Chelsie Howland, Brad Salladay and Matt Williams pull cables from broken rollators so that the metals can be recycled free of plastics.

God continues to
provide through your
prayers,
volunteer efforts
and
financial giving.

—Thank you!

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We would like to grow our Board in 2010.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve, contact Patrick via e-mail and we will e-mail you an invitation to our next "Explore the Board" meeting where you can learn more.

bringing additional resources to move the many wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, mattresses and other donations to those who needed them in foreign lands. In 2009 we shipped almost five, forty-foot containers of equipment!

I have been compiling a load for Thailand that will ship March 31st. As I look for items to fill the load, it is good to see that we are *not* overflowing. Naturally, I am a little concerned because there are less items for other shipments that we want to fill— *but I am confident that God will supply us with the twelve baskets full.* He always comes through!

We have been blessed to have two new volunteers at the warehouse. Rick and Jerry who are in training by the other volunteers and are proving to be a valuable asset to us and God. I have been needing someone to sort and arrange incoming donations from Invacare. Loren, Rick and Jerry did it in just a few hours which saved me a lot of time. I just finished inventory of the sixteen skids that came January 10th, now I can start on what came in March 12th.

Prayer points: *Continue to pray for increased distribution channels, shipping connections and operating funds in 2010.*

News from Thailand: "But Wait, there's more!"

Last month I attended the funeral of a family who knows that I'm involved in wheelchair and home medical equipment distribution. The person who passed away had a wheelchair, a walker, a cane and a portable commode. The family asked if I wanted these items and then gave them to me.

This past Sunday, an assistant pastor of my church asked if I had a wheelchair for a person he knew who needed one, so we arranged to go today to give Paa the wheelchair. *It so happens that the wheelchair was just perfect for him.* This was just a standard, non adjustable wheelchair but was just perfect for Paa because he has no legs. As you know, each wheelchair has to be an appropriate fit for each recipient and so this worked out just beautifully.

But wait, there's more! I also brought the walker, cane and commode with me as well, just in case they might be useful. Paa's younger brother, named Juap, has a severe problem walking. Paa and his brother are in their 60's and Juap had to have help from his younger sister, Nok, to walk. So we decided to give the walker to Juap. He was overjoyed and immediately looked at the concrete street of his village and began envisioning using the walker around his neighborhood.

But wait, there's more! This family has no bathroom in their home. Just imagine how much of a help a portable commode is for people like Juap and Paa. And the cane went to their elderly father, Phi Chay. My assistant pastor and I explained to them that *all of these items were not hand picked for them by us, but that God must have prepared this set of mobility aid specifically for them.* Only the younger sister, Nok, is a believer in this home.

But wait, there's more! We also gave a Bible and tracts to the father, Phi Chay, and he began explaining how good a person he was; sort of like, "I don't smoke or chew, or go with girls who do." We were able to explain that though Phi Chay may be a very good person, it is impossible to be absolutely perfect, thus the need for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Rather than get into a confrontational conversation, we just left it at that. The younger sister, Nok, is a strong believer and attends my assistant pastor's cell group each week and comes to church as well. She will follow up our conversation in a gentle manner.

All this to say, that God is sovereign and in this case, He prepared just the right set of equipment for just the right people— who have yet to receive the greatest gift of all, salvation by faith in Jesus Christ. Thank you, Wheels of Hope and all volunteers who help make wonderful things like this possible.

In Him and for Him, Doug Tell

Prayer points: *Continue to pray for healing for Luc, our Thailand director. Pray for blessings and safety for the Pioneers missionaries and those Thai professionals they work with to distribute the equipment all over Thailand. Pray that the missionaries would not only minister to the recipients, but that opportunities would arise for them to share the gospel with the Thai professionals they work with.*

Our Mission

To raise the poor with disabilities from the dust and give them a place of physical dignity (Psalm 113:7,8) spiritual regeneration in Christ (Titus 3:4,5) and capability in Christ (Phil 4:13).

May God bless and direct you as you consider supporting our mission.

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