

568,220 in production & shipped

78 countries

...mobility



Free Wheelchair Mission
TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH THE GIFT OF MOBILITY

\$59.20 transforms a life.

Saturday, June 25, 3:00 p.m.

Fishfest 2011

Verizon Wireless Amphitheater - Irvine, CA
Enjoy MercyMe & Third Day, the O.C. Supertones,
and many more with featured charity
Free Wheelchair Mission!

Tuesday, July 26, 5:30 p.m.

Magic of Mobility

Hilton Orange County - Costa Mesa, CA
Celebrate 10 Years of Transformation at this
summer's most inspirational event!

Recap:

Run for Mobility 2011 - 490 participants
\$220,000 raised - 3,000 lives lifted

Want to make YOUR miles matter?

Next chance:

Long Beach Marathon - October 9, 2011



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About an hour out of the capital of El Salvador is the town of Tonacatepeque, and it was there that we met Marjorie. What a story. What a smile!

Marjorie was born with a congenital malformation of her spinal cord which left her with little mobility. Just 14 years old, her young life has been marked with disability, poverty, tragedy, and violence; her father passed away before her birth in an unfortunate accident, and her mother, uncles and brother were killed eight years ago, victims of a gang-related event. She lives with a grandmother who cares not only for Marjorie, but for all seven grandchildren orphaned in that single act of violence.



Marjorie had a wheelchair when she was younger, but it finally fell apart with age. When her grandmother was unable to replace it, she could no longer get out of the house to attend school regularly. I asked Marjorie what subject she missed the most and she said she loved writing and drawing. She smiled gently, remembering the old days when she was able to join her friends in the classroom.

No longer will she need to crawl around the house. No longer will she be homebound, feeling like a burden to her grandmother. With this wheelchair, she can go back to her school, her friends, her world.

I know that this gift of mobility will make a difference in Marjorie's life. Just meeting her has made a difference in mine.

Dell Fuller, *photographer*
Free Wheelchair Mission Ambassador

10 Years of Transformation
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Special Guests at Magic of Mobility

Siengmy and Siengsy Phengphachan are brothers from the People's Democratic Republic of Laos. Last year, they received wheelchairs through a local distribution from Operation Blessing International and the Christian Broadcasting Network, FWM's partners in the region. This is their story:

Both Siengmy and Siengsy began to lose their mobility at a young age due to unfortunate genetic complications. No longer able to attend the village school in which they had been enrolled, the boys became homebound, crawling to reach their daily needs, helping support the family by caring for the ducks, chicken and pigs. They missed their school, their friends, and the village festivals they had so enjoyed. But even a single wheelchair was an unthinkable expense, far beyond their family's economic situation.

When they received two brand-new wheelchairs through FWM's partners in the region, the brothers were able to re-engage with their world. Newly mobilized, they are less reliant upon their parents, and have been able to return to school, empowered and enthusiastic about the road that lies ahead.

This July, Free Wheelchair Mission is honored to host the brothers Phengphachan as our featured guests at Magic of Mobility. The boys are looking forward to this journey of a lifetime as they travel around the world, joining us in Orange County to share the true meaning of the "transforming gift of mobility."



Magic
of **MOBILITY** **July 26, 2011**
5:30 p.m.

Hilton Orange County
3050 Bristol, Costa Mesa, California 92626

Special Guests: Siengmy and Siengsy Phengphachan

Attire: Festive with an international flair

Tickets: \$150

Reply by July 18, 2011 for special ticket pricing

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our Mission



Provide the transforming gift of mobility to the physically disabled poor in developing countries, as motivated by Jesus Christ.

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10 Years of Transformation

Free Wheelchair Mission



On behalf of over 550,000 people empowered by the transforming gift of mobility,

we thank you.

Letter From Don

President & Founder



We were on a distribution in Vizag, India, when we met Binu. 36 years old and afflicted with cerebral palsy, he can't speak and has limited voluntary use of his hands. We relied upon his family for information as it seemed nearly impossible to communicate with him directly.

We lifted Binu into one of our GEN_2 wheelchairs and made the final adjustments, personalizing the fit to hold him firmly in place. He was able to make his body cooperate, but he seemed confused and disengaged. We placed his hands on the wheels. His mother gently moved the wheelchair back and forth. As Binu's hands moved on the wheels, he stared at them intently. Wheelchair moves, wheels move, hands move. His mother stood back, but Binu continued to stare at his hands. He closed his eyes, gripped and pushed at the wheels...and the wheelchair moved. I could almost hear him thinking... "I can move. I CAN MOVE!"



SunPower Sends Rays of Hope to the South Pacific!

Recently, Free Wheelchair Mission teamed up with solar energy pioneer SunPower Corporation and the McDaniel Family Foundation for a joint humanitarian project in the Philippines. With the help of more than 150 SunPower employees, over 1,100 wheelchairs were distributed near the city of Manila. FWM is thankful for this creative partnership, and looks forward to future projects with these innovative philanthropists.

At that moment, Binu made an important yet simple discovery. It gave me goosebumps and reminded me of a similar discovery we made ten years ago: connect a pair of bicycle wheels with a lawn chair and you can create a durable, functional wheelchair. A life-changing wheelchair. A decade later, with thanks to God for over half a million people touched, Binu again reminded me that mobility is essential to life, and that a wheelchair can make all the difference.

Don Schomdoff

