

and away we Go!

an adventure in Love, COMPASSION and action



MISSIONS TOOL KIT

Scope and Sequence

Day	Theme	G.P.S. God's Perfect Story	Memory Verse	Where in the World is....
Monday	An adventure in: Love	A Promise is made Genesis	God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. John 3:16	Nicaragua
Tuesday	An adventure in: Faith	Jesus has the power to heal Matthew 12 & Mark 3	Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your mind. This is the first and most important commandment." Matthew 22:37-38	Peru
Wednesday	An adventure in: Compassion	Feeding the 5,000 Mark 6 & John 6	And the second is like it. 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' Matthew 22:39	Malawi, Africa
Thursday	An adventure in: Team Work	Through the Roof Mark 2	None of you should look out just for your own good. You should also look out for the good of others. Philippians 2:4	Viet Nam
Friday	An adventure in: Action	Healing at Beautiful Acts 3	Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive each other, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done. Ephesians 4:32	China

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FWM STORY

Years ago, Don and Laurie Schoendorfer were vacationing in Morocco when they witnessed the plight of a disabled woman struggling to drag herself across a dirt road. Ignored by the crowds and barely evading traffic, the woman's hardship was a scene the couple would be unable to forget upon their return to life in Southern CA.



Don was a Columbia University graduate with a Ph.D. in engineering from MIT, working in the biomedical field, and responsible for a string of over 50 U.S. patents. Because of his passion for serving the poor, he eventually walked away from a successful career in research and development and developed the inexpensive and durable wheelchair that would become the heart and soul of Free Wheelchair Mission.

Don launched Free Wheelchair Mission with a handful of prototype chairs packed along on a mission trip to India in 2001. When he lifted a child into the first chair, Don realized that God had created a path for him, and the Free Wheelchair

Mission was born. The humanitarian organization would grow to distribute over **447,000 wheelchairs** to **76 countries** to date, with a goal of eventually reaching **20 million** of the world's disabled population. And, in March of 2008, Don was awarded the **"Above and Beyond Award"** by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society for his work among the disabled poor, one of the first civilians ever to receive this accolade.

Founded in 2001, Free Wheelchair Mission is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to providing wheelchairs for the impoverished disabled in developing nations. Headquartered in Irvine, California, FWM works around the world in partnership with a vast network of humanitarian, faith-based and government organizations, sending wheelchairs to **hundreds of thousands** of disabled people, providing not only the gift of mobility, but those of dignity, independence, and hope.

Our mission is to transform lives through the gift of mobility to the physically disabled poor in developing countries as motivated by Jesus Christ. Our vision is to provide **20 million wheelchairs**.

VALUES

- We conduct our mission with integrity and humility.
- We honor God in all we do.
- We value individuals and relationships.
- We encourage creativity and innovation.

Compassionate Kids

OUR WORLD IS CHANGING. Technology has connected continents like never before. Within seconds, we hear about triumphs or tragedies happening in faraway places. With this amazing knowledge comes a deep responsibility to our neighbors worldwide.

This is the world in which our children live. We have the privilege of introducing them to its beauties, its cultures, and even its challenges. Our kids can become the world's problem solvers, providing they've developed a compassionate heart and a global mindset. It is our hope with **AND AWAY WE GO** to awaken a common concern in children for people beyond the boundaries of their own neighborhoods.

In the United States, the majority of disabled citizens will find access to a wheelchair and a life of independence. Public and private health care, government organizations, charitable groups and a variety of social services provide a safety net that grants coverage for many Americans.

However, in developing nations where poverty and economic isolation are the norm, the physically disabled must crawl on the ground or wait to be carried by loved ones to reach their most basic of needs. They are subjected to danger, disease and hopelessness. Their families strain to care for their loved one within an already overburdened existence. For most of these people, a wheelchair is a dream far beyond their wildest imagination.



There are **100 million** people in these developing countries that cannot walk. That is twice the population of the state of California. We recognize that statistics at times can be desensitizing therefore **AND AWAY WE GO** has chosen to focus on the story of one.

When Jesus walked among us, He had a special heart for the poor, the sick and the disabled and we are called to follow His example. Jesus' ministry was a tangible demonstration of God's love. He tells us in Matthew 22 – When we love God, we will love our neighbors. When we truly love our neighbors, it expresses our love for God.

Our hope is that as children are exposed to and transformed by the love of God they will develop hearts of compassion for the poor.

It takes TRANSFORMED PEOPLE TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD!