JOURNEY OF A WHEELCHAIR

**The Call**
Free Wheelchair Mission learns about the need for wheelchairs in places around the world. For $80, the life of one individual can be transformed, opening the doors to employment, education, renewed dignity, freedom, and hope.

**Manufacturing**
Shanghai, China
The wheelchair frames and all the accompanying parts—including seat cushions, hand pumps, tire patch kits, and associated hardware—are manufactured, boxed, and prepared for shipment by our factory partner.

**Transporting**
Port of Shanghai, China
A shipping container, which holds between 440-550 wheelchairs—is trucked from the factory to the port of Shanghai. It is loaded onto a freighter ship and transported to the designated country.

**Global Headquarters**
Irvine, California, USA
Planning and development of FWM’s extensive fundraising efforts begin to take place. Direct donor support, individual fundraising efforts, foundation assistance, and FWM events are all vital to funding program expenses.

**Wheelchair Distribution**
Wheelchairs are distributed at ceremonies—large or small—or are distributed individually as needed. The distribution partner photographs the process and sends distribution reports to FWM.

**Distribution Training**
To ensure FWM wheelchairs are distributed to recipients appropriately, FWM requires all distribution partners to go through a comprehensive hybrid training course.

**Unloading & Assembling**
Local distribution partner workers and volunteers unload the container and assemble the wheelchairs. Working with local government, charitable, church, and medical authorities, the distribution partner establishes guidelines for recipients—working to verify the need and locate the appropriate wheelchair recipients.

**Port of Destination Customs**
Upon reaching the port of the designated country, the qualified, in-country distribution partner working with FWM meets the container at the dock. The partner works with local authorities to clear customs, then arranges transportation for the container to their warehouse.