

Free Wheelchair Mission & Your Christian School



In 1977, Dr. Don Schoendorfer (top photo, right) and his wife were on vacation in Morocco when they witnessed the plight of a woman who couldn't walk, trying to drag herself across a dusty, bustling road while others stepped around her. The scene seared itself onto his heart, and he sensed God calling him to use his time, talents, and treasures to do something about it.

Using his skills as an MIT-trained biomedical engineer, Don set out to design a low-cost, durable wheelchair for use by people with disabilities in developing countries. He built 100 prototypes in his garage and began to give them away during a mission trip to India in 2001.

That's when Free Wheelchair Mission was born.

Free Wheelchair Mission is a humanitarian, faith-based nonprofit that designs and manufactures cost-efficient, durable wheelchairs for individuals living with disabilities in developing countries.

In collaboration with a worldwide network of like-minded partners, Free Wheelchair Mission has distributed 1.3 million wheelchairs in 94 countries around the world since 2001, providing renewed dignity, independence, and hope through the gift of mobility, all at no cost to the recipient.

Why Should Christian Schools Partner with Free Wheelchair Mission?

Expand students' global awareness of people living with disabilities in under-resourced areas of the world.

Empower students to become champions for mobility in their school and community.

Equip students to put their faith into action by following Jesus' example to love your neighbor.

Prepare students to be global leaders, connecting their purpose, talents, and faith to change lives.

Partnership Opportunities

- School-wide Community or Outreach Days
- Classroom-based Projects
- Individual Student Projects

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School Partnership Resources Grades TK-8th



Free School Resources*

Free Wheelchair Mission is dedicated to supporting your educators as they develop future leaders who are equipped with knowledge, passion, and purpose to make mobility possible for everyone who needs it.

For School-wide “Dedicate a Day for Disability Awareness”

- Chapel or Assembly Presentation by Free Wheelchair Mission—In-person or Zoom Option
- Jog/Walk/Roll-a-thon for Mobility

For Teachers

- Curriculum w/Activity Sheets
- Videos and Scripts
- VR Experience
- Story and Prayer Cards
- Sharing Resources
- Emails for Parents
- Social Media Kits

For Students

- Giving Cubes
- Wristbands
- Fundraising Posters

Family Resources

- Disability-Friendly Reading and Movie Lists
- Family Devotionals
- FAQ Sessions for Parents

*Supplies of some items may be limited. Wheelchair for display may be available upon request. Shipping not included.

Suggested Focus Areas



Global Regions

- Studies from Five Different Countries
- Activity Sheets
- Prayer Cards
- Engagement Activity - Bracelets



Loving Our Neighbors

- Disability Awareness Studies
- Reading and Movie Lists
- Prayer Cards
- Free Wheelchair Mission PBS Documentary



Careers with Impact

- Explore career paths
- STEM work turned into good

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