

WHEELCHAIRS for NIGERIA

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OVER 500 WHEELCHAIRS GIVEN IN 3 WEEKS

Ron Rice made his 25th trip to Nigeria in September, and he and his partner Ayuba Gufwan did 9 large wheelchair distributions in 6 states, each involving 6-10 hours of driving on Nigeria's dangerous roads. They gave out a little over 500 wheelchairs.

One example of the overwhelming need: on Sept. 24, wheelchairs were given out at a large church in the small town of Bogoro, Bauchi State. Earlier when Ayuba contacted the pastor, he said he didn't think there were many disabled in his area. Yet 70 wheelchairs were given and 31 more came whose names were not on the list! A week later the pastor called and said he now had 53 who need wheelchairs, in addition to the 70. This is very typical. No one knows how many polio survivors are hidden away, who never get further from their house than they can crawl.



Church of Christ in Nigeria (COCIN), Bogoro—70 wheelchairs





An exciting day!



Some polio survivors come in wheelbarrows



The palace of the Chief of Obi—45 wheelchairs given, but almost 100 came hoping to get one



The Chief of Obi

A member of the House of Representatives (similar to our Congress) arranged a presentation of 70 wheelchairs (below). He said “No one has ever done anything like this for the disabled of Bauchi.” The Chief Imam of the Central Mosque said, “These people have come from a far away country and they are not even Muslims, but their religion has taught them to have mercy and compassion on needy ones.” The president of the handicapped association lamented the neglect of the disabled, leaving them to their fate, and challenged the people to emulate the white man who came all the way from America to care for the handicapped.





WHEELCHAIRS GIVEN AT 3 EMIR'S PALACES

Seventy wheelchairs were given at the large palace of the Emir of Dutse in Jigawa State in the far north. Ron Rice wore his chief's turban and robe, given to him a year ago. It would be rare for a white man to ever visit an Emir's palace, but a white Nigerian chief? Never. Here he tells the crowd the background of the name Beautiful Gate Handicapped People's Center, (the organization's name in Nigeria) taken from the Bible story of the miraculous healing of a crippled beggar in Acts 3. Translating into Hausa is Ayuba's disabled friend, a member of the Jigawa House of Assembly.

Sixty wheelchairs were given at the palace of the Emir of Katagun and 60 at the palace of the Emir of Misau, both in Bauchi State.



\$150 TRANSFORMS A LIFE

These children can't crawl 3 to 5 km. to school, so they sit at home. They're crippled so they can't work. They become a useless burden to their family and they grow up to be a useless burden. A \$150 wheelchair transforms their life. With mobility the children can go to school and the adults can get vocational training or an apprenticeship and become self-supporting.



A day never to be forgotten

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Amazing Grace Baptist Church, Keffi, Nasarawa State—40 wheelchairs

THANK YOU DONORS

Thanks to you, 16,000 wheelchairs have now been donated since the beginning, and so far in 2017, **1786** wheelchairs (tricycles) have been given, **75** standard wheelchairs (for those who cannot use their arms), **147** folding white canes and **79** digital voice recorders to blind students, and large amounts of food to the **430** deaf students at the Plateau School for the Deaf, as well as a computer center with 20 computers and new roofs on two classroom buildings.

