



Challenging God's Family To Live Out Their Calling

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THE REALIZATION OF GOD'S CREATION!

Back in October of last year we shared with you some of the highlights of our mission trip to Kenya Africa and some of the work and ministry that we were able to accomplish during our time there, but there was one thing that I left out in sharing with you that was my personal highlight of my trip to Africa. That item is also the special ministry project I spoke about in a past newsletter that I said I would share in the future. Well the future is here!

When I first traveled to Africa with my wife Gail in 2009 we had the opportunity to stay with a beautiful couple we were introduced to, Richard & Jane.

They opened their home to us and their lives and were such a blessing to us as we were seeking God's direction as to why we were there in Kenya.

Both Richard & Jane are both uniquely wonderful people, but one of Richards characteristics was obvious to us from the start.

Having suffered from an industrial accident some years prior Richard had lost the use of his legs and was now a paraplegic forced to live his life through the confines of his wheelchair.

Now there are many people I know and many I am sure you do as well with similar disabilities, but having such a disability in a third world country like Kenya intensifies the situation.

There are no handicap ramps or access areas to speak of. The handicapped are not well thought after. The roads are mainly unpaved with ruts and rocks in abundance and to travel them by foot let alone in a wheelchair can be a struggle.

In fact Richard told me that he must regularly replace the wheel bearings and do continued repairs on his standard hospital style wheelchair simply because it was never designed to take such abuse.

After returning back to Kenya the following year and spending even more time with Richard & Jane God laid it on my heart to do what I could to make their already difficult life easier, and so the thought of building a specialized all terrain wheelchair came to mind.

Now I didn't really know anything about wheelchairs except that I had rode in one or two on occasion for medical reasons.

But as they say You can't steer a car unless it is moving. So armed only with a desire to fill a need, I began to research and seek God for the answers by moving ahead.

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Our All Terrain Wheelchair.

Built By Us, But God Gave Us The Design!

This Month's Focus On Ministry

A Look At What Has Been Happening!

Just a couple of weeks ago I had the opportunity to be invited to speak at a new youth conference venue called "BREAKAWAY"

My good friend Gary Grecco whose ministry hosts the event asked if I would come and share

as a speaker during one of the outbreak seminar sessions.

It was a wonderful time to reconnect with old friends and especially great to be able to share about my journey through my cancer and where God was during that time and how he cared for me and loved me.

Because of the bad experiences in their lives so many youth today as well as adults have no clue as to how deeply God loves them even when and especially when they are facing hardship.

All in all I had the opportunity to share with about 180 teenagers the things I discovered about God's love for me and all I discovered about him during

the several years of my journey as I battled cancer to survive.

Wherever you are in life right now, whether facing a hardship or just trying to reconnect with God it might be helpful to you to check out a video I recorded containing much of the content...

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The Realization Of God's Creation! (continued)

Now there were many obstacles in the way, such as where would the funds come from to build such a chair and how to get it from design to reality.

In addition to Richard's need it was always on my heart to help those with disabilities like his and so my thought was that if with God's help I could design and build an all terrain wheelchair then Inheritance World Ministries could help fulfill a need for veterans and others to get back to the outdoors and the world around them and pursue a more fuller life.

After researching for several months I came up with the criteria that needed to go into the construction of this apparatus. It needed to be strong and completely made of steel so that it would not only endure the abuse, but be easily repairable in a third world country. It needed to be easily assembled and disassembled for transport including air travel. It needed to be inexpensive so that we could get it into the hands of as many people who had need for one, and it needed to be made from readily available components (like bicycle parts) so that it could be repaired anywhere in the world.

In working on my design to met the above criteria I came to many walls that I just could not find the answer for or overcome. After praying over such difficulties God would provide for me the answers by waking me in the night and showing me a glimpse of what I needed to see and the next step in construction would be so clear that I knew he was guiding my hand. This was clearly his creation! When people found out that I was designing and building an all terrain wheelchair they would ask me "Are you an engineer?" I now tell them "No, but I know someone who is!"

Once the plans were finally finished we needed the equipment and material for fabrication the cost of which was graciously donated through a grant by Wal-Mart as well as a local church and others.

With those items in hand we began the building of our first prototype, which did not have the traction to climb steep hills. The second prototype lacked overall power. But the third met all the criteria we had proposed and was constructed over just a few weeks and actually finished the day before our team was to leave for Kenya. Talk about cutting it close!

Our hope was to test our new wheelchair under the extreme conditions of Africa, but even more so to fulfill a dream of several years and to bless my friend Richard with an instrument he greatly needed to get around with.

Once we reassemble our wheelchair in Africa, our team gathered around Richard and presented him with his new Gift. He may have covered his mouth in shock, but joy and thanksgiving poured from his eyes in the form of tears.

So another direction in our ministry is now moving forward to help supply those around us with not only the message of hope and love found in Jesus Christ, but a tangible way to show it as well. So this year we are working on refining our design and are ramping up the development of our wheelchair so that we can soon have them available for distribution to those not only here in our area of the USA, but wherever the need is around the world.

So thank you all for your prayers and support in making this dream a reality and allowing the realization of God's creation to become a support to those with physical challenges that want to experience life without limitations!

To view a video of our new wheelchair in action go to <https://youtu.be/P3XZTXwGqVk>



Richard's Surprised Gift!



Richard On The Move!

**SOME OF THE PHOTOS FROM
OUR ALL TERRAIN WHEELCHAIR
IN ACTION!**



The Working Model Of God's Creation!



Richard & Jane With Their New Wheelchair!

A Look At What Has Been Happening! (Continued)

of what I shared with the youth at the conference this past March in Ocean City Maryland

To learn more about the things God showed me during my hardship click the link and go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwkExVITMEg&t=4s>

I'm sure it will bless your heart and hopefully draw you farther into God's presence!

Miracle & Victory Children's Centre (Kibera Kenya)



This past Christmas time we were able to send a financial gift to the Miracle & Victory Children's Centre located in the Kibera Slum just outside Nairobi. Monica the founder of the center was able to use our gift to purchase 30 new school desks for the children there so that they no longer had to sit on the floor to do their work. So thank you so much for the gift you give so that we can help gift others!



Haven On The Hill Children's Home (Gatundu Kenya)

One of our main ministry partners in Kenya is the Haven On The Hill. We have been happy to play a part in providing through our funds and work during our last mission trip, and other funds we were able to share with them just a few months ago. So with the role we help play and the help of many others the Haven is moving closer to completing the dining / meeting room building at the home. God is definitely on the move there!

In addition they are growing not just through construction, but with the addition of children as well. For a complete update check out what has been happening there by going to www.throughthestorm.org



Children In The Kibera Slum

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray:

- For our plans to move forward in developing, building and distribution our new wheelchair and that God might use it to bring others to him through it.
- Please pray for Phil & Janice at the Haven on the Hill and for the house mothers and staff working hard on behalf of the Lord as they serve the children there!
- For the Miracle & Victory Children's Centre and for Monica that heads up that ministry. Please pray that God would provide the funds they need to feed and care for the children in Kibera and for safety from disease.
- Please pray for one of our board members Marcy who has been diagnosed with cancer and is working towards getting treatment.
- Also please pray for a ministry partner Cindy and her grandson that was diagnosed with another severe illness and is going through treatment as well!

God bless you all for all you do and your prayers! They mean so, so much!



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Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (NIV)

James 1: 27

OUR MISSION

As part of the body of Christ, Inheritance World Ministries is to reach out to the unsaved, to establish the care for orphans and the brokenhearted and to train the church to do the same by equipping them through the application of the Word of God through direct teaching and missions both at home and abroad.

Thank you so much for all you do in helping us minister to the children of Kenya and to others. Your prayers and financial support does more than you know. You may not know this but it has been our goal from the beginning that no one serving at our ministry take a salary so everyone that is ministering through Inheritance World Ministries volunteers the gifts God has given to them. Because of this fact almost all of the funds we receive go towards the children and people we minister to in the name of Jesus!

So thank you again for all you do both prayerfully and financially. Together we are making a difference for all eternity!

For the least, the last, and the Lost ~ Dave Dowling

