



CANADIAN FOUNDATION **WHEELCHAIR**
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A Global Wheelchair Mission Partner

A Heart's Journey

MAY 2015



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OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Wheelchairs Delivered and Committed To Date

CONTAINER TO	WHEELCHAIRS
Afghanistan	1,750
American Samoa	240
Antigua	280
Argentina	280
Belize	220
Bolivia	360
Canada	901
Chile	940
China	387
Colombia	840
Costa Rica	378
Cuba	950
Dominican Republic	1,794
Ecuador	560
El Salvador	1,400
Ethiopia	540
Fiji	140
Guatemala	280
Haiti	210
Indonesia	706
Iraq	280
Jamaica	420
Kenya	560
Lithuania	560
Mexico	12,210
Nepal	540
Panama	2,358
Peru	340
Philippines	1,230
Poland	110
Puerto Rico	390
Russia	283
Rwanda	290
Sierra Leone	670
South Africa	950
Sri Lanka	280
Tajikistan	240
Ukraine	1,120
USA	110
Venezuela	280
Vietnam	1,620
Zambia	560

TOTAL TO DATE: 38,557

UKRAINE May 2015



Children happy on their last day of school before the summer, laughing in the streets, riding their bikes, seniors chatting in the shade, busy downtown streets on the weekend: all appears to be peaceful everyday life in a beautiful friendly country.

The Knights of Columbus of Canada have understood the other reality in Ukraine. Conflict has displaced thousands of people. Families and communities are struggling to take care of family members from the East. An already weak medical system is struggling. Conflict has caused seemingly irreparable physical and emotional injuries.

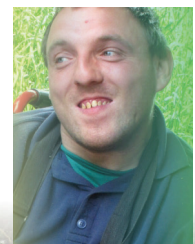
In partnership with the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation the fifth container of wheelchairs and other mobility devices has been arranged for Ukraine within one year! Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and BC Yukon jurisdictions have been especially involved up to now. Among the **1,500 wheelchairs** are 200 destined for the Military Hospital in Kiev, specially designed for more active users, young soldiers injured in Eastern Ukraine.



Last May, Ed Shawchuck, Past State Deputy 2013-2015 of the BC/Yukon Knights of Columbus, and his wife Sandra took on the long journey to Lviv, Ukraine, to help deliver 280 wheelchairs sponsored by his jurisdiction. Working with Caritas in different cities around Lviv, delivering wheelchairs in community centres and many homes, they were able to witness that the mobility they provide is a tangible immediate gift. They found that their personal visit, their obvious caring and their friendship seem to be the larger gift.



For Ed, it was a journey which brought together the 'Yesterday', his ancestry in a faraway place, and the 'Now', his desire to help people of a country in conflict. The 'Yesterday' and the 'Now', not related by causality, but by the 'Then', the future and the hope which he was able to bring to so many people, a true journey of the heart.



...dignity ... freedom ... hope...opportunity

