



Wheels for the World

Thank you for viewing these slides. I hope they will give you a sense of the life on a Wheels trip. If you have any questions, just let me know.

Thanks,

Dave Camp



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- Wheels for the World is a programme run by Through the Roof, a Christian UK charity that collects and sends wheelchairs and walking aids out to mainly African countries.
- They usually get a team of therapists, techies, a photographer and a pastor to travel out and, with a partner organisation, distribute the equipment.
- The equipment is collected in a warehouse in Aldershot, Hampshire, serviced there or sent away for more serious repairs, loaded into a container and then shipped to the country where the distribution is to take place.



- I first got involved with the charity when Trinity's Ange Hill, reported that she was going to Uganda in 2018.
- She asked if anyone would like to go with her and Ola Out and I signed up and we went to a place called Mbale.
- Later that year I went to Lagos in Nigeria and in 2019 to a huge refugee camp in Uganda where people from the conflict in South Sudan had made their home.
- In 2020 I went back to Uganda to a place called Kumi where a former leprosy hospital treated people for a range of complaints, including mal-nutrition.



- Working on a Wheels trip is a tiring experience.
- It is usually hot, the accommodation can be basic, sometimes the electricity cuts out, sometimes the water cuts out.
- Days can be long with the distributions starting around 09:00 or earlier and ending after 18:00.
- Sometimes there can be a journey to get to the distribution site each day.
- Emotionally, you see things that are tough to deal with.
- It is always rewarding!!

2 Samuel Chapter 9:1

David asked, 'Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?'

Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, 'Are you Ziba?' 'At your service,' he replied.

The king asked, 'Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?' Ziba answered the king, 'There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet.' 'Where is he?' the king asked.

Ziba answered, 'He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.' So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.

When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honour.

David said, 'Mephibosheth!' 'At your service,' he replied.

'Don't be afraid,' David said to him, 'for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.'

Mephibosheth bowed down and said, 'What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?'

Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's steward, and said to him, 'I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table.' (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.) Then Ziba said to the king, 'Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do.' So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons.

Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table; he was lame in both feet.

2 Samuel Chapter 9:1

- This is a story about a disabled man called Mephibosheth
- He had been dropped by his nurse and became lame in both feet
- His nurse was fleeing because King Saul and his son, Jonathan had been killed and David had become king and it was thought David might kill all of Saul's relatives. Mephibosheth was after all a possible heir to the throne.
- It shows the compassion of David
- Can you imagine the stigma of being disabled – even Mephibosheth saw himself as a 'dead dog'
- But David showed him kindness and compassion. I can imagine him sitting at David's table in the palace and the tablecloth covering his legs. His disability was not seen and his dignity had been restored.
- Through the Roof aims to restore dignity to people by giving them the ability to get about and, with a new programme that I'm also involved in, be trained in a skill which can earn them an income to help them support their families.
- We are currently doing another distribution in the refugee camp I mentioned earlier and only a couple of weeks ago we told of a 73 year old lady. She was infected with polio at the age of 10 and had to drop out of school because of it. She married at 16, but suffered hatred from her parents because of her disability. We were told that her family considered her to be a useless thing, not a human being. Over the years she has only been able to crawl on her knees, always indoors, without any access to social gatherings. Today, she told us, is the remarkable day that she has received a wheelchair and can now go to Church, the hospital, the market and visit people. She said, "Thank you so much HHA (who is the partner we are working with) and the donors. May God bless you so much."
- We also give out bibles and I am amazed how many times we hear that people are even more grateful to be given a bible in their own language than receiving a wheelchair.



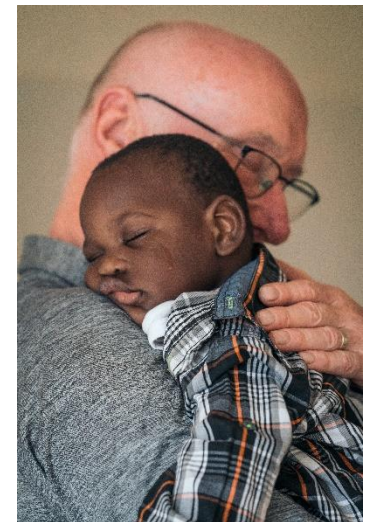
Photos from my trips to Africa

Buteleja Region, North East Uganda 2018





Buteleja Region, North East Uganda 2018





Lagos, Nigeria 2018





Moyo and Bidi Bidi , North West Uganda 2019

Moyo





Moyo and Bidi Bidi, North West Uganda 2019 Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement





Kumi, North East Uganda 2020



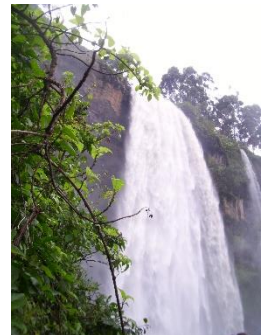
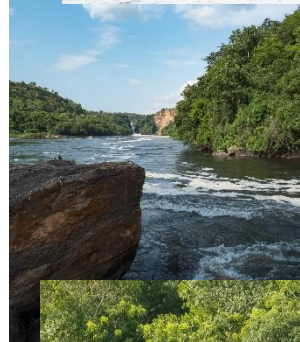


Kumi, North East Uganda 2020





Trip Rest Days





- There are a lot of disabled people in Africa many of them have been disabled since they were born with cerebral palsy because of a lack of oxygen in those first vital moments of life outside the womb. Some have had accidents on motorbikes, some have fallen out of trees, a lot have had polio, a disease that has been eradicated in the West.
- There is a stigma in many parts of Africa that a disabled person is the result of sin – and it's the mothers fault. As a result disabled people are sometimes seen as useless and a burden on the family.
- Wheels trips aims to give people back their dignity as well as some mobility.



Links for more information



- [Through the Roof](#)
- [Wheels for the World](#)
- [Supported Distribution 2021 Blog](#)
- [Hope Health Action](#)
- [Kumi Community Foundation](#)