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# Wheelchairs for Kids Inc.

We listen, we care, we give to disabled children around the world.

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## A Principal Sponsor of Wheelchairs for Kids in Western Australia.

*A wheelchair is adjusted for Hellen in the Solomon Islands.*



*Mobility with dignity!*



**O**UR AIM IN 2013 IS TO PRODUCE 3000 "ADJUSTA" WHEELCHAIRS. The remarkable thing is that we are confident that the \$375,000 needed will come from our many generous supporters who appreciate the need around the world. A complete "product summary" is presented on page 5.

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# A WORD FROM THE C.E.O.



When first embarking on our intention to follow the WHO guidelines for the provision of wheelchairs to less resourced countries, there were doubts as to whether we could find the recipient organisations with the expertise to properly fit our wheelchairs. With the work of Motivation and similar organisations we now are reasonably happy that this is not the case.

The following email from the Democratic Republic of the Congo shows our insistence is paying off.

*Dear Director of Wheelchairs for Kids,*

*Thank you so much for your email. Am very happy to hear that the container is ready to be sent on the 23rd of April. This is very good news for us.*

*I was with the Motivation Australia Director while in Australia who connected me with the Director of Motivation Africa and in the first week of March he visited our hospital and clinics here in DR Congo and we are planning to hold the first wheel chair training together and they are willing to help us build our rehabilitation centre to the standards of the WHO. Peter, the African Director of Motivation while in Congo witnessed how handicapped children faced a lot of difficulty going to school just crawling for more than 2kms. So we really need wheel chairs here.*

*Thank you so much for everything you are planning to do for us and may God bless you.*

*Dr Luc Mulimbalimba*

*Mission in Health Care and Development—Director*

[www.mhcdafrica.org](http://www.mhcdafrica.org)

..... We have added many aids to our wheelchair, straps, postural supports, head rests and recently a tray. These have become standard with our product - something that would be extremely costly extras in purchased wheelchairs. However, with volunteers sewing at home (9 cloth covers to fittings on each chair) and some expert purchasing, we have kept all these extras down to under \$25. Our “Rolls Royce” wheelchair can still be produced with a donation of \$150.

..... The rent of our premises is becoming a problem as we feel that we must continue promising that your donations are not spent on overheads. The State Government has up to now paid the rent on our factory, but as our space and therefore cost has increased to about \$65,000pa., the government has apparently declined to help this year. However, a very generous offer from the trustees of a charitable trust have offered to pay half, providing the government provides the rest. We are working on it. Keep your fingers crossed.



**Experience, Results, Expertise**

You will see that our production rate is up around 300 wheelchairs per month. This is due to further streamlining our production and is paid for due to a very good and improved response to our Christmas Card project which raised the sum of over \$100,000 along with the Movies by Burswood donation of \$124,000 and our other generous donors.

Speaking of Movies by Burswood, our keen volunteers are at this time, again in the forefront of helping with the dismantling of the venue at the 3 locations.

*Gordon*

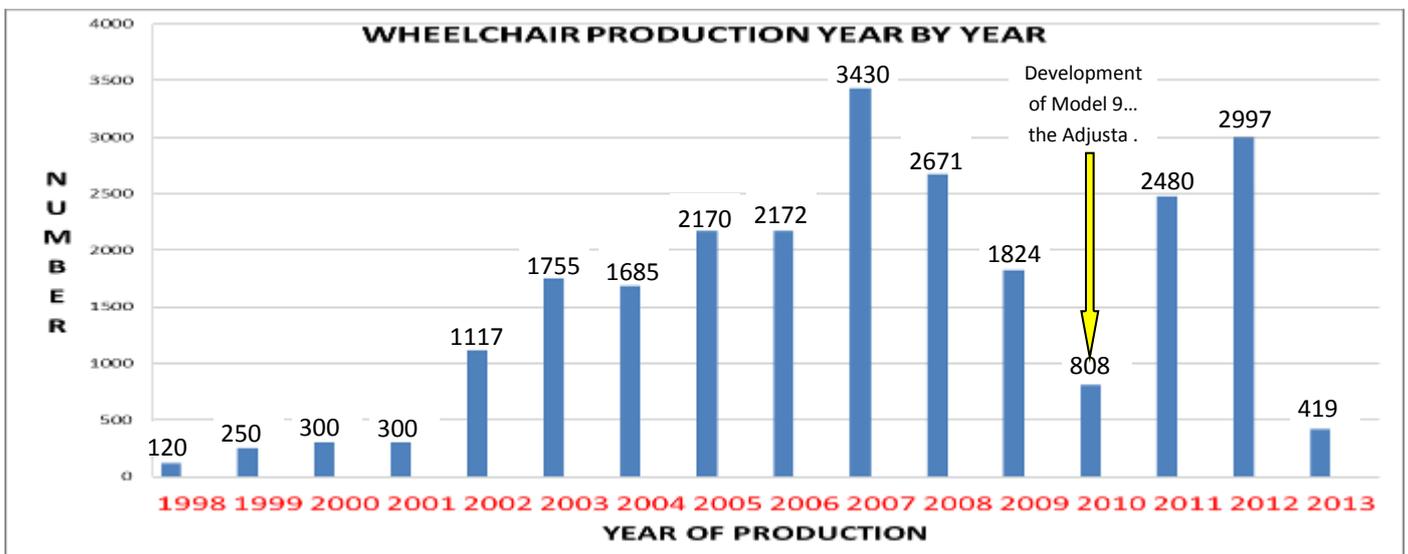


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## Distribution of wheelchairs around the World

AFGHANISTAN	1	IRAN	22	SALATIGA (JAVA)	8
ANGOLA	50	IRAQ	2288	SAMOA	65
ALBANIA	40	JAVA	112	SAVU SAVU ( FIJI )	40
ARMENIA	292	JORDAN	105	SINGAPORE	1
BALI ( INDONESIA )	587	KENYA	178	SOLOMON ISLANDS	244
BELARUS	131	KIRIBATI	90	SOMALIA	322
BOSNIA	100	LAOS	20	SOUTH AFRICA	90
BOUGAINVILLE ( PNG )	6	LEBANON	340	SOUTH KOREA	20
BRAZIL	2	LIBERIA	181	SRI LANKA	1864
BULGARIA	25	MADAGASCAR	26	SUDAN	52
CAMBODIA	683	MALDIVES	4	SUMATRA ( INDONESIA )	22
CANADA	1	MAURITANIA	75	TAIWAN	50
CHERNOBYL ( UKRAINE )	60	MAURITIUS	44	TANZANIA	1059
CHINA	1245	MONGOLIA	108	THAILAND	168
COOK ISLANDS	5	MOZAMBIQUE	99	TONGA	16
D.R. OF CONGO	640	MYANMAR (BURMA)	750	UGANDA	181
EAST TIMOR (TIMOR LESTE)	791	NAURU	10	UKRAINE	25
EL SALVADOR	1	NEPAL	11	USA ( CALIFORNIA ) DEMO	1
ETHIOPIA	49	NIGERIA	438	VANUATU	142
FIJI	443	ONI - I - LAU ( FIJI )	10	VIETNAM	5511
FLORES IS. ( INDONESIA )	20	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	1697	YEMEN	166
GAZA	656	PERU	2	ZAMBIA	367
GHANA	162	PHILIPPINES	336	ZIMBABWE	463
INDIA	350	ROMANIA	131	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24498</b>
				CORRECT AT	<b>MARCH, 2013</b>





# VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE THE WHEELCHAIRS

**Dan O'Keefe**  
making sure that there are no sharp edges on the aluminium plates.



**Ted Bebbington & Ray Partington**  
working on the first stages of the wheelchair assembly.

**Greg Napier**  
working on the front swivel wheel assembly.



**Yvonne Aung Than**  
working on assembling the backrest cushions.

**Bill Gilmore & Simon Davies**  
working on the footrest assemblies.



## *Donated Wheelchairs*

YEAR	NUMBER	TOTAL
1998	120	120
1999	250	370
2000	300	670
2001	300	970
2002	1117	2087
2003	1755	3842
2004	1685	5527
2005	2170	7697
2006	2172	9869
2007	3430	13299
2008	2671	15970
2009	1824	17794
2010	808	18602
2011	2480	21082
2012	2997	24079
2013	419	24498



2013 PRODUCTION SO FAR.....

JANUARY	NO PRODUCTION
FEBRUARY	165 WHEELCHAIRS
MARCH	326 WHEELCHAIRS

# Product Summary - The WFK ADJUSTA Wheelchair



**Type:** 3-wheel rough terrain wheelchair for children who require full custom postural support, designed in accordance with WHO guidelines and compliance-tested by WFK to ISO 7176.8:1998 standards.

**Construct:** Powder-coated galvanised steel chassis; aluminium framework.

**Seat width:** Adjustable 200-300mm.

**Seat depth:** Adjustable 200-360mm.

**Chair:** Solid high-density polyethylene (HDPE). Adjustable tilt 4°, 8° and 12°.

**Cushion:** Hard-wearing waterproof- covered two-layer foam cushion with extra foam provided for pre-seat bone shelf and wedges.

**Backrest:** Adjustable high-density polyethylene (HDPE) backrest with 70 postural support attachment holes, covered foam backrest cushion and adjustable lumbar support.

**Footrests:** Independently-adjustable heights 180- 380mm, adjustable tilt (-10°, 0°, and +10°), forward and inverted adjustments.

**Rear wheels:** Adjustable for balance control, 500mm wheel with handrail, rubber tyres and solid puncture-proof tubes.

**Front wheel:** 150mm spoked single wheel with solid tyre.

**Brakes:** Manual push-on – adjusting with rear wheel.

**Postural supports:** Adjustable foam-covered hip and trunk supports (side, forward, and tilt), custom-adjustable foam-padded headrest with adjustable side supports, supportive straps (ankle straps, front adjustable hip/lap and trunk straps, adjustable upper-body harness).

**Additional features:** Adjustable tray, tool kit including spare nuts and bolts, visual (non-language) assembly manual.

**Weight:** 23.0 kg.

**Overall length:** 1050mm.

**Overall width:** 610mm.

**Maximum recommended user weight:** 65 kg.

**Carton dimensions:** 920mm (L) x 510mm (W) x 380mm (H).

**Price:** Free of charge ex Western Australian factory to organisations having approved fitting expertise.

## A WEBSITE FOR A QUIET THOUGHTFUL MOMENT:

<http://thestringer.com.au/wheelchairs-for-kids-25000-wheelchairs-donated-to-61-countries/>  
March 6, 2013.



Mobility for disabled children in under resourced countries has always been the goal of *Wheelchairs for Kids* and the driving force behind the workshop volunteers has always been our “less than mobile” Manager, Br. Olly Pickett. An unlucky accident over 50 years ago has resulted in both Olly’s ankles deteriorating to the point where, as Olly has put it, a couple of pogo sticks would be an improvement!

With pain his constant companion it has been a wonderful relief for him to be able to rest his ankles, thanks to the generous donation of a motorized wheelchair by workshop volunteer Stephen Williams and his wife, Heather.

Talk about “mobility with dignity” . He now glides quietly through the workshops in the ‘Ollymobile’ - complete with L-plates ( courtesy of volunteer Bob Parry ).

Being a former champion long distance athlete Olly occasionally takes to his ‘sticks’ or hand propelled wheelchair simply for the exercise with the comment: “The motorized chair is fantastic and I’m really grateful—but I don’t want to get too soft!”

*making a difference around the world.*



### ORDERS (\* BLUE INDICATES ORDER HAS BEEN DISPATCHED )

#### 2013

JANUARY INDIA (3).

FEBRUARY VANUATU (20), BALI (1), ZIMBABWE(4).

MARCH BALI (1), LEBANON (340), KIRIBATI (30), SOLOMON IS.(1), ZAMBIA (20),

APRIL D.R. OF CONGO (166), LIBYA (166), THAILAND (166).

MAY SRI LANKA (340).

JUNE TANZANIA (166), TIMOR LESTE (30), VIETNAM (166).

JULY MYANMAR(340).

AUGUST CHINA (340).

SEPTEMBER TIMOR LESTE (30), IRAQ (166), SUDAN (166).

OCTOBER GAZA (166), IRAQ (166).

NOVEMBER PAKISTAN (166), PAPUA NEW GUINEA (166).

A new country took our wheelchairs in March.

