

## Wheelchairs and White canes for Asia 2012

### Needs of problem:

China and Nepal are still caught up in nature disaster/ war or still had victims of disaster/ war who had yet to be helped. In these countries, other than disabilities due to sicknesses or ages, many people became disabled due to landmines, explosive remnants of war, or sickness after nature disaster.

Their disabilities have caused them to be withdrawn from the society, and in times, poverty, medical, employment, and other related challenges occurred. They become heavy-reliance towards their families for financial and other supports. Eventually, the families and communities are affected as they have to take care of the disabled.

Although counseling, vocation training and other social assistance are available, the distance from home to help remain impossible to them. Hence, in order to encourage the disabled to return to society and become self-reliance once again, the first step is to assist their mobility.

With suitable assistive devices like wheelchairs, one can increase their mobility and allow social help within their reach.

### Action Plan

Eden always receives requests for assistive devices. However, professional assessment will first be conducted to ensure the suitability of the assistive devices. If we are confidence that the device is suitable for the community, then the needed devices will be produced from our selected factories, of which we can ensure the devices' quality and suitability.

The new devices will then be delivered to the people in needs by our staff and/or our partners. Instruction will be given to the people with disabilities on how to use the devices correctly. Follow-up evaluation will be conducted by our local partners, whom will then evaluate other future possible social assistance.

### Evaluation

- Short-term: 130 disabled can increase their mobility within their home.
- Mid-term: At least 80% of which will back to the streets in their communities.
- Long-term: In the long run, they can receive other social support, vocation training and employment, so as to enhance their financial status and living condition.

### Where our wheelchairs have gone in the past 16 years?!



## Past years donation count

Year 年度	Country 國別	Type 型別	Quantity 數量
1996	台灣 Taiwan Taiwan	兒童輪椅 Children Wheelchair Children Wheelchair	946
	韓國 Korea	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	22
	莫三比克 Mozambique	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	40
	阿富汗 Afghanistan	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	500
1997	台灣 Taiwan	兒童輪椅 Children Wheelchair	809
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	馬來西亞 Malaysia	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	435
	柬埔寨 Cambodia	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	600
	約旦 Jordan	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	100
1999	台灣 Taiwan	兒童輪椅 Children Wheelchair	165
	台灣 Taiwan	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	91
	約旦 Jordan	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	100
	科索沃 Kosovo	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	100
	俄羅斯 Russia	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	200
2000	台灣 Taiwan	兒童輪椅 Children Wheelchair	253
	台灣 Taiwan	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	77
	越南 Vietnam	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	400
2001	台灣 Taiwan	兒童輪椅 Children Wheelchair	579
	馬來西亞 Malaysia	兒童輪椅 Children Wheelchair	40
	越南 Vietnam	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	651
	薩爾瓦多 El Salvador	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	65
2002	台灣 Taiwan	兒童輪椅 Children Wheelchair	200
	柬埔寨 Cambodia	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	150
	馬來西亞 Malaysia	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	100
	越南 Vietnam	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	220
2003	台灣 Taiwan	兒童輪椅 Children Wheelchair	255
	台灣 Taiwan	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	138
	伊拉克 Iraq	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	200
	約旦 Jordan	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	100
	巴基斯坦 Pakistan	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	100
	越南 Vietnam	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	50
	馬來西亞 Malaysia	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	100
2004	台灣 Taiwan	兒童輪椅 Children Wheelchair	51
	越南 Vietnam	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	300
	香港 Hong Kong	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	50
2005	台灣 Taiwan	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	50
	台灣 Taiwan	休閒輪椅 Recreation Wheelchair	22
	玻利維亞 Bolivia	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	22
	柬埔寨 Cambodia	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	60
	越南 Vietnam	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	150
2006	台灣 Taiwan	Hello kitty 兒童輪椅 Hello kitty Children Wheelchair	350
	斯里蘭卡 Sri Lanka	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	100
	印尼 Indonesia	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	156
	菲律賓 Philippines	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	58
	越南 Vietnam	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	56
	尼加拉瓜 Nicaragua	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	84
	巴拉圭 Paraguay	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	84
	柬埔寨 Cambodia	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	5
2007	越南 Vietnam	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	50
2008	中國 China	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	500
	越南 Vietnam	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	50
	菲律賓 Philippines	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	65
	斯里蘭卡 Sri Lanka	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	200
2009	中國 China	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	100
	馬拉威 Malawi	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	50
	寮國 Laos	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	200
	泰國 Thailand	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	50
	緬甸 Myanmar	成人輪椅 Adult Wheelchair	120
總 計 Total :			11233

## **About Us**

- **Mission:**

Serving the Weak to Witness Christ, Promoting Gospel and Welfare to Bring People to God

- **History:**

Ms. Liu Hsia (1942~2003), the late wheelchair writer who suffered from rheumatic arthritis, had witnessed the discrimination against people with disabilities in Taiwan through her life. Having a deep compassion for the people with disabilities, Ms Liu claimed on the promise of God and donated her royalties as seed fund to build a place, just like the Garden of Eden, where the disabled can truly belong and be loved. Her dream began to unfold when she was joined by a group of Christians who shared the same vision to bring people with disabilities out of their isolation. On December 1, 1982, Eden Social Welfare Foundation was founded.

It's our objectives to provide "comprehensive human care" for people for all ages. Services include early childhood intervention, vocational training, employment counseling, rehabilitation, new immigrant consultation, long-term daily care, and community redevelopment for disaster victims. Every effort is put together to ensure that our mission is carried on.

In addition to serving people with disabilities in Taiwan, Eden also closely linked to the development of disability rights in Taiwan. We have been actively advocating for the rights of people with disabilities in Taiwan by lobbying for the amendments of "Physically and Mentally Disabled Citizens Protection Act", raising public awareness to the need of special education, supporting the legislation of the "Act for Social Workers", and advocating for a professional certification system for social workers.

Eden also joins international aid efforts by actively participating in international relief and donation in 26 nations like Afghanistan, Bolivia, Cambodia, China, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Kosovo, Laos, Malawi, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam and etc. We has also established overseas branch offices and centers in Malaysia, Vietnam and China.

In these 30 years, from being the voice of the physically and mentally disabled and fighting for their rights, to a social enterprise model and onto the international stage, the Eden Social Welfare Foundation now has 80 service stations in Taiwan, with 1,800 employees, among whom one-sixth are physically or mentally disabled, and almost one-third are middle age re-employee. We serve over 8,000 dysfunctional families whose economic and marriage situation are threatened by the physical disability of the family members.

The baton of Ms. Liu Hsia is now in our hand. It is now, for us to help the needy to stand taller, walk braver and to love wiser, in this garden of Eden.

## **Current Outgoing Programme:**

- **24hours In-house Home for disabled adults**

We have about 250 people with disabilities who live in our 24hours Home as they are unable to take care of themselves due to their disabilities or family financial difficulties.

- **Day-time Early childhood rehabilitation**

We provide early childhood assessment, consultation, rehabilitation, research and etc for the developmental-challenged children.

- **Enrichment project for all ages**

Home visitation, story-telling, tuition, outings, accessible tourism in Asia, and international disabled artist exchanges are conducted all year-round.

- **Career counseling, vocational training and employment services for disabled adults**

People with acquired disabilities can receive career counseling, rehabilitation, assessment, vocational training, job-referral and etc from Eden to help them return into the working-society.

- **Consultation and counseling service**

Our family counseling, cultural class, translation, employment counseling, resources referral, emergency aids and etc serve those who call at our centers or referred by the government.

- **Love without borders- wheelchair and white cane donation**

We conduct evaluation to ensure genuine needs of wheelchair or white cane, access the suitability of device, and deliver them to the disabilities locally and internationally.

- **Post-disaster relief assistant and career training**

We enhance education and vocation training for persons with disabilities acquired from the earthquake in Haiti and Si Chun. We also provide tuition and career counseling to those who suffered from the Morakot flood in Taiwan.

- **Inbound and Outbound International Volunteer Services**

Volunteers are the backbone of our Foundation. From a database of more than 13,000, they volunteer their times and effort to assist Eden in administration, services, teaching, activities, marketing and other professional services both nationally and internationally.

- **Advocacies of rights related to people with disabilities**

Other than the above programmes, Eden always believes in constant improvement to our society. Hence, we advocate news initiatives, philanthropic needs, human rights, banning of landmines, accessible environments, etc. We continue to work towards our vision: Wherever there is a need, there is an answer from Eden.

**Local Accomplishments:**

- 2011 "Excellence Award" in the National Social Welfare Foundation Evaluation, by Ministry of Interior
- 2011 "Meritorious Award" in Care and Counseling services for foreign and Chinese spouses, by Ministry of Interior
- 2010 "Civil Education Social Organization" Award by the Ministry of Education
- 2010, 2009 "Excellence Volunteer Achievement organization" by Mian-zhu City, Si-Chun, China (the only Taiwan organization who received this award for two consecutive years.
- 2010, 2008 "Excellence Award" in Cross-Strait Professional Exchanges Organization, by Executive Yuan Mainland Affairs Council
- 2011, 2010, 2009 "First Grade" in Golden Performance Employer Award for employing people with disabilities, by Council of Labour Affairs

**International Membership:**

- International Campaign to Ban Landmines
- Asia and Pacific Disability Forum
- Rehabilitation International
- Workability International
- Workability International Asia
- International Association for Volunteer Effort