

# SENDING HOPE TO HONDURAS THROUGH 1,500 WHEELCHAIRS

A while ago, Chantel Corrie, Executive Director, read the book **“Miracle Wheels,”** given to her by Dan Blank, a weekly volunteer in the desk shop. “I was **SHOCKED** by the number of people who need a wheelchair,” Chantel said. **“80 million people,** according to the World Health Organization, are in need — and the vast majority live in developing countries where they are unable to get one on their own.”

Without a wheelchair, individuals who have limited mobility can be confined to their homes, forced to crawl or be carried. Chantel continued, “The thought of having to be dependent was crushing. All that stands in their way between independence and self-sufficiency is a wheelchair.”



We knew we couldn't send 80 million wheelchairs, but we also knew **we could help solve this problem somewhere.** The opportunity was provided to us during our visit to Honduras in March. As we toured CEPUDO's warehouse, Food for the Poor showed us the wheelchairs that are donated by **Free WheelChair Mission,** the organization that the book **“Miracle Wheels”** is about. Free Wheelchair Mission makes custom wheelchairs (the blue wheelchair pictured above), fitted for specific wheelchair needs. People have to meet a certain physical criteria to receive one of these wheelchairs, and not everyone that needs a wheelchair qualifies.

“Right there in that warehouse,” Chantel said, “The Holy Spirit revealed the gap we were supposed to fill — getting wheelchairs to people who don't qualify for Free WheelChair Mission wheelchairs, but **are in desperate need of the wheelchairs that collect dust every day.**”

We asked CEPUDO the question: **How many wheelchairs are needed in the hospitals, children's homes, and nonprofits they serve?** Their answer? **1,500.**

## WILL YOU HELP REACH THE GOAL?

Ask places to donate wheelchairs they no longer use! When we ask, we often find people are thrilled to give. It frees up their space, and you enable them to be a part of life-transforming work.

**A few places gently used wheelchairs can be found:** American Legions & VFWs, Nursing Homes & Physical Therapy Offices, Estate & Yard Sales, Salvation Army, Goodwill, or other resale shops, and your friends and family.

You aren't just providing wheelchairs, you are providing a crucial means of overcoming obstacles, empowering people to move around independently, engage with their communities, and participate in social and economic activities. Wheelchairs provide the hope to keep going, and the empowerment to live a full life of independence, freedom, and joy! You can change lives — one wheelchair at a time.

**Scan the QR code and watch the video to learn more about this initiative from our partners Food For The Poor and CEPUDO in Honduras.**

