

GOD'S FAITHFUL SERVANTS 2023-NEWS



WHEELCHAIR DELIVERY, FEBRUARY 2023, MERIDA, MEXICO



ANSWERING PRAYERS FOR WHEELCHAIRS & HORSES - JUNE 2022



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2ND ANNUAL HEARTS A'FIRE!

**SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 @ THE WOODSHED RANCH
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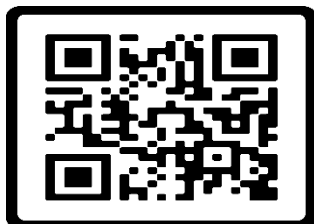
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*Special guests: God's Faithful Servants Goodwill Ambassador, Little Miss Wheelchair Kansas
2020 & 2021 . . . ISABEL EINWICH
AND President/CEO of the American Wheelchair Mission . . . CHRIS LEWIS*



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MEET ISABEL!



God's Faithful Servants' Goodwill Ambassador

When we read about the Ms. Wheelchair organization and saw Isabel, 2020 & 2021 Little Miss Wheelchair Kansas, AND learned that she was bi-lingual, we knew we wanted to invite her to be a guest speaker at our 1st Annual Hearts a'Fire "Answering Prayers for Wheelchairs & Horses" Charity Event. We realized that sometimes it's hard for people without disability in their lives to understand the challenges people with disabilities and their families face from day-to-day. When we saw the pretty girl with the beautiful smile and heard her speak at the event, we knew she was special and that she could help all of us gain deeper insight into the importance of something as simple sounding as a wheelchair.

That night, Isabel helped us raise the funds necessary for a wheelchair delivery to Mexico, and we couldn't have been more pleased when she and her family joined us for our trip to Merida, Mexico on February 2, 2023 to deliver a container of 280 wheelchairs to children who otherwise could not afford them.

While at the CRIT Teleton Rehabilitation Center, during the ceremony to present children with their wheelchairs, Isabel was the featured speaker. While she spoke to the group in Spanish, here is what



she had to say (translated to English) . . .

Hello everyone, my name is Isabel Einwich and I am the Goodwill Ambassador for God's Faithful Servants. I am 14 years old and I live in the state of Kansas in the United States. Last summer, God's Faithful Servants held a big event to raise money for all these wheelchairs for you, and we are

pleased to be here to give them to you today.

Today is a big day and I am so excited to share this moment with everyone. I can't wait to meet you all! This event would not be possible without the support of the American Wheelchair Mission and the staff and administration here at the CRIT Yucatan and we are very thankful for their generosity and hospitality in planning this event.

As you can see, I am in a wheelchair. I can't imagine what my life would be like if I didn't have my chair to move around. If I did not have a wheelchair, then I would probably not be here today, as there is no way that my parents would carry me! Many people might look at me and think it is a disadvantage, but I like to think that this chair isn't a barrier . . . it's actually a great new opportunity and gives me a new perspective on the world that other people can't see from their view.

I would like to share a little bit about myself and my life using a wheelchair. I was born with Spina Bifida. This condition can have different effects on people's bodies. Some people need a wheelchair while others use crutches, walkers, or just leg braces. When I was

younger, I was able to walk with just leg braces, so I did not get a wheelchair until I was about 8 years old, and I just used it for long distances. Since then, I have had many surgeries that caused more weakness in my lower body. Now I need to rely on the chair much more than when I was younger. Like many of you, I have had my challenges with my disability and have now had about 20 surgeries throughout my life. My wheelchair hasn't stopped me from doing what I want and it gives me more independence than I could have ever dreamed of. I am very excited that many of you receiving wheelchairs today will now have that same type of opportunity for a more independent life.

In 2020 (and 2021), I was fortunate to have the opportunity to be Little Miss Wheelchair for the state of Kansas. During that time, I was able to make changes in my community and at my school that would benefit others with disabilities. Being in a wheelchair is not a barrier to your dreams. Having this new or improved mobility will be a new opportunity for you to show others how you can make a better life for yourself. You can show others how much more you can accomplish with a new wheelchair. And that

feeling at least for me is indescribable and I hope you feel the same.

My disability hasn't stopped me from participating in various activities that I enjoy. I love getting to play adaptive sports in my wheelchair like tennis, track and field, archery, and basketball with my friends. I can't imagine how I would be able to do many of those activities if I did not have access to a wheelchair. While having a wheelchair gives me a lot of freedom, I try not to let the chair define me because I'm just like any other girl my age. That feeling of being truly wheelchair mobile is a wonderful thing. My wheelchair for me is a chance to see the world in a new light (and even travel here to Merida today!) Our goal should be to provide this type of equipment to everyone who needs it. I am honored to be able to attend this event to help you all on your journey to independence. I hope you all are able to feel the feeling of independence that everyone should be able to have in their life. I hope that you have fun and smile a lot when you use your chairs, because that will show others how important it is for people like us to have access to wheelchairs. Showing your happiness when using your new

chairs can make an impression on others and maybe inspire them to help others that might also need this type of equipment to fully enjoy their lives.

Fourteen-year-old Isabel showed grace, understanding and compassion that day. Her remarks and expression of love for the children there at the CRIT Center and at the homes we visited to deliver wheelchairs the next day will certainly be felt and remembered by those families we embraced.

We are fortunate indeed that God placed Isabel in our lives and in the lives of those we touched in Mexico.

Isabel will be a special guest speaker at our upcoming Hearts a'Fire "Answering Prayers for Wheelchairs" Charity Event on Saturday, September 9th, 2023, and we are certain that she will have stories to tell of her experience in Merida!



PICTURE THIS -

You walk excitedly toward a mother carrying her beautiful little girl. The sweet 4-year-old with black curly hair has an angel's face. Her mother is smiling, walking toward you and you can see that she wants you to hold her baby and take her to her new wheelchair. The little girl is limp as you take her in your arms and you suddenly realize the dead weight and steady your stance and strengthen your arms. Your mind flashes through the thought of how much mama loves her child and the burden she bears every day as she carries her through life's daily activities.

Now you turn your mind toward carrying the child to the wheelchair, when suddenly you feel something on her left side. It's a feeding tube. At once you have a renewed sense of responsibility for ensuring this beautiful child is delicately cared for as you move to set her in her chair.

What an honor it is to have a parent trust you with her most precious possession.

You have just given that mother and child the gifts of hope, dignity, freedom and independence. The family's life has been changed and their prayers have been answered.

OR -

It's rainy outside on the second day of your wheelchair delivery at American University in Acapulco, Mexico. The building is old, but the staff have bright faces as they prepare to accept those children and adults identified as most in need to receive wheelchairs on this day. When people begin arriving at the facility, they must climb a long stairway up to the reception area where chairs have been arranged for seating. There must be 100 chairs, and as people enter, they fill the seats and some must stand to wait for the ceremony to begin. You are seated with your team on the front row. After the pomp & circumstance speeches the room is hot and people are fanning themselves to move

some air. Recipients and family members anxiously await.

It's your turn to walk to the wheelchair to present it. You see a young Mexican man – perhaps in his 30's – stand in one of the back rows. Next to him sits a lovely, very thin older woman whom he carefully scoops into his arms. He slowly walks to the front of the room. It is obvious the love he has for the woman by the way he looks at her. You ready the wheelchair by setting the brakes and compassionately anticipate her arrival. The young man sits her carefully in the chair, moving her weak body to make her comfortable. She is expressionless as you squat beside her to hold her hand and share your joy with her. The young man leans toward you with tears in his eyes and whispers that she is blind and deaf. This is his mother, he tells you. He has been carrying her for many years and he thanks you from the bottom of his heart for answering his prayer that his mother receive a means of transport to help her family move her about.



2 WAYS

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NEW! 12.50 CLUB

WHAT? Help GFS raise \$42,000 a year to give the gift of mobility to God's children in need.

OUR MISSION? To deliver one container of wheelchairs a year to disabled children & adults in Mexico!

OUR GOALS? 300 compassionate people to sign up for the GFS 12.50 Club.

HOW? Commit to a recurring payment of \$12.50 per month.

WHAT'S THE MATH?
\$12.50 X 12 months = \$150 (the cost of one wheelchair!)



\$150 X 300 people = \$42,000 (the cost of one container of wheelchairs!)



Visit godsfaithfulservants.org to join the 12.50 Club today!

ANGEL GIFT CLUB

WHAT? Help GFS raise funds to give the gifts of hope, freedom and dignity to God's disabled children & adults unable to help themselves in our communities, the nation and internationally.

OUR MISSION? To produce Hearts a'Fire fundraising events, provide free, brand-new wheelchairs to those in need of mobility, to provide scholarships for therapeutic horse-riding lessons, and to cover the basic operating costs (mailing, website maintenance, printing, online donation processing fees, etc.) of our non-salaried 501(c)(3) non-profit business.

OUR GOALS? To continually raise funds for our Hearts a'Fire Charity Events!

To provide wheelchairs to children & adults with disabilities who are unable to afford them!

To provide horse-aided therapy to children whose families cannot afford this specialized service!

HOW? Select to donate one-time or monthly.

AMOUNT WILL HELP

WHAT'S THE MATH?
Annual Hearts a'Fire Charity Event = \$25,000



One Container of 280 Wheelchairs = \$42,000



One Therapeutic Horse-Riding Scholarship = \$5,000



God's Faithful Servants Annual Operating Expenses = \$5,000



Visit godsfaithfulservants.org to donate to one of our 4 campaigns!

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going with us to make a
delivery and experience God's
blessings by blessing others!*

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