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Блаженнішому Святославу Шевчуку

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Re: Wheelchair Delivery to Lviv, Kyiv and Dnipropetrovsk

Your Beatitude,

Often a dozen or more people are required to assist a person with day-to-day mobility tasks who has lost a certain amount of independence owing to some tragedy. The gift of a wheelchair changes lives. It changes not only the lifestyle of the victim of an accident but having restored some measure of independent mobility to that person, those who assist them also have their lifestyles improved.

This is what motivates the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation and the Knights of Columbus to carry out acts of mercy. From time to time, once enough money has been collected from a particular Knight of Columbus State, they partner in purchasing, shipping and distributing wheelchairs to those in need around the world. The State of Saskatchewan has done so and is ready to bring new hope to numerous victims of war.

This year, from May 9 through May 17, 2016 a group has planned to distribute wheelchairs in very-much needed locations in Ukraine, particularly Lviv, Kyiv and mainly Dnipropetrovsk and surrounding area. We have partnered with Caritas Ukraine to receive the shipment, distribute the chairs to the various locations and then arrange for the presentation of some of the chairs by those in our group.

At this time the following people are planning to travel at their own expense to Ukraine. They include the State Deputy Elect Brian Schatz and his wife Lois, the Director of the Wheelchair Program for the Knights of Columbus in Saskatchewan Eugene Achtemichuk along with his wife Brenda and John and Marie Lebersback, all from Regina. From Saskatoon is Ken and Betty-Ann Piecowye and myself, Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR, State Chaplain Elect. Of course, Christiana Flessner representing the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation will be on the trip as she continues to work tirelessly to improve the lives of thousands around the world with the help of the Knights of Columbus.

A summary of the itinerary is as follows:

May 9	MON	Depart Canada
May 10	TUE	Arrive in Lviv
May 11	WED	Distribute Chairs in Lviv
May 12	THR	Distribute Chairs in Lviv and fly to Kiev
May 13,14	FRI SAT	Connect in Kiev with Christiana Flessner and distribute chairs in Kiev
May 15	SUN	Divine Liturgy at the SOBOR of the Resurrection of Christ (Cathedral) and distribute chairs
May 16	MON	Travel from Kiev to Dnipropetrovs'k
May 17	TUE	Distribute chairs in Dnipropetrovs'k
May 18	WED	Return home

A 40 foot sea container can hold up to 280 wheelchairs and can be sponsored in Ukraine for a donation of \$58,800. Many, moved by compassion, have joined the efforts of the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation and the Knights of Columbus to improve the lives of others. If you feel moved to participate in anyway with your prayers, skills, time or finances, feel free to contact Christiana or Eugene.

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In Christ,



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