

Children from HAITI

Stephanie DeGroot was a recipient of some of the 3,000 to 4,000 beautiful cars that Duane Strand (South Dakota) makes annually for people who are going on mission



trips. Stephanie's trip took her to Haiti, and as the pictures confirm, the precious children love and enjoy their wooden cars.



THANK YOU
Stephanie and Duane
for caring.

Children from MEXICO

Curtis Van Ekeren, along with Pastor Andrew Henderson, annually travel to Mexico and build houses in several cities. In the cities where there are orphanages, they share



the small wooden cars with the children. Virgil Houtkooper (Iowa) sent 1000 cars to Curtis and Andrew (Colorado) for delivery to the children (Mexico).



THANK YOU to all the people along the way who brought many smiles to lots of children.

THANK YOU to All American Stair Company

Thank you for the generous supply of wood from All American Stair Company. The relationship goes back 15 years, with supplying wood for cars, helping build shelves for storage of the wood, and supporting our golf tournament each year. TFGK truly cherishes the relationship we have with owner, Jon Sellars. Together we are changing a few more lives for the better.



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Thanks to Bob, this is what an afternoon of cutting wood looks like!



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Great Opportunity for TFGK!

Robert Gullion, a Colorado Smilemaker, recently registered Toys for God's Kids with Amazon Smile. This is a program administered by Amazon that provides organizations like ours with contributions, based on purchases made by shoppers on their website. They donate to us 0.5% of designated purchases.



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We encourage you all to log on to Amazon and make sure you find Amazon Smile, where you can designate TFGK as the organization to receive contributions made, based on your purchases there. ALL of their content is available to Amazon Smile purchases.

This could be huge! If you have never shopped on Amazon, I suggest you give it a try. I think they have next to everything on their website. Some examples that other Smilemakers have used Amazon for include books, music, aspirin, saw blades, auto engine air filters, printer ink, and on and on.

Just click on the link here and get started spending for Toys for God's Kids!

[Click Here To Get Started with Amazon Smile](#)

Please share with your family as well. The more we use TFGK as the portal for Amazon shopping, the more children we reach.

Marlin's Musings

Another quarter, another 50,000 toys or so. Have I mentioned we will hit ONE MILLION by the end of 2015? I think a big celebration is in order. We need your ideas on how best to commemorate that. Just between you and me, I once thought, fifteen years ago, that a million would be quite an achievement, possibly even our ultimate goal. Now it seems like we're just beginning. Hope so anyway!



Many, many of our toys are going to church groups and individuals who package them in Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoeboxes. Some of us are thinking we need to be more efficient. Why not give or send car "parts" to these groups and let them have the fun of putting the cars together themselves. Here are a few reasons why that might work.

Smilemakers will tell you that attaching the wheels is the most time-consuming part of the process. But it is something that most everyone can do. We already work in group homes and assisted living communities doing this very thing. They love it. One resident told her family, "Don't come on Tuesday 'cause I'm making cars." Another reason is Grandpas love working with their grandkids in the woodshop, and most grandkids can hammer wheels on cars, especially with close supervision. Youth groups in churches can make great fun out of this and do immense good at the same time. And maybe most importantly, assembling the cars places ownership on the church or group, which always results in a better product. Maybe your church would adopt an assisted living center and double the goodwill. There is no end to it!

But here's the crème de la crème. Smilemaking is addictive. I suspect that many of you will see those boxes of car parts and say to yourselves, "I can do that." Now you're hooked, and we are set up to help with that as well. We will email you our manual, "So You Want to Be a Smilemaker" along with some patterns, and you're on your way.

So now you're making your own cars of OCC, and we are free to make other cars for all the missionaries. As you can imagine, little wooden cars work great as "door openers" and "ice breakers," which makes their job that much easier.

We haven't worked out all the details yet, but if your interest is piqued, please send an email with all your data: name, address, church name, etc., and we will get back to you. I know we will need help with shipping, and donations for other costs are always appreciated as well. Nevertheless, this should be a very inexpensive way to bring joy to the hearts of children everywhere. Who knows, Toys for God's Kids may well come up with its own Global Initiative!

So again, I thank you for all your kindness and help and ask that you please, keep up the good fun.

Ever wonder if what you do makes a difference?

Well read these and stop wondering....

"Hi, I'm Pastor Edwin Chavez of Jesus Seedlers Church, here in Payatas (Philippines) and we are one of the Recipients of OCC shoebox. One of our kids, her name is Rosewin Bugna, thanks you so much for your generosity. Thank you so much for the joy you bring to our kids.

God bless you more and more!"

"Greetings of love and joy! We would like to sincerely thank you for sharing your blessings and God's love to these kids through those shoeboxes you had sent us. We can never thank you enough for the outpouring of joy and smiles you brought to these little ones. May the good Lord bless you more than you could ever imagine."

Chrizalyn Joy Mamuyac
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Be sure to share our newsletter with family, relatives, and church friends.

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