



Little guy with a BIG smile: Donna Cameron, on one of her recent trips with the CHOICE HUMANITARIAN groups, took this picture of a little boy in Mexico that received one of our wooden cars. **THANK YOU** to all Smilemakers for making this possible. Because you care, many children enjoy this simple gift.

For several days these guys have been busy dipping cars...dipping cars...dipping cars...dipping cars...OK you get the idea. A big **THANK YOU** shout out goes to: Virgil Houtkooper, Arthur Franken, Everett Buren, Steve MacArthur, and Darrell Rose for delivering smiles to children.





Doug Card introduced our assembly program to Jennifer Bohner who is the Activities Director at an independent and assisted senior living in CA. Jennifer stated: "When I met Mr. Doug Card, I knew it was an opportunity I couldn't pass up, something that would engage our residents for multiple reasons." The completed cars ended up with Ruth O'Neil on one of her trips to Guatemala. Ruth tells this story: "I had SOOO much fun passing out cars. We played a game running the cars down the adobe surface and over the bumps. Sometimes landing right side up was a "high 5" and landing upside down was a "low 5." My favorite part is interacting with the local people. They have so little, but laugh and praise God. I can't thank you enough for bringing such joy!" **THANK YOU** to everyone who shares in our mission "To provide handmade, sturdy, attractive wooden toys, **free** to God's children everywhere."



Connie Sorensen recently invited Virgil Houtkooper to speak at First Lutheran Church in Milford, lowa, at their men's breakfast. Patti Griffiths was also invited because of her ministry in Tanzania with Next Life Foundation. After the presentation, Patti approached Virgil for cars that she and Lyn Creswell (Board Member at Next Life Foundation) wanted to hand out on their upcoming trip to Tanzania. To make a story short: "Once upon a time in an enchanting lowa town lived a Smilemaker named Virgil, who gave cars to Patti, who went to Tanzania with Lynn, to share the cars with children, and everyone lived happily ever after." That's no fairy tale folks, that's what we call a happy ending.





Not every child has the luxury of owning a toy, however, John and Mary Jager are determined to help change that. Read more about their story by clicking on the picture below.





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