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## Hand cart to ease workload

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An American national, Arnold Wendroff, who works for the Mercury Poisoning Project based in New York, USA, has invented a hand cart which could ease transportation problem in rural areas of the country.

Wendroff who has conducted his research for a number of years, introduced the hand cart at Livingstonia. It can carry more than 120 kilograms.

Speaking to *Mana* in an interview, Wendroff said the hand cart has proved useful in rural areas and women have especially welcomed it because it has eased their workload.

He said the cart can be used for transporting produce as well as sick people to the hospital.

"Some say they can easily transport manure and in town it can replace wheelbarrows which are much more expensive and need more power to push," Wendroff said.

The hand cart is made of wood and bicycle tyres. Its current price is K2,300.

The cart, named Livingstonia cart, will be on show at the Livingstonia Synod's 125th anniversary celebrations in Mzuzu Saturday.

Wendroff taught at Livingstonia and Domasi teachers colleges in the late 1960s and has been visiting Malawi over the years. He saw the problem women faced in carrying things in their everyday undertakings and that was when the idea to design the hand cart occurred to him. —*Mana*

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