



# HIS WHEELS INTERNATIONAL Bikes & Hand-Pedaled Trikes

NEWSLETTER

*Providing pedal-powered transportation for the able and disabled with dignity*

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## Media Mile Markers

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After three years of hard work our new brochure is finished We will pass it out at Wheaton's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, and could use your help. Enclosed is a copy for you. Would you help us get the word out about HWI by sharing brochures with friends, at church, in your yearly newsletter, at clubs, or some other creative venue? We have over 10,000 copies to distribute. Just let us know how many you need.

Here is a creative way one couple is using our brochures. "My fiance and I are avid bike riders, and also love Jesus! We are getting married in August and in lieu of giving wedding favors, we wanted to put that money towards something more meaningful. We got online and searched for some sort of Christian Bike ministry and found you guys! Also, our wedding has a bike theme to it, so this couldn't be more perfect! ... I love what you guys are about and the impact you are making for Christ!" The couple is putting a brochure at each of the guests tables.

Another dream come true was our new DVD, completed in March. You can view it on the front page of our website. If you'd like a copy, or would like someone from HWI to show the video at an event or venue let us know. In May we challenged our social media network to have 400 people watch the video and exceeded our goal by 42.

In the next few months we hope to make improvements to our website making it more user friendly and a more effective ministry tool. In May 2011 we had 619 visits to our website up from 363 in May 2010, and 189 in 2009. We are hoping to have some college students help us in the fall with this project.

## Open House: Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

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**9-1PM: Workday to prepare for open house.**

**1-8PM: Open House & Refreshments.**

**Between 2-3PM we will have an hour of sharing and prayer. Bring a friend and come join us. We are aiming for 200 people, doubling last years attendance. Address: 21W161 Hill Ave. Glen Ellyn, IL 60187**

## Six Countries In A Day

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On June 7<sup>th</sup> I visited with pastors, Bible school professors, youth ministers, and other Christian leaders from Romania, Belarus, Russia, Macedonia and Moldova. We distributed nine bicycles from our headquarters. It is a part of a yearly program we participate in for Christian Workers who come for a six-week study program affiliated with Wheaton College.

The same day I also delivered 5 bikes to a refugee family from Nepal. When I arrived the whole family greeted me. After fitting the children on their bikes I showed the mom how to ride. What fun watching a parade of bicycles swirl around the parking lot.

As I got ready to leave, the mother, said, "I love you," as we embraced in a hug. The father shook my hand and put his finger up indicting for me to wait a minute. He ran inside and got me a can of pop. The grandma told me her name and was patient with me as I tried to pronounce it. Then the daughter, who is the family interpreter, invited me in. They turned the fan my direction and prepared a plate of fruit for me. As we shared I had the opportunity to invite them to our church's summer Bible club. After an hour I left blessed by their hospitality overflowing out of their poverty.

## Meeting Neighbors



Last year during Wheaton Evangelical Free Church's (WEFC) tutoring program with Lincoln School students the church liaison discovered that a school staff member was buying bikes for children in need with her own money. It was then that WEFC, Lincoln School and HWI partnered together. This spring 14 church families had the opportunity to meet a new neighbor in a non-threatening way as they delivered one or more of the 25 bikes that were delivered to individuals from 8 different countries.

A father in one family needed a bicycle to get to work because he could no longer afford gas for his car. Others needed it to get to school and still others needed it for a means of fun and exercise this summer.

One little boy who received a bike said, "This is just the bike I've always wanted." Only God could have picked out the perfect bike for that child.

Here are a couple replies from those who delivered the bikes. "The children were very happy and thanked us several times. We bought them locks, and set the combos with them. We showed them how to use the locks, the hand brakes and the speeds. They offered us old bike parts, which we will go back later and get." Another said, "One happy little girl. It was a joy!" Also through this program I delivered the bikes to the refugee family from Nepal that I wrote about above.

## HWI Happenings



Kevin, our engineer is working on 4 new trike prototypes. One is an overseas style racer. We hope to have people using it in local races and marathons as a way to bring visibility to HWI. He is also making a compact version of the trike for children and smaller adults, which is shown above.

Thanks to Harvey Lyon who served 2 three-year terms on our board. He continues to participate on our team as a valuable consultant.

Congratulations to Grant Burns, our bicycle coordinator. He completed his Master's Internship with HWI and graduated from Wheaton College in April.

Thanks for your part in helping HWI make a difference both in our communities and in other countries by using bikes and hand-pedaled trikes as a tool for expanding Christ's Kingdom. To get updated news on HWI you can follow us on our blog, twitter, and facebook.

*Thank you on behalf of the HWI Team,*

*Alice Tesian  
Founder & Executive Directore*

