



Bikes & Trikes
Hand-Pedaled

Internship Highlights

Grant, our bicycle coordinator is finishing up his Master's Internship with us. He will continue working with HWI after the internship is over.

Here is a recap from Him. "Each morning, one or more of the volunteers greet me heartily as I walk in the shop door ... The next 3 hours is taken up helping volunteers with repairs, sorting parts, bikes, checking in with Alice, praying together, and interacting with people picking up or dropping off bikes.



Throughout my internship I have been focusing on a developmental theory, which emphasizes that the whole person is important.... The tasks of working on bikes, teaching others how to fix bikes, and giving bikes away are what we do in a physical sense.

Hearing from others during our prayer and update time are the times we connect spiritually. Talking and having fun while working is the environment of the shop. It is never

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results first and relationships second. The way Alice says it is: 'If we give away a thousand bikes, but burn out our volunteers, then I don't want to do this. HWI has to serve those serving within the organization too otherwise it isn't furthering the Kingdom.'

Alice has challenged me to find the skills and gifts people have. Then to encourage them to contribute in those ways, while steering them away from work that they may not be contributing much through. This kind of strength identification is learned as a leader. I look forward to continuing to learn how to do this."

Clarifying Ministry Focus

In the last newsletter I did not articulate our refined bicycle focus. After our first 5 years of ministry we evaluated our bike and trike programs. We want to continue in our strengths, doing what we do best, and stop that which we weren't doing well enough.

With our bicycle division we refined our focus to reflect our strengths. We began HWI with an emphasis on getting bikes overseas, on containers, and by buying them in different countries. We have found, however that there is a huge need for bicycles in DuPage County and throughout the United States as a primary means of transportation.

We also found that to grant money or sending containers overseas is wrought with logistical difficulties. Therefore we have discontinued granting money for those purposes. Unless

individuals or organizations approach us, because they have a container and want us to have us donate bikes to put in it, we will focus our bike efforts nationally (within the U.S.).

We do keep an international focus through our hand-pedaled trike division. Our goal is to partner with missions and other organizations and provide the tools for the nationals to fabricate trikes in their own country.

Happenings at HWI

November 2010: Wheaton Evangelical Free Church (WEFC) partnered with HWI. We look forward to ministering together, providing our immigrant local neighbors with bicycles while also providing a tool for expanding Christ's Kingdom.

December 2010: Seth, a talented video artists spent a day filming for a new HWI DVD.

New Year's Day 2011: As we at HWI said Good Night to 2010 in Wheaton, a container was pulling into Soddo Christian Hospital in Ethiopia. The container contained our first crate trike shipment filled with one completed trike and 15 trike kits. It was an Ethiopian leader who sparked the vision for our trike division back in 2005.

We packed the crate within the first week of being in our new Headquarters. What an exciting way to end 2010 and simultaneously begin 2011, having the trikes arrive in Ethiopia! See the

full story at our blog. See address below.

February: Seth had finished the first cut of the DVD. We as a team were able to view it and give input. He still has to do the final editing of the DVD. Pray that God's gift of creativity and inspiration will infuse Seth as he finishes this project. It is our desire that the DVD would glorify God and portray the ministry of HWI in an accurate, inspiring, and informative way.

February 18th: A second trike went to Maxene in Haiti. He received our first trike rode the trike so hard he broke one of the tubes. This helped Kevin identify a weakness in the frame and he made the needed changes. We wanted Maxene to do field testing on the revised trike version. In addition, we sent a trike repair kit so a welder could fix the first trike and allow another person to have wheels.

February 20th: I spoke at a Sunday potluck at Church of the Great Shepherd in Wheaton.

February 25th: HWI was featured at a Mission Fun night at Naperville Presbyterian Church. The trikes went to Haiti with a group from that church.

February 26th: Board Meeting. The majority of the meeting was spent going over the budget, which is a difficult but necessary part of an organization. In 2010 we had \$41,000 come in. Our goal for 2011 is \$75,000. Thanks for your part in helping us meet our financial obligations and remain debt free.

March 1st: We finished our Trike Specific Brochure and sent a copy to I-TEC who partnered with us last year. I-TEC will send out information about our trike program to those who inquire about their various programs. The I-TEC slogan is, "Our ministry begins where the road ends."

March 3-6th: We had a booth at the "Mission on Your Doorstep Conference," held at Wheaton Bible Church.

March 19th: We had a workday. Ten people attended, five of which were new to HWI. We hope to institute regular workdays where individuals and a variety of church groups can come together, exercise their talents, and use their strengths to further His work through HWI.

March 24th: A Master's level leadership class from Wheaton College will take place at our headquarters. I will be the guest lecturer.

April: Our one-year anniversary in our headquarters. The building has allowed us to expand our ministry. We have been able to work through the winter getting bikes out every week to World Relief.

A Manuscript Dream
Between October and March I have been busy writing my memoir titled, "Riding on Faith: Cycling, CFIDS & Christ."

This is a 36 year dream come true. I've been writing for years but I was lacking one main part of the equation, a good editor.



Last summer, after the Fourth of July parade, Stephanie, then Daniel's (one of our founding volunteers) new girlfriend said, "I'm an editor. If you ever need any help editing, I'd love to help." Without hesitation I said, "I am working on a book and need help." By October she had provided the coaching and needed tools for me to map the course of my book.

Stephanie is a talented and gifted editor whose style fits mine in a God-created way. That's a good thing because over the last several months Stephanie has helped uncover more books that I feel I still have in me.

In March Daniel, Stephanie and I enjoyed a "Dreams Come True Celebration Dinner." For Daniel and Stephanie, they are engaged to be married. For me, my first manuscript is written and edited. After making revisions my next step will be to find a publisher.

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