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Matching Grant

We met our \$5,000 matching grant in July. Thanks for your part.

Overdue Farewell

Tom Richards, a founding board member, resigned in April after three years of faithful service. He moved out of Illinois and felt God leading him into other local church activities. Thanks Tom for believing in HWI when it was just an idea.

Backyard Bicycle Club

Here's a glimpse of our weekly workdays.

Tom Egan, our mechanic who had throat cancer in 2007 is doing great. His one-year report was clear of any cancer recurrence.

Tom is back to bicycling over 100 miles a week. He also works at HWI twice a week.



On the first fall day Tom biked over to HWI with his bike trailer. Out of the trailer came a camping stove, a teakettle, chili for lunch, and all his tools. After heating water for tea, taken from his water bottle, he built a fire. (Tom could have used my working stove!)



Gail, another volunteer, is a great organizer. She doesn't want to miss the fun, so she sets up a table in the shop.

"I want to use this newly learned skill of bicycle mechanics as part of my ministry in France," stated Todd, a missionary. He comes to learn and help. Our two trained bike mechanics willingly share their knowledge through hands-on instruction. In 2008 we have already distributed 265 bikes.

Bicycles in Bronson

"If you need any help in the school, I now have

transportation and can help," stated a mother who received an HWI bicycle this summer. This statement is the fruit of our partnership with Pleasant Hill Missionary Church and the local school district in Bronson, Michigan.

A church family lost everything in a house fire. The church was able to let the two boys pick out their new bicycles. Both boys were happy.

Giving bicycles away has provided Jan, the children's ministry leader, an opportunity to talk with the recipients when she sees them around town. Some of the recipients have inquired about the Church's Sunday Services. These bicycles are a daily reminder of God's love and care shown by the Church.

God Knows Our Needs



Only God knew Ivanu, who was born without legs, when a team of us prayed about sending a trike to Bulgaria.

When the College Church team from Wheaton, Illinois arrived at the residential care facility in Kyustendiel Bulgaria, they assembled the trike. During the flight some parts were lost, but Ivanu, a master mechanic, found replacements parts. After the trike was together Ivanu rode off with a smile to the local café. The second day Ivanu devised a canopy using PVC pipe and a woman's slip for the awning.

"My brother has a factory. He could manufacture trikes," said Snesha, the home administrator. "Come back in a couple years. There will be traffic jams with the trikes," stated the staff jokingly.

The local TV News did a report on the Special Olympics type programming of the week. Since this is one of the premier homes in Bulgaria, the rest of the country is watching.

"I hadn't fully grasped the need for a trike nor realized how hard it was to get around with a rusty wheelchair. Ivanu hadn't

ever moved around with such ease. The trike was a great icebreaker and opener for Jesus Christ," reported David, a high school team member.



First Trike Distribution

Jeremy and 4 North African nationals have just distributed 6 of the 20 trikes they are building there. A church in Oklahoma partnered with them buying the 6 trikes, for \$250 each.

All 6 recipients came "dragging themselves through the filthy sand on their hands, but they left in a 'flashy' fast trike, The trikes provide dignity and hope in a unique way," stated Jeremy



Trike Manufacturing

"Who's going to build the trikes, pay for the trikes and receive the trikes?" These were the 3 questions we discussed and prayed about at our August board meeting.

The Lord prompted me to invite Jason, a businessman from Texas to join us by phone. He had found us in 2006 through a testimony I gave on national radio.

Two days after the board meeting Jason emailed me and said his company would help us try to achieve our goal of manufacturing trikes.

Please pray as Kevin, our engineer, and I travel to Texas, November 3-7th, to meet Jason. We covet your prayers as we explore the next steps for the trikes.

Our encounter with Jason reminds me of Hebrews 13:2, "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it."

On Behalf of HWI Team,

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