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His Wheels International experienced many exciting firsts in 2006. We want to thank you for your part on our team. Your contributions of time, talents, prayers, encouragement and financial support were and continue to be a vital part of accomplishing the goals the Lord has for HWI.

In 2006 we set our first full year's budget at \$10,000 and ended with an actual budget of \$12,800. HWI was named a Top Newsmaker of 2006 in DuPage County by The Daily Herald, a regional paper. We appeared in 13 written publications and on 3 radio broadcasts. Enclosed is a copy of our media fact sheet which gives an overview of our programs.

Last summer we started a junior mechanic bike repair program. Once or twice a week children of all ages participated in fixing bicycles. A missionary mom said, "This is not just a bicycle ministry but a great children's ministry also." We look forward to another year of junior mechanics. Our children are ambassadors, sharing our ministry with friends, family and teachers.



A new partnership was formed with Habil Omungu in Kenya Africa. Bikes and trikes will help in spreading the gospel to areas where roads hardly exist. "It is the best thing ever happened in effective enhancement of the spread of the Gospel," stated a recipient from the Marsabit area. "We will be able to reach as many as possible now that we have the tools," a leader from Masai Land remarked. We also sent our first tricycle prototype to Africa. A welder has been identified who said, "Building the trikes will be easy." We hope in 2007 to begin a small factory where the disabled can build these trikes in Africa.



Other partnerships were formed with Glen Elyn Boy Scout Troup 46, World Relief DuPage, Illinois, Naperville Presbyterian Church in Illinois in conjunction with Trinity Christian Community in New Orleans, Louisiana. In March the Faubourg Theatre featured HWI during their 10th –year anniversary. The dance troop collected bicycles, HWI shared at intermission and a portion of the shows proceeds benefited HWI. In April we held a bicycle rally at First Baptist Church in Sycamore, Illinois. Highlights included an opportunity to try our three-wheeled hand-pedaled tricycle and hearing from Zachariah Chinne, a Nigerian pastor about the importance of bicycles in Africa. We look forward to many new partnerships in 2007.

It is fun to see missionaries, refugees, immigrants, and international students using HWI's bicycles in the DuPage area. Our HWI sticker makes it easy to identify a bicycle we gave away. For many of these recipients the bicycle is their main form of transportation. In summer, winter, snow or rain these recipients can be seen riding to the library, grocery store, church, school, work, medical appointments and many other places.



On Christmas Day 2006 we had over 125 hits to our website. Eric Araujo, a high school senior is our web master. He has done an exceptional job on our site. Over Christmas break he won a second web page programming/design competition on HWI's site receiving a cash and college scholarship prize.

Prayerful Anticipation for 2007



In 2007 we have set a budget of \$25,000. We present our need, asking you to join us in meeting and even exceeding this new budget. As we move forward with the anticipation of new projects, partnerships and further growth. Abraham's life, in Genesis, is a reminder for us not to get ahead of God's plans.

In 2007 we will continue building upon the partnerships we have already begun. We are praying that God brings more partnerships at the local, national and international levels. As we provide bicycle transportation our prayer is that it will be a vehicle to lives transformed for Christ. In addition we are praying for God's leading for a couple new board members.

In January we were able to buy some essential office equipment including a computer and printer. Also in January we received word that Park Tools, has awarded us the opportunity to make 3 orders in 2007 for bicycle tools at their special price. We plan to place a tool order for \$2,000 to outfit our workshop. In addition we plan to buy 10 tool kits for our International projects. These tool kits will cost \$275.00 each.



We hope to raise enough money to take a trip to Africa in 2007 or 2008 to enlarge our vision for HWI. While in Africa our goal is to buy 30 bicycles to outfit church leaders. Also we continue to explore new contacts related to our tri-cycle prototype. This includes national partners and international opportunities.

Our mechanical engineer has begun building a new trike which will have about 30 welds instead of 50.

Thanks again for your part in seeing HWI achieve all the potential Christ has for us. We couldn't do it without your faithful and obedient participation.



On Behalf of the HWI's team,

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