



His Wheels International Newsletter

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Bikes & Hand-Pedaled Trikes

OPEN HOUSE

Join us on Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 12PM-9PM for an open house, celebration and dedication at our new headquarters. From 2PM-3PM and 7PM-8PM we will have a formal time for prayer, praise and dedication of our work in this new location.



Location
21W161 Hill Ave.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

You helped us get here, and we sure want you to come help us celebrate. Bring someone new and introduce us to them and them to us.

We look forward to a great day as we enjoy homemade cookies from a former nursing instructor, conversation with old and new friends and music from Ben Teisan, composer, musician, and nephew *extraordinaire*.

BLOG UPDATES

If you are interested in regular updates about the ministry of HWI, we are trying again to keep our blog current. The address is: www.hiswheelsinternational.blogspot.com

ASTOUNDED BY HIS MIRACLES

"Many will see what he has done and be astounded. They will put their trust in the Lord" (Ps. 40:3 NLV). This

is my prayer for those who encounter HWI. The Lord has astounded all of the HWI team and continues to do so regularly. Below are some of the ways He continues to astound us. You can read the full accounts of these stories on our blog.

- On April 21, 2010, the day after obeying the Lord and taking a leap of faith and signing the lease for our new building, we were notified that we had received a \$5,000 grant. One of our HWI friends applied on our behalf. Thanks friend & grantor!
- On April 22nd the cost of our new sign was donated. Kevin designed it, and we hope it will be on the building by June 12th



- From April 23-26th Glen Ellyn, Illinois had their trash days where residents can throw out most anything for free. We made a list of what supplies we needed to furnish the office. God abundantly provided. See the list of items on our blog.



- Almost everything in the picture of Alice's side of the office was free surplus. Most was from either Glen Ellyn's trash days aka curbside shopping, or Wheaton College's end of the year throw away days aka dumpster diving.

Indeed God has astounded us by His many miracles and these are only a few of them.

POLISHING HIS FIRST SET OF WHEELS

Both Margie & John served full-time in Christian Ministry within the church and for International ministries. When John died of cancer, two years ago, HWI offered to give bikes to their children. Margie says, "What a gift! A bike to fit both children as they grow!"

Read the story from Margie's viewpoint. "As Spring brought warmer weather and the chance to be outside, my 4 year old son Josiah was eager to have his first real bike. We planned a day to visit HWI and Miss Alice to get the bike. When we got there Alice and Richard, another volunteer, helped Josiah get his bike in tip top shape. After they put the bike on a stand, they let Josiah clean it. He used steel wool and WD40 to shine

every inch of his bike. He was thorough, serious, and delighted. When the bike was ready he got onto it, we were both surprised he could actually ride it!

He took off, a free man at last.



We brought the bike home and went to a bike path near our home. The path is ideal for the beginning biker because it is wide, smooth and has no traffic. It is perfect for a supervising Mom because it is a self-contained circle of which I can see the entire distance. Josiah got on his bike, strapped on his helmet and took off around the circle. As he got further away, the distance somehow gave me a glimpse of him on his life journey, working to grow and become without a Dad. This thought pierced my heart, tears ran down my face. I cried out to the Lord, ‘Oh Lord, this is your child. Please help me. Be with him wherever he goes. You have promised to be a father to the fatherless. Reveal yourself to him.’

As Josiah made the circle back to me, he stopped and shouted, ‘The Lord helped me!’ ‘What do you mean?’ I asked. ‘I came to a hill and I couldn't get up. I prayed to the Lord to help me and He did. I made it up the hill!’ He sped off on his bike for another round while I looked to the clouds and said, ‘Thank you.’”

How could we at HWI have ever imagined the impact a bike could have?

COMMITTED TO EDUCATION

Last May we sent a trike, by container, with Rise International to Angola, Africa. HWI and Rise have partnered together since 2005.

In April I heard from Lynn, Rise’s Executive Director. “The staff in Angola chose to give the trike to a 25-year-old man who is very committed to getting an education. Polio has left him unable to use his legs. Everyday he crawls to school. He is in fifth grade.

When the man was told he would soon have a hand-pedaled trike a smile broke out across his face. He said, ‘This is more than I could have ever dreamed to own.’

Rise’s Angola staff said, the need is great throughout Angola for these trikes.” Please pray with us about locating the right contact person in Angola who shares the vision and skills needed to start a trike factory there.

WIESBROOK SCHOOL BIKE RECYCLE

On April 17th Wiesbrook School had a bicycle collection as part of their recycle days.

The efforts of students, staff, PTA and community members were evident by the 68 bicycles donated making it HWI’s largest single collection.

PERFECT TRIKE TIMING

“Where will we pack the crate of trikes headed for Ethiopia in May? We signed the lease on the new building, April 20th.

Kevin moved trike stuff in that evening. Then on

April 27th our first crate was shipped out to Washington where it will be loaded onto a container and shipped to Soddo Christian Hospital (SCH) in Ethiopia.

The crate was filled with one completed trike and 15 trike part kits. Each trike kit cost \$270.

SCH has an orthopedic surgeon who treats patients in need of trikes. The hospital also has a workshop on the grounds and a local welder will weld them together.

SCH is a teaching site for the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS). This three year surgical program is for African doctors. Having the trikes at SCH will increase visibility throughout the world as African doctors in the PAACS program come, and as visiting professors from many nations give courses for students at SCH.

BOARD CHANGES

Thanks to Jeff Messer, a founding board member who served faithfully for five years. Due to circumstances beyond his control, Jeff made the difficult decision of not serving a sixth year.

For our 2010-2011 board year we welcome Don Matteson from Bronson, Michigan. Don is a retired missionary to Brazil, and is also a retired pastor.

Thanks to each of you for your prayers, encouragement and financial support.

On Behalf of the HWI Team,

*Alice Teisan
Executive Director*