



His Wheels International 2007 & 2008 Ministry Update

I am excited to report on HWI's activities in 2007 and outline the vision God has given us for 2008. But before I do, I want to tell you about our new video, produced by HWI's very own Executive Director, Alice Teisan. She is not the only one excited about the video. After Silvia, a native of Uganda, Africa, and the wife of a Billy Graham scholar at Wheaton College, saw the video, she exclaimed, "That was a great idea. I can now show His Wheels Ministry to my friends back home." After reading this letter I encourage you to visit our website www.hiswheelsintl.org and view the 8:38 minute video. Also check out our blog at www.hiswheelsinternational.blogspot.com. If you do not have internet access, or if you like the video so much you want to add it to your DVD collection, contact us and we will send you a copy.

Above and Beyond

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our end of the year drive. With a \$5,000 match from a generous donor, contributions to HWI totaled over \$23,000 for 2007. Another \$2,000 from bike sales and other income rounded out HWI's 2007 income to over \$25,000. Since our inception, over 200 volunteers have donated more than 3,000 hours. I am also excited to inform you that our donor base doubled last year. The executive board has approved a budget of \$50,000 for 2008 to support our expanding national and international bicycle and tricycle ministries.



Over the winter, three to six mechanics "wrench" on bikes every week.



Trike Synergy Team (L to R): Kevin, trike designer; Alice, HWI Executive Director, former Nurse & PE teacher; Nancy, physical therapist; Ben, our helper.

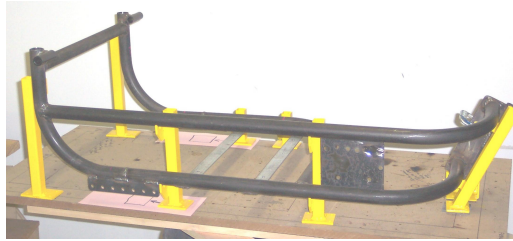
Dignified Trike Mobility

HWI believes in transformation through dignified transportation. To that end, we continue to design, build, and send hand pedaled trikes to disabled people around the world. In 2007, trikes were delivered to Joni and Friends Headquarters, CA, to Peru (through a partnership with Joni and Friends), to Togo, West Africa, with a missionary physician, and to North Africa with a humanitarian worker. Already in 2008, we have sent a trike to Dakar, Senegal, with football coaches from Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL) on a short term mission trip. We are now exploring the opportunity of sending a trike to Angola, Africa, this summer, with a team from Moody Bible Institute (Chicago, IL).

To date, our most successful and exciting trike venture is taking place in North Africa, where Jeremy, a humanitarian worker, has begun producing trikes on a consistent basis to fill the need for dignified mobility. Native financial resources and labor are used to produce trikes in a self-supporting environment. Three trikes have been built since November. Our goal is to use this model of supporting resources that exist in the same geographical region as the need to manufacture hand pedaled trikes. It is important to HWI that trikes are built and distributed in an environment that exposes the laborers and recipients to the transforming love of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Trike designed by HWI and built in Pakistan. Local materials and manufacturing were used.



Fixtures to aid trike manufacturing

Jig Increases Trike Building Speed

In order to aid regional manufacturing around the world, our trike designer, Kevin, has developed fixtures to hold and cut the tube material for building trikes. Jeremy's feedback from North Africa has been remarkable. He writes, "My jig is up and running, and the tube notcher is saving me big time on blood pressure and time! ... I want to have twenty trikes built by summer... This project has been the best one I have ever worked on, and most of that is due to your wonderful support. It is a great pleasure partnering with HWI"

Increased HWI Visibility

Alice has been busy giving HWI visibility to the Christian community. In 2007, she had interviews at two radio stations, and spoke at several churches and business clubs. She has given lectures in a Wheaton College Graduate School class as well as their graduate chapel. HWI demonstrated trikes at a Joni and Friends retreat, a church's "Disability Sunday," and an elementary school's "Bike Rodeo." The community has taken notice. HWI was also written up in the Journal of Christian Nursing (a Lippincott publication) and several church publications. If you would

like to have an HWI representative speak at your organization or event, please contact us.



HWI trike at Joni and Friends retreat



Bikes distributed in Chicago for Christmas

Service Learning Project

In February we are partnering with Wheaton Christian Grammar School to provide a "service learning" opportunity for about thirty 8th grade students. This will provide an opportunity for those students to use their talents to impact the world as they develop their world view, and skills. In return, HWI will receive six contact hours as students' aid in collecting and repairing bikes.

A Dream Come True

Kevin built a hand cycle for Anika, a paraplegic adopted from Belarus. This trike was built for hand-cycle racing, and was christened Scirocco, which means "African wind." Anika and Scirocco have created the vision of one day having a hand-cycle racing team.

Only God knows where this dream will lead HWI's ministry. HWI has learned to never underestimate what God is capable of doing when we obey Him. As in the world of cycling, we strive to find the draft of our Leader, and stay just as close to His wheel as we can.



Anika and Scirocco, ready to race

In His Service,

Jeff Messer
Executive Board President