



Mobilizing God's work worldwide.

### Meet the Team

"Who's we? How many people are involved with HWI?" These are questions I get when I tell what we at HWI are doing. I'll tell you who's on our team and you make the final count.

Let me start with my family and friends. They have listened to daily updates about HWI and they encourage me to keep going.

A big thanks goes to HWI's board of directors, our prayer warriors, and reference board. We couldn't do it without our donors, which include churches, missions, ministries, individuals and the bike industry. They have supported us through prayer and finances. We have benefited from their time, resources, expertise, facilities, and bikes. We express our thanks to our public relations, communications, editorial, photography, graphics, media, computer, mechanical, and engineering professionals. In addition we want to thank our international leadership consultants, our ministry recipients and you. Did I leave anyone out?

I've kept the best for last: The Triune God, the One to whom we serve, Our Father God, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Indwelling Holy Spirit. This years ministry has been accomplished because the Lord has brought His people, His

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resources, and His plans together.

Because of your involvement we have distributed over 100 bikes, built a three-wheeled hand-pedaled tricycle, had three bike collections and rallies, and ended the year with money in the bank. This has all been done on less than \$6,000 dollars. Our "God-come," unexpected non-cash gifts of skills, services and items has totaled over \$76,000. If you are not part of our team, there's still room for your creativity and we'd love to have you join us.

### The Underground

"How did you get involved?" a neighbor asked. "I don't know," said "Mr. Underground," as we were carrying about 50 bikes into his basement, affectionately termed the underground.. "Guilty by association," I declared.

One Sunday I was talking with my prayer warrior. "How many bikes are in your basement now?" he asked. "I don't have a basement. How many will fit in your basement?" I asked. "I don't have a basement, but this guy next to me does," he said. Without hesitation, "Mr. Underground" said, "about 100 could fit in our basement."

I didn't know "Mr. Underground." I wasn't sure if this elderly gentleman had any idea what he was getting into. This amazing encounter left me speechless as I pondered God's provisions. Not only did we get a much needed storage space for about 100 of our bikes needing repair, but we also got a basement to be used as a repair shop. Thanks "Mr. Underground."

### Shipping to Angola

This year we have the privilege of partnering with Rise International again. We are able to get some bikes on their container headed to Angola, Africa. The bikes will serve educators. We are working diligently to refurbish these single and three speed bikes so they are in good working order.



### Dance & Bike Mixer

"You've heard of the seven wonders of the world? I saw the eighth wonder when I looked down from an airplane while flying over America. It's the connection of roads one sees from the air." This is how a friend from Kenya began his speech before the Faubourg Theatre Dance audience. He

was emphasizing the importance of using bikes for transportation in African countries.

The Faubourg Theatre Dance troop features a not-for-profit organization during their two night spring performances in March. A portion of this year's ticket proceeds benefited His Wheels. Faubourg also collected 12 bikes.

The second night I had the privilege of sharing the platform with a Nigerian friend. Thanks Faubourg for supporting us.

### **Trike Prototype**

We have gathered input from several international leaders and a few disabled individuals about our prototype. The initial drawings for the second trike have been completed. We will probably be riding our second prototype by late summer. See more pictures of the bike on the photo page of our website.



### **Bike Pick Up**

In January we picked up 59 bicycles from the Cook County, Illinois Forest Preserve. These bikes are in a variety of shapes, sizes and condition. The bikes were found abandoned or stolen on Forest Preserve trails throughout Cook County.

### **World Relief Program**

In January we began a partnership with World Relief, DuPage. Their office is only a half mile from our headquarters. We will provide bicycles on an ongoing basis to incoming refugees and immigrants in need of transportation. Bikes have been given to individuals from Burma, Sudan, Eritrea, Iran, and Cuba, so far.

One morning while on my way to fix bikes I spotted a HWI bike. I didn't know the refugee riding the bike, but I identified the sticker we put on each bike. I knew that providing him with transportation was making his adjustment to America a little easier.

### **Ebay Here We Are**

Sometimes unique bike items are donated. In March a volunteer who knows the values of these unique items and knows Ebay began selling for us. This allows us to use the proceeds to fund our programs.

### **Web Site Wins Award**

Have you visited our website yet this year? If not, visit us at [www.hiswheelsintl.org](http://www.hiswheelsintl.org). Read the article on our news page about Eric Araujo, our 17 year old webmaster *par excellence*. Our website was the first live one he'd ever built. He won a college scholarship and cash prize

for placing first place with the site. Congratulations, Eric.

### **Rally Day**

April 29th we will partner with First Baptist Church of Sycamore, Illinois for our first rally of 2006. Get more details from our flyer on the front page of our website.

### **Katrina Bound**

We have begun planning to get bikes to New Orleans later this year or early 2007. A couple who has done short term work/mission projects there for the past two years has a heart for the people of New Orleans and a love for bicycles. They have volunteered to drive a truck full of bikes. Through these work projects they have built a relationship with a local church in the area that will be our partner in distributing the bikes. The pastor was excited to hear of our plans and we are excited to see how the details unfold in God's timing.

### **Help us Advertise**

Please spread the news about HWI's. If you know of friends that may like to read about this exciting new ministry, forward a copy of our newsletter to them.

If you want to be removed from our mailing list, email or mail us a note.

On Behalf of the HWI team,  
Alice Teisan  
Executive Director

**All donations are tax-exempt and can be sent to our address below.**

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