



His Wheels International Newsletter

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Welcome Aboard

Thanks for joining HWI in praying for new board members. God has answered above and beyond with His people for His work. We are excited to welcome Nancy Biedry onto our board as of May 11, 2007. Nancy lives in Wheaton with her husband and 2 adult children. She is a physical therapist and has a heart for ministries to the disabled. You will read more about Nancy in the story below.

Tom Richards who has been with us since our beginning has moved out of state. Initially he considered resigning but has agreed to remain active on our board.

God's Divine Orchestration

Doesn't God need big dollars and abled bodies for HWI to grow? "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord." (Is. 55:8). God continues to combine dreams, dimes, Down's syndrome, desires and divine orchestration for His kingdom plan. In 2005 I shared HWI's vision with Chris, a 13 year old friend. Enthusiastically Chris emptied about \$1.50 in dimes and other change from his pocket. "It's not much, but use it towards a bike," Chris said.



In the Summer of 2006, BJ, an 18 year old friend with Down's syndrome, along with Chris helped HWI fix bikes. While helping, BJ rewarded himself by riding our three-wheeled hand-pedaled trike. "Take to Joni and Friends (JNF) camp," BJ told his mom while pointing at the trike.



November of 2006 God combined Nancy Biedry's dreams and profession to go on a JNF Wheels for the World (WFTW) trip to Peru. Teams served in 3 different locations in Peru. Then in January of 2007 while Nancy was fulfilling a desire of hers, teaching high school students about disabilities, God was continuing his plan. BJ and his parents were presenting on how disability impacts a family. Chris was a student in the class. Afterwards, Chris, engaged BJ's family in conversation. Nancy said, "It was as if God pulled me by my shirt collar and said, listen in." Afterwards Nancy got more information about HWI from Chris and contacted us.

March 5, 2007 Nancy, Ana, a Peruvian student at Wheaton College, and I had a meeting. While talking we learned Ana's grandmother received a wheelchair during this Peru trip. Afterwards, God laid on Nancy's heart to send HWI packets of information to WFTW director, their head mechanic and the executive director of Chicago's JNF.

March 19, 2007 HWI presented the trikes for Wheaton Evangelical Free Church's Disability Sunday. During the children's hour about 40 children tried the trikes. JNF Chicago also participated in this event. Afterwards someone generously offered to buy a trike prototype and to cover shipping expenses to a location determined by us.



The next week JNF Chicago invited HWI to take the trikes to their June Family Retreat in Indiana. This was an answer to BJ's spoken and my unspoken prayers. We will take the trikes to Retreat the week of June 11-15th, when BJ's family will be at retreat. Nancy continued exploring her contacts. By April 5th God had divinely orchestrated for HWI to go to JNF's International Headquarters in Agoura Hills, California. From April 17-20th I went, with a trike per JNF's request, to California. Thus our engineer had one week to build the trike. He out did himself. The trike is awesome.

Please pray for HWI and JNF as we consider possible ways that His trike can be used for His kingdom purposes to serve His people. We long to respond with diligent obedience to His revealed directions and we covet your prayers in this matter.

Much Ado About You

While in California, our many volunteers kept HWI's work going. First I received an email regarding our trike project in Africa. They plan to begin building the trike in May. The overseer is networking with a missionary in Pakistan whose hobby is bike mechanics. She's been asked to build some type of three-wheeled wheelchair out of bicycle parts and is looking for a mechanical engineer to help. Kevin, our engineer is consulting with her to ascertain her long-range needs and how we can help.

Also while I was in California, HWI and Naperville Presbyterian Church (NPC) volunteers loaded another 35 bicycles

onto a trailer for New Orleans. NPC took a work trip to the Hollygrove area. They delivered the bicycles. In addition 7 boxes of fun bike accessories from a bike store owner who went out of business were sent. Trinity Christian Community then partnered with the local school to show Christ's love to students in need.

I'd be amiss if I failed to mention all of you who regularly pray and financially support HWI, making this ministry possible. When I invited a couple friends to join me on the trip to California they said, "We are going with you on our knees." They not only prayed diligently but listened enthusiastically each evening as I debriefed about the day's events.

A Bicycle Dedicated to God

"One day our church sent my husband, Mboligihe (a pastor) and I, Yoana, to serve the Lord at another local church, a 30 minute walk from our house. I began walking there three times a week to meet with the women. I prayed, 'God, show me how I will reach those women because now I have trouble with my legs. . . . So now Lord I want you to give me two things. First, I need a bicycle. Second, I need 25 kgs of sugar so I can bake cakes to sell and buy the bicycle.' I took a few days and talked with God about the needs of my heart. Next day, Mboligihe and I went to our church's Morning Prayer meeting. I said, 'Brothers and sisters, join me in praying for two things, which He knows.' Our Pastor prayed, 'God Yoana has two things in her heart we don't know them you know; give to her what she needs in Jesus name. Amen'

After church Mboligihe checked the mail box. He brought an envelope and said here is the answer to our prayer. We don't know who sent this. It was God! He answered our prayer providing money to buy the 25kgs of sugar, flour, and everything for baking cakes.

I began baking cakes and buying one piece of the bicycle at a time until I got all the parts of the bicycle. (It took a year to gather a combination of new and used parts.) Then I took it to a mechanic who put it together. I named the bicycle, "Dieudonne," meaning God gave. Before riding, we dedicated the bicycle to God. So I cooked food, my family and two pastor's praised the Lord together as we dedicated the bicycle to God. Then I began using it to serve Him.

When leaving for the States I wondered what I should do with this bicycle. 'God gave it to me for His work, so I must give it away that it should continue serving Him.' I gave it to a committed Pastor's wife who teaches women in Napopo Bible Institute." Yoana shared this story at Glen Ellyn Bible Church.

HWI will partner with Yoana and Mboligihe, who are church leaders in Congo. Initially we plan to buy 12 bicycles in Congo through their mission. Bikes will outfit them for ministry, their children and other churches pastor's and leaders. We will also send a bicycle tool kit with them, space permitting. When I shared this information, Yoana jumped with joy. She said, "Now as I return to Congo the Lord has already provided bicycles for us and our ministry. He returned to me over 10 times what I'd given. This is an amazing miracle. In my heart I know God is alive. Thanks for your generous support to HWI. My prayer is that God will multiply your gifts as He has mine,"

Please Meet Tom

Please pray for Tom Egan, who is our faithful mechanic. In February he was diagnosed with stage 3 throat cancer. He is finishing up 8 weeks of radiation and chemotherapy. This is a trying time of pain and uncertainty for Tom, his wife Carol, and their family.

One day I received a knock at my door (from Tom) in July 2005. He asked if he could take the bike trash at my curb. One question led to another. Tom was a fireman who had to retire early due to a hip replacement. He went to bike mechanic school 6 years prior. He asked if he could come over once a week and fix bikes. "I had no purpose in life. Working on bikes has given my life purpose," Tom said. Tom is a strong Christian but the devastation of having to retire early left him feeling depressed. Tom's knock reminded me, "When you entertain strangers, you entertain angels." (Heb. 13:2) I was praying for office help. God knew what we needed most was a mechanic. We eagerly await Tom's return. Please pray with us for this family and their friends.



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