

#### **Generosity 2008**

We ended 2008 with \$41,000. Our projected budget was \$50,000, however we continue to be amazed at God's provision through your generosity.

#### \$10,000 Match

Thanks to an HWI donor, we have started 2009 with a \$10,000 match. Each dollar donated will be matched up to \$10,000.

### **Bicycling Nurse**

"I ride my HWI bicycle everyday while working. I don't know what I'd do without it," Carolyn said. Carolyn is a missionary with SIM (Serving In Mission) serving at their retirement village in Florida.



## 8th Grade Service Project

For our second year HWI is partnering with Wheaton Christian Grammar School (WCGS) and their 8<sup>th</sup> grade service-learning project. The learning project is part of the Bible curriculum. Students contribute 6 hours of service to a local or international ministry.

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My goal is to encourage students to share their creative ideas, and explore their talents. One student and her mother suggested having a book and toy sale. Another student is writing up directions for how to ride a bike. Two others will speak on Wheaton College's radio station. Some are doing multi-media things for us.

#### WCGS Bike Collection

On Saturday, March 21, 2009 WCGS 8<sup>th</sup> grade service project will hold a bicycle collection at the school. The students are also having a book and toy sale to benefit our ministry

#### **Am I Dreaming?**

"Do you ever dream of bicycles?" A friend once asked. "All the time," I answered.

"My Sister," Joel greeted me lively from Tanzania, at 12:45AM. "I had to call. We just gave away 15 bicycles to pastors in the rural area of Southern Tanzania." I quickly realized this wasn't a dream but a reality.

"I have many stories from these pastors. One bicycle went to a pastor who oversees 30 churches. Another bicycle went to a pastor who walked 16 miles on foot and then spent his remaining money to take a bus to where he would get a bicycle. He knew the trip home would be

manageable with his new bicycle. This pastor's 6 churches are each 6 miles away from each other. The bicycle will allow him to visit 3 churches in the same time it previously took him to visit 1 church.

'Dad, did you tell this man your prayer request for a bicycle?' A boy asked his dad. 'No son, this bicycle is a miracle,' the father replied."

These pastors spent February 13th fasting and praying, for the ministry of HWI and for me.



# **Lydia Home Association**

"There's new bikes, new bikes. You could hear the preschoolers shouting this regularly." One of Lydia's staff members reported. The neighborhood preschool program offers a 12-hour a day program. The bicycles gave the teachers an extra activity for encouraging exercise and teaching coordination.

Also, bikes were given to Lydia's children's residential program. For 2 teens this was their first opportunity to have a bike. After learning how to ride, they were excited to take a short bike trip with the staff.

## **Mission Accomplished**

Do you remember the High School Principal in Michigan who wanted to use a HWI bicycle as an incentive to keep a high school student in school? The student is still in school. Lets pray he finishes the school year and get his bicycle. We are grateful to come alongside the school in this small way.

## Awed in Angola

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, Jean Fisher delivered a HWI trike to the Kalukembe hospital, in Angola Africa.

"A hospital employee named Antonia was the chosen recipient. Antonia was paralyzed from the waist down. My opportunity to deliver the trike to Antonia reminded me of the story in Mark 2:1-12, when faithful friends brought their paralyzed companion to Jesus to be healed. Each of us played a part as 'friends' of Antonia as we supported this mission.

I will never forget the image of Antonia being wheeled to our meeting place where she received the Trike. I had the joy of watching her independently handpedal away, leaving her old wheelchair behind" wrote Jean. "Wow, we need to fix the holes in the road for those disabled," stated a hospital administrator. The trike raised awareness of other ways the hospital can improve conditions for the disabled as they watched Antonio ride the trike.

Angola has one of the highest numbers of individuals injured by land mines in the world. Those at Kalukembe are aware of the need for this kind of transportation.

#### Haiti Trike

"Do you think HWI has a trike for me to take to Haiti next week?" asked Dave. Jean relayed her husband's question to me that same morning. By the afternoon, after praying and seeking counsel everything was set into motion.

Dave and his friend Chuck joined a group from Naperville Presbyterian Church for an 8-day mission trip. The team worked in conjunction with El Shaddai ministry in Haiti. This mission is part of the Presbyterian Church of America.

"I have a bike for you," a Haitian Pastor told Maxene, a 25-year-old man paralyzed from his waist down. Prior to receiving the trike Maxene had believed his paralysis was the result of a voodoo spell. "Why are you making fun of me by saying you have a bike? You know I can't ride," Maxene stated.

When he saw the trike, his face lit up. The team told him it was a gift from God. "God's power is greater than any other power. Even over the roughest road he can smooth it out," Chuck prayed.

Maxene did not have any trouble negotiating these rocky, rut filled, impossible looking hilly roads on crutches, and he didn't have any trouble with the trike either. As he rode away, the team could tell he was experiencing a new kind of freedom. Maxene was practically in tears but with a

smile beaming on his face. "For the rest of my life I can never repay you for what you have done." Maxene stated

For the first time ever he was able to get down to the river by himself. This is where locals bathe, and it is also a place of inspiration. Our prayer is that a relationship with the pastor who gave the trike to Maxene will lead Maxene on a journey to finding hope and freedom in Jesus Christ

Chuck said, "This was a blessing and highlight of my trip to Haiti. So often when opportunities are presented, obstacles start rising. We wonder how it will all work, out. Yet God just wants us to turn it over to Him and He makes the wheels turn." For Maxene, he has now witnessed the power of a loving God to help dispel the darkness of Voodoo worship, which paralyzed his spiritual life.



#### **Updated Information**

Remember our new zip code is now 60187. Our new email address is <u>info@hiswheels.org</u> and our new web address will be <u>www.hiswheels.org</u>.

Blessings from HWI,

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