



Bikes & Hand-Pedaled Trikes

Mission Statement

HWI provides pedal powered transportation for the able and disabled through global partnerships as a tool for expanding Christ's Kingdom.

2009 In Review

In 2009 our income was \$42,720 up \$1,000 from 2008. We are debt free with reserves.

We spent the year working on our mission, vision and strategic planning.

We found Gwen, a CPA to prepare our yearly taxes.

Phil, our volunteer accountant is taking care of our daily financials (what a relief).

Kevin finished a second Junior Racer Hand-Cycle. He delivered it to Anika in exchange for Scirocco, our first had-cycle prototype.

Dr. David Fisher donated a 30 second info-mercial spot that runs every Sunday evening on Chicago Radio AM560 during his 10PM program, House Calls. In February he took a trike to Haiti.

A half page advertisement about HWI ran in two issues of, a Christian school's newspaper with distribution to over 3,000 people.

"I am cleaning out my dad's tools and would like to donate them to HWI. Dad worked on bicycles for years so there are many bicycles tools. I heard about HWI at the Wheaton parade," Tony wrote. He has already brought over two large boxes of tools and there are many more coming.

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"No charge. This is the least I can do," said the heating and cooling serviceman after completing the yearly maintenance on my heater. He saw the bicycles, the workers, and the flow of activity, and he was moved to contribute too.

Every Wednesday and Friday mornings volunteers fix bicycles. Our group includes mechanics, students of all ages, Missionaries, a gardener (who cares for headquarters, AKA Alice's house). **Join us. We have room for more!**

Workdays have allowed us to provide bikes and encouraging the recipients. As we lend a listening ear we have also provided a variety of other needed referrals and resources.

We provide a steady stream of bikes to missionaries, international students, refugees and immigrants through World Relief and Lutheran Church Charities. We provide bikes to full-time Christian workers who come from Eastern Europe to participate in a six-week summer program at Wheaton College. The bikes enhance their daily life by providing wheels for freedom and independence.

"I know a guy who drove 3,000 miles around DuPage County searching for free space he never found," a volunteer told me in August. This conversation spurred me on to see what God would do if I spent the 100 hours praying. After clocking 70 prayer hours God told me to go to a block party. So I went. There I met Joe. Joe has an airplane hanger in Sugar Grove, Illinois, about 45 min. from Wheaton. He was thinking of helping a charity but had not done so yet. "Trikes will fit in well in my hanger," Joe said.

In November after praying 110 hours we moved our trike inventory into the hanger.



Joe's generosity has made us acutely aware that we have outgrown my home as our headquarters and need to relocate to a larger space closer to Wheaton. Please let us know of such space if you hear of it.

Our 2nd production run of 40 trike kits were completed.

International bikes went to educators in Rwanda and Angola, evangelists in Uganda, and women in Tanzania.

A Donor's Perspective

While driving down Houston's busy US HWY 290 back in 2006 I heard Alice speaking over national radio about her journey leading to the creation of HWI. I had heard hundreds of ministry leaders tell their stories, but seldom had I been struck quite like I was that day.

It wasn't anything in particular Alice said, nor was I unusually struck by the mission of HWI. It was the authentic and humble way she spoke from the spirit and from her heart. I sensed truth and was led to track down HWI and make a modest donation.

To my surprise, a short time later I received a lengthy handwritten letter of gratitude directly from Alice. I had mostly forgotten about HWI by then, but the letter came as a reminder of that radio

broadcast and offered validation of my original perceptions of Alice.

I have since received the joy of personally meeting Alice and some of her team and have had additional opportunities to participate in HWI's journey. With each encounter I have noticed something peculiar, yet refreshing about HWI. They remain the same; humbly and faithfully devoted to the work He has placed before them.

I praise God that He has given me the wisdom to recognize Alice as a true follower, not just another soul basking in their salvation and the prosperity of the Gospel, but someone active in being the hands and feet of Christ. It has been a blessing to participate in supporting HWI. **Jason**

Adventures for 2010

In January Alice spoke to 25 volunteers at Serving in Missions (SIM) retirement village in Sebring, Florida. Kevin brought a trike to leave at SIM for continued visibility.

In January five of us gathered in Florida at I-TEC, the Indigenous People's Technology and Education Center, founded by Steve Saint. We showed and discussed our hand-cycle racer, our Dual Offset Tube Trike (DOTT), and the manufacturing fixture set.

We left a trike for exposure and critique by I-TEC's team and their daily visitors. Visitors know of I-TEC from their tools being used worldwide, from Steve's story, [The End of The Spear](#) and most recently through Popular Mechanics where I-TEC's, Maverick, flying car, received one of the seven greatest inventions awards of 2009. "Many people have shown interest in the demo trike you left," wrote Mark from I-TEC.

We are grateful for our new partnership with I-TEC. Visit them at www.itecusa.org.



Second flying car prototype

Also in January, Jeremy's North African team finished the remaining 13 of 20 trikes and distributed them. Eight were bought for the Tunisian Ambassador to distribute as a goodwill gift.



In February Ken began contracting with us. He is helping HWI put together a plan for making real our dream of moving from a volunteer organization to one with paid staff and a new headquarters. Ken brings new energy and a life of missions experience. He grew up in Sierra Leone. Ken

and his family have spent 14 years serving in Russia and Africa.

In March a woman running a ministry in Sierra Leone contacted us to explore possible trike options. She and Ken went to boarding school together. We plan to send a completed trike and a trike kits with a team of physical therapy team going to Sierra Leone in May. They will do a trike feasibility study and access the need for trikes where they serve.

Soddo Christian Hospital (SCH) in Ethiopia placed the first order, buying 15 trike kits. We are sending it all in a crate, which will also include a completed trike as a model.

We will face a steep learning curve as we gather all the needed materials to fill, crate, and ship the order to Idaho, where the container will be packed by SCH. Then in May SCH will ship the container to Ethiopia.

It is exciting to send our first order to Ethiopia since the trike vision came from an Ethiopian Government Official back in July 2005.

We are finishing up the layout of our new brochure. We are also finishing the design for our DOTT trike detailed informational sheet.

On April 17th Wiesbrook Elementary School in Wheaton will have a bike collection for us. It will happen in conjunction with Earth Week, April 19-24, to help reiterate the importance of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

Please pray for God's leading in our next steps. Thanks for being part of our team.

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