



Mobilizing God's work worldwide.

His Wheels International Newsletter

Bicycles, Burglary and Blessings

"We don't need money to talk and plan," stated Mboligihe back in 2005. We then discussed the need for bicycles in Congo, Africa.

"Thank you Lord for blessing our obedience," Mboligihe prayed on June 6, 2007. HWI had written a 2nd check this summer for bicycles and tools to be purchased in Congo. After dedicating the work to God in prayer, our hearts overflowed with joy, blessing and great anticipation. I mailed the check and returned home.

The shock of a burglarized house awaited me. After the police investigation, I informed Mboligihe. His family immediately came over to comfort me. They reminded me that this burglary can't steal the joy of what God is doing around the world through HWI. This experience also showed me God wants our obedience. He will take care of the rest.

A Missionary Army

"Do you ever see activity next door?" A detective asked my new neighbor, Sarah. "Uhhh yes there's

always activity, but she's aware of it," Sarah said.



One day 4 missionary families marched up my driveway to get bicycles. I'm always amazed at how we have just the right bike for each person.

HWI is a name known among the missionaries. Wycliffe includes information about HWI in their reentry orientation for missionaries and then schedules a time for them to get a bike. We outfitted 9 missionaries from Brazil, Cameroon, and the Philippines along with 5 refugees from World Relief that day. "This is such an amazing ministry," is a recurring praise HWI receives. We are amazed at what God is doing in and through HWI.

Togo Bound

"Can we take the two bikes you gave our boys back to Togo West Africa? We're packing the trailer for Pennsylvania and leaving today," came the question on the

other end of the phone. Russ, a Pediatrician, serves as a missionary. A year ago two of their boys got bikes from us to use during furlough. We were delighted to have the bikes go. Togo is the 7th country where HWI has bikes and trikes.

Later I called Russ and asked if he'd have room for a trike. When he came to get the trike, Kevin, our engineer, and I had the privilege of watching Russ's face light up with the idea of assisting the nationals to begin building trikes.

The day ended and I realized my plans didn't happen due to a pounding heart and the horrific summer heat, but God's plans did. I'm learning that sometimes doing less reaps more.

Trike Time

Riding HWI's trikes at Washington Elementary School's bike rally was a highlight for many families in May.



This summer our trike team has included physical therapists, occupational

therapists, missionaries, mechanics and riders of many sizes and physical ability. After 2 years we are excited to be nearing a final trike design. Kevin has built 9 trikes. He has donated all his time, talent and thousands of dollars for materials. In 2007 HWI was able to begin covering material costs.

Joni & Friends Family Retreat in Indiana

BJ told us, "Take the trike to Joni and Friends," BJ is a volunteer living with Down's syndrome. His planted seed was harvested between June 11-15 and June 18-22, 2007. Joni and Friends Retreat is for families dealing with disabilities.

BJ, Daniel (another HWI volunteer), and I went to the retreat along with 3 trikes. Kevin came one day to get input and try out 2 additional trikes.

"I haven't seen my husband so excited since his accident 4 years ago," a wife joyfully exclaimed. He was thrilled to ride.

"You have made our daughter so happy this week. We can't thank you enough," said Dawna. Anika, 8 years old, was adopted from Belarus about 4 years ago. Months after arriving she had surgery, which left her a



paraplegic. Anika spent several hours riding trikes during retreat.

"Do you want to try the trike?" I asked a young man who was paralyzed on his right side. "I can't do it," he responded. When I offered to help him, he gladly tried.



The next day he brought friends back to watch him ride.

Words can't describe the joy of watching people ride a tricycle for the first time ever or since their injury. Over 100 families were present for the combined 2 weeks of retreat.

Tools Galore

"Wow, you're getting a good deal," replied the Park Tools

representative. Thanks to Park Tools and you our supporters, we placed a \$1,300 order for tools this summer. It sure makes working on bikes easier using the right tools. This summer we've worked on bicycles every Friday morning. We always have a diverse group of people stop in to help or receive help.

Upcoming Events

- September 28-29, 2007 we will have an exhibit booth at a Joni and Friends Disability Summit in the Chicagoland area.
- In September another trike will fly to Africa.
- The first week in November, we will partner with Joni and Friends, Wheels for the World (WFTW)/ Peru and send a trike. Our board member, Nancy Biedry, will take the trike. She will serve as a WFTW team member.
- Africa trip 2008, Lord willing, to expand our ministry vision and visit existing sites.

Thanks to each of you for your part in His Wheels International.

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