



Mobilizing God's Work Worldwide

### ZIP CODE CHANGE

Effective July 1, 2008 our new zip code will be 60187-0423.

### Matching Grant Progress

As of June 23rd we have \$2,800 towards our \$5,000 matching grant. The grant is for first time givers or for the amount given above and beyond your gift in 2007.

### A Forest of Bicycles

"Wow, I've never seen a forest of bicycles like this before," stated Bishop Jotham Mwakimage from Tanzania.



We had over 200 bicycles in my backyard, (Headquarters). Many have worked hard on ours behalf. Thanks to Wheaton Christian Grammar School's 8th- grade service learning project, they collected 48 bicycles. The 5th and 6th grade students at St. Michael's School donated 53 from their service learning project. Kiwanis Club of Central DuPage County collected 47 bicycles from the Glen Ellyn Recycle Extravaganza. First Presbyte-

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rian Church of Wheaton collected 85 bikes. Bikes keep coming.

### Group homes

"Wow, I never had a bike this nice. This bike is nicer than a car. Now I have transportation to get to work," stated a 17-year-old from a Wheaton Outreach group home. I let her know we do this because we believe in her, God loves her, and we care about her.

On May 22nd, we delivered 50 bicycles to Lydia Homes Association in Chicago for their group home and pre-school programs. They are part of the Evangelical Free Church.

### Imlay Christian School

"Would you speak to the students at my children's school?" asked my cousin. I'd called to meet for breakfast on my way back from Elim Retreat Center in Huron City, Michigan where I spent June 1-6<sup>th</sup>. My plan was to leave HWI behind for the week, but God had other plans.

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (I Pet. 3:15) I will not find myself on another trip without being prepared with materials and clothing for an impromptu speaking engagement.

What a joy to challenge children to use their talents for

Kingdom work. I pointed out that my 8-year-old nephew, Ben, wrote the music for HWI's DVD, which I showed. View our DVD at our website: [www.hiswheelsintl.org](http://www.hiswheelsintl.org).

Speaking at Imlay Christian was extra special because I had 7 family members and a friend present.



"Aunt Alice, you did a great job. You covered all your points," my nephew Ben said. "What were my points?" I asked. "To share about HWI and how they can get involved. To let them know they have talents they can use to serve Christ just like I am using my music. To tell the students about Jesus and how they can have a relationship with Him." Ben's accurate account assured me that my mission was accomplished.

### International Bikes

"You have no idea what \$1,200 will do for the pastors under me in Tanga Tanzania," stated Bishop Jotham Mwakimage from the Assemblies of God Church.

“Before they receive the bicycles, I’m going to ask them to fast and pray for 3 days for the ministry of HWI and thanking God for the miracle.”

Mwakimage told a friend.

I’m convicted by such dedication for a bicycle and saddened to think of how many of us have taken this gift of freedom, recreation, and mobility for granted. I’ve rarely if ever prayed for the bicycles I’ve received. The prayers of those riding our bicycles around the world fuel our ministry.

Also, on May 22nd we delivered two bicycles, spare parts, and a tool kit to New Trier High School in Northfield, Illinois. There the bicycles were placed in a container for Rise International. It will be shipped to Angola Africa. These bicycles and a \$1,200 check for bicycles will outfit educators.

### **Church, Schools & Bikes**

“You aren’t planning to give all the bicycles away at once are you? I would like you to keep one as an incentive for a boy who is planning to drop out of school next year.” The Principal from a Bronson Michigan School told Jan, the Children’s Ministry Leader from Pleasant Hill Missionary Church.

HWI and Pleasant Hill are partnering together. The church will do a bicycle outreach in conjunction with the

Bronson School District. They will provide transportation for those in need within the community.

In preparation, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher had students do a creative writing assignment describing their bicycle, if they had one, or describing their dream bicycle if they didn’t have one. Another teacher pulled Jan aside and said, “It’s not just children who need bicycles. There are parents who don’t have transportation either. One parent walked miles in the rain to go to a school conference.”

Jan’s husband Bob, and son loaded 107 bicycles onto a 8x14 ft. truck. Over 7 mechanics have worked diligently every week to repair bicycles. During Pleasant Hill’s Vacation Bible School the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will do a bicycle wash.

Pray that these bicycles will provide a means of transporting the Gospel of Christ into receptive hearts.

In 2008 we have distributed 202 bicycles totaling over 800.

### **God, Did You Call?**

“I really don’t know why I called you on June 13<sup>th</sup>, but I guess God did!” Dawn Clark wrote. Before the conversation was over I found myself asking if she’d like to take a trike to Bulgaria.

Dawn Clark, Disability Minis-

tries Director, along with a team of high school students from College Church, Wheaton are going to Bulgaria on June 27<sup>th</sup>. They will come alongside and assist Missionary Julie Clemens as she works with the Bulgarian church in developing a disability ministry.

“I am completely blown away by the hand operated trike. Bringing it would be great. I’m sure so many will thoroughly enjoy the trike,” emailed Julie.

In 2005 Dawn connected HWI with her son Jeremy Clark. Jeremy’s team in North Africa has built 1 trike and 20 trike frames as of June.



Is it any wonder that Dawn writes, “Wouldn’t it be cool if they were able to start manufacturing these in Bulgaria by people at the nursing home where the trike will go?”

Europe will make the 5<sup>th</sup> continent where HWI has 3-wheelers .

*On Behalf of HWI’s team,*

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