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Celebrating 4 Years

Happy Birthday to HWI! May began our 4th year of ministry. On May 20th, during a work day, four faithful mechanics and I celebrated with some munchies. They reminded me we have given away over 1,000 bicycles, 10 times more than my initial dream. I could not have imagined having about 140+ in my backyard, but that is the reality. After giving away \$3,700 this year to buy bicycles and tools in Angola, Uganda and Rwanda, our international bicycle count is around 120. Who could have ever imagined we would be on our 2nd trike production run of 40 trikes? We are!

One of the most needed birthday presents HWI received was a volunteer accountant, Phil Sheridan. Phil just retired from his full time position at Wheaton Evangelical Free Church, where I attend.

Angola Bikes

May made our 4th year of distributing bicycles for educators in Angola Africa through our partnership with Rise International. This year, in addition to sending 2 bicycles, tools, spare parts and \$1,200 to buy bicycles, we also sent an HWI trike.

Sunshine Ministry Bikes

Here is a report from Joel Hamernick, Director of Sunshine Gospel Ministry (SGM) in Chicago.

"For the past 10 years, our family of 9 has served with SGM, reaching out to low-income families, while living in this South Side community for the past 5 years.

Bicycles are always a blessing for children and ours are no different. But in dealing with the challenges here we have faced theft. A brand new bike was stolen

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out of our yard, and another was stolen at gunpoint from our 14-year-old son. We were blessed this past Christmas through our partnership with HWI to provide 3 of our children with bikes.... This generous gift was a blessing to our family.

Also, Abasi, a 5th grader...and member of our after school tutoring program for 2nd through 5th graders recently purchased an HWI bike. He used 'Sunshine Bucks,' which he earned through good behavior, academic effort, improvement, and memory verse recitation. Having the necessary funds Abasi did not hesitate to 'make the move' to purchase a bicycle. Initially he tried to conceal his obvious excitement. But even his mild manners could not contain the big smile on his face as he left with his new bike.

Lord willing, we will include a 'bike giveaway' as part of our Summer Blast day camp registration. We also hope to offer bikes at our final Sunshine Store in May.

Thanks for your generosity in helping us provide bicycles in meaningful ways within our community!!"

Lunch and Much More

"Will you join a friend and me for lunch?" asked, Diane Garvin, a friend of mine.

Diane introduced her friend Kilara Oruni to me. Kilara, was a 2003 Billy Graham Scholar and is the Founder of Missions of Agape Friends in Uganda. He is an indigenous missionary sent out from Uganda and presently serving in Rwanda.

Kilara shared the need for bicycles in Rwanda and Uganda. In Rwanda, bicycles will facilitate transportation for employees at Dayspring Primary School (DPS), begun in January,

2009 in Kigali, Rwanda. The bicycles will be a benefit option. The employees will receive the bicycle on a loan basis, having a small amount deducted from their wages, for 20 months. This benefit will provide employee stability for the school. In addition, through the repayment plan DPS can continue the bicycle program.

Only a week before meeting Kilara, the 8th grade students at Wheaton Christian Grammar School (WCGS) had just completed a service learning project with HWI. Students raised \$835 through a book, toy and bicycle sale. They were praying about where to buy bicycles. This was a perfect match for WCGS and DPS. Between WCGS and HWI we sent \$2,500 for bicycles to be bought in Uganda and Rwanda.

Kilara personally thanked the students at WCGS. Then the students gathered around Kilara and prayed for the students at DPS and for his ministry in Rwanda and Uganda.



Pastors in Gulu, Uganda will also receive bicycles in June. The bicycles there will assist pastors in planting churches.

In May, after Kilara returned to Rwanda he wrote, "I can't wait to tell you about what is happening here at DPS. HWI has set 'bicycle fire' to DPS. Our teachers are exceedingly happy for the bicycle loan plan...Four of the staff received their brand new bikes...I believe this loan plan will promote our vision of excellent child education...by stabilizing the school as the teaching staff concentrate on the children."

Bikes, Trikes & More

I am always amazed how God uses all the talents of HWI volunteers. While Kilara was in town, Kevin, our engineer, met with Kilara for about 20 hours to show him how to build trikes. Kilara hopes to begin a small trike building program in Rwanda as part of a technical training program. So, Kevin gave Kilara a sampler of the

manual industrial arts, showing him all the skills and tools he uses when prototyping.

I cannot think of a better instructor for Kilara than Kevin, the son of an industrial arts and auto shop teacher. During their 20 hours together Kevin showed Kilara how to bend metal trike tubes, weld, use basic hand tools, and navigate auto cad, a computer drafting program. Kilara also learned about woodworking tools including table and band saws. They did fiberglassing and Kilara saw how a metal lathe works. They also toured an industrial metal parts fabrication company.

Please pray as we try to locate a container headed to Rwanda with some extra space. We hope to send the necessary equipment to make this trike dream a reality.

Rest, Writing, and HWI

I spent 3-1/2 weeks in April visiting friends in Sebring, Florida. One of my goals was to write. After years of dreaming, I wrote a draft of the first chapter of my first book. I returned to Illinois with direction, and determination to continue working on this project.

While staying at SIM's Retirement Village, I shared about HWI with a group of retired missionaries. HWI is grateful for the new prayer warriors from SIM who joined our team.

We also had the opportunity to visit PET in Penney Farms, Florida. PET is an organization that makes wooden hand-pedaled three-wheelers, called PETS. They have been making PETS since 1996 and have them in about 70 countries. While we were there, we had a 3-hour tour of the plant where volunteers make the PETS.

Of course I also enjoyed some fun times swimming at SIM's pool, hanging out with friends, kayaking in the

ocean, and dining out on fresh seafood.



A trip to Florida is not complete without enjoying some good Ethiopian Cuisine. Equally as enjoyable is watching my friend and her parents talk with the owners and employees in their native language. These friends lived in Ethiopia and served there as missionaries for many years.

Women's Ministry

In May bicycles were presented to women ministry leaders in Shinyanga, in northern Tanzania.

Most women need bikes to do errands, fetch water, carry farm products, and to move from one place to the other for various reasons.

Bikes will help reduce the burdens these women face doing daily home activities. They will have more time and energy to serve their women's groups.

For example, most women walk 45 minutes one-way to fetch water in a 20-liter container. The bicycle will allow them to carry two of these containers on the back of the bicycle,



knives, and tied together with a rope.

The bike will also allow the women to fetch firewood much easier. Where they once had to walk 45 minutes

outside the village to collect a bundle of firewood, they can now ride there. After collecting the wood they will tie the bundle of firewood on the seat behind the bike.

One woman said, "Now I will be able to go to church and carry my 2 girls on this big bike." One will sit on the seat behind the bike and the other will ride on the front of the bike. Her daughters could not make the long walk to church. But now they can all go and worship together.

Board Updates

This spring Kevin Nikolich, our engineer joined our board of Directors. Jeff Messer, Harvey Lyon, and I remain on the board.

We would like to thank Nancy Biedry for two years of service on the board. Nancy helped get our trike program on the map by taking a trike to Peru, and getting information about the trike out to many others. She also used her professional skills as a Physical Therapist to write a comprehensive trike seating manual.

Thank You from Haiti

"I (Maxene) praise the Lord for you. God has used you ... to help me, and brought such a souvenir in my life (an HWI trike)... I have nobody, but God puts me in your heart to help me. What a gift! ... As handicapped as I am I have lots of problems, no means to live. Life is not easy ... I will never stop to thank you and ... I will never stop to glorify the name of the Lord for this awesome gift... Now I need to go to church to praise Him... I know God will finish what he has already started... With Jesus nothing shall be impossible."

I am reminded of Jesus' words, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." (Matt 25:40)

Thanks for your part in making it possible for HWI to continue meeting and reaching others like Maxene around the world. During these difficult financial times we are pleased to report that we have received \$8,000 towards our \$10,000 matching gift.

Blessings from HWI,

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