

# HIS WHEELS INTERNATIONAL MEDIA FACT SHEET Updated October 29, 2008

His Wheels International (**HWI**) is a bicycle service organization. HWI continues to mobilize God's work worldwide by providing bicycles and bicycle expertise, nationally and internationally. **Internationally** bicycles and HWI designed hand-pedaled three-wheelers are serving educators, pastors, church workers, and others on 5 continents. In the United States HWI provides transportation for **international students**, **refugees**, missionaries, **ex-offenders**, the **homeless** and the **disabled**.

# Facts and statistics about HWI since our inception in 2005:

- 287 bicycles distributed to refugees, immigrants, and international students from 32 countries, representing 6 continents
- 148 bicycles distributed to missionaries, while home on furlough, serving in 40 countries and representing 43 mission organizations.
- 376 bicycles in 9 USA cities, partnering with 31 different USA organizations, churches, schools and others.
- 86 bicycles in 7 African countries.
- A total of 897 bicycles distributed since our inception
- 26 trikes (hand-pedaled three-wheelers) distributed on five continents through partnerships. This includes buying trikes in 3 African countries and shipping 7 trikes to Peru, Bulgaria, and 4 African countries. In addition, 7 HWI trike models have been built in Africa and Pakistan and HWI trikes are in 4 cities in the USA.
- 16 HWI trike prototypes designed and voluntarily built by Kevin Nikolich from Fox River Design. In addition, Kevin built 4 manufacturing fixtures, allowing others to reproduce the trikes quickly and accurately.
- 1 pre-racer trike model made with the dream of beginning a hand cycle racing team. Anika, a nine year old adopted girl from Belarus, was our inspiration. She is a paraplegic with promising athletic potential.

HWI is a 501C-3 Not-For-Profit tax-exempt organization. All donations are tax deductible and can be made payable to His Wheels International. We repair, refurbish, recycle, and resell bicycles. A space too much here Sales fund National and Global projects

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#### Texas Trike

"You make your own trike. This is mine!" Troy told his colleague Terry when he asked to help build the first trike.

Within 48 hours of Kevin, our engineer's arrival at Optiblast in Jacksonville, Texas the first tirke was built. This included unloading 1200 lbs of supplies and assembling 4 manufacturing fixtures.

Kevin gained valuable insights while watching Troy, who had never seen the equipment before, easily navigate the fixtures, build a trike, and make a useful design change.

It was exciting to see how fast Terry and Troy caught the global vision for the trike project.



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Midweek we set up a 2<sup>nd</sup> research and development site at Hydraulics of Texas in Houston

Throughout the week Jason shared his insights and business expertise. His coaching is helpful as we develop our next phase of ministry. His thought provoking discussions helped set us on the path of writing up a business plan for HWI. Pray for wisdom and unity as we have begun to clarify our vision. Thanks for your prayers on behalf of our Texas trip.

### **Fast and Prayer**

"Today was all joy and praise with great thanks giving to the Lord from the Rural Pastors who came to Tanga, Tanzania to receive the gift of a bike from HWI.

The cerebration was culminated with prayer. The team of Pastors prayed for your physical healing, a divine touch from the Lord.

Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> is set aside for fasting and praying for you and the ministry of HWI. So kindly consecrate yourself so that we are together in faith and prayer," wrote Rev. Jotham Mwakimage.

The prayers of these pastors and others around the world fuel the ministry of HWI.



This Christmas we will buy 27 more bicycles in Tanzania. The bikes will be for pastors, women in ministry and for workers at Dodoma Bible College. Thanks for your part in making this ministry possible.

## **Fall Events**

- 10/14: Spoke in a Wheaton Graduate Class
- 11/2: A 27-page trike manual written by Nancy Biedry
- 11/3-7: Texas trip
- 11/13: Volunteers from Lutheran Church Charities picked up 50 used bikes from Freeport Bicycle Company and delivered them to HWI for repairs
- 11/16: Spoke at Bethel Baptist Church in Michigan
- 11/19: Board Meeting
  - 11/25: Delivered 43 bicycles to Sunshine Gospel
    Ministries on Chicago's
    Southside Picked up 30
    bicycles from Cook County
    Forest Preserve
- 11/28: Trike flew to Angola Africa with a Chicago team

### Merry Christmas from HWI

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