



# HIS WHEELS INTERNATIONAL Hand-Pedaled Trikes

NEWSLETTER

Promote the design, fabrication, and manufacturing of hand-pedaled trikes

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## Pakistan Accessible Design Contest

Congratulations to the winner, Taufeeq Elahi Diju, who had the winning design, Orbis 3.



HWI was honored to have the unique and outstanding opportunity to participate on this Pakistan Contests international judging board for [www.NOWPDP.org](http://www.NOWPDP.org).

The contest received sixty design entries. The NOWPDP team sent their top ten designs for the international judging board to evaluate. View the top 30 at <http://www.pakwheels.com/blog/top-30-cycle-designs-submitted-at-pakwheels-partnered-nowpdp-competition/>

Our HWI evaluation team consisted of 8 members, which included engineers, health care professionals, a bicycle mechanic and Messiah College's Burkina Faso trike project coordinator.

## Basic Utility Vehicle (BUV)

In July, thanks to the help of a HWI partner, we were able to get two HWI hand-pedaled trikes to Indianapolis. Later this year the trikes will be included in BUV shipment to Tanzania. One will go to BUV's Arusha production site, where they are building them. BUV's are "a simple rugged vehicle designed for use in the developing world to provide mobility, freedom and economic hope to people in rural areas of developing countries."

The other trike will be used within the Assemblies of God ministry, by a contact we made with two Tanzania scholars who studies at Wheaton College.

## University Partnerships

At the end of April, Kevin Nikolich, HWI design engineer, attended the third Senior Design Capstone Presentation of a HWI crank arm project, at Olivet Nazarene University.

In May, Alice attended the Senior Symposium at Messiah College (MC) where students presented about different aspects of the MC trike.

The presentations both emphasized the importance of ergonomics that was shared through a HWI class video presentation and through the monthly consortium meetings.

We are excited about the most recent mobility connection we have made with the Director of MC Master's of Occupational Therapy program, beginning in 2017. She has worked with Mobility projects in several Latin American countries.

## Only One



In May, a year after HWI received a recumbent trike donation, Matt, a 21 year old from Wheaton, Illinois, became the new owner. God used a Facebook post to alert Alice to the need. Back in 2010, at the age of 15, Matt had a near drowning accident that brought with it many health challenges. Now the family was looking for fundraising ideas to buy Matt a recumbent so that he could ride and become a bit more independent.

Matt's story mixes the prayers of many, God's miracles, his tenacity and love for life together. There's only one like Matt who could inspire so many people throughout Wheaton and the world. HWI has distributed over 1,700 two-wheeled bikes and only one recumbent foot-pedaled bike—and we are so glad God picked Matt as the recipient.

Days after receiving the trike his mother said, "You'll never know what this trike has meant to our whole family. Today was the first time Matt has ever gone anywhere by himself, without me since his accident. He biked to Glen Ellyn."

Matt is giving back to HWI by using his landscaping skills to keep Alice's property looking nice when the heat makes it impossible for her to work in the yard.

## Recent Media Opportunities

- Abilities.com "The resource for the disability community," featured Alice's story. It is in the heroes section, which tells of "inspiring accounts of people whose challenges pushed them to greatness." It also went out in an enewsletter mailing of over 37,000 plus.

<http://www.abilities.com/community/cycles-of-life.html>

- Mission Unstoppable: Listen to the podcast from Tuesday, July 19, 2016, where radio host Frankie Picasso interviewed Alice Teisan. Frankie writes, "Mission Unstoppable is a mindset! Obstacles, problems, impediments, blockages, barriers and complications happen to all of us at one time or another."

<https://soundcloud.com/hiswheels/mission-unstoppable-live-2016-07-19>

We are forever grateful for the prayers and support of our HWI family and friends.

*On Behalf of the entire HWI team,*

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