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# HIS WHEELS INTERNATIONAL Hand- Pedaled Trikes

**NEWSLETTER** | Promote the design, fabrication & manufacturing of hand-pedaled trikes

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## CAR & Cameroon

In March 2017, His Wheels sent a trike to a missionary in Central African Republic (CAR). The missionary team gave the trike to a teenage girl. Below is a letter from the missionary about the recipient. CAR makes our 20<sup>th</sup> country and Cameroon makes the 21<sup>st</sup> country where a HWI trike has gone.

H. was born into a family of town Fulani; nevertheless, her clan retained the language and cultural habits of the nomadic, Islamic, cattle-herding Fulani of Cameroon. Until age 7, her life was fairly typical. Then, perhaps due to vaccines that had not been adequately cooled, she came down with polio. Her legs became horribly deformed and unable to support her weight. She had to learn to drag the rest of her body along with her hands. Those hands grew nimble and she used them to embroider beautiful designs.

One day, through a letter from a family member living in the Chicago area, missionaries learned about Alice Teisan and "His Wheels International"! In just a week, visitors from the Chicago area were going to travel to K., Cameroon, and visit these missionaries. A rush of emails produced a flurry of activity and soon 2 cartons of trike parts were part of the visitors' luggage. What a joy for these missionaries and these visitors to go to 13-year-old, H.'s house with a brand-new, HWI trike!

Her family members had all put on their very best clothing. A dozen chairs were neatly arranged on the porch. The missionary man and a community leader gently lifted H. onto the trike to begin adjusting it for her diminutive dimensions. She looked splendid in her matching dress and scarf. Somewhat stunned and bewildered by all the unprecedented attention, she never said one word! Thanksgiving was offered profusely by all the family members but according to Alice's instructions it was directed upward toward God, the ultimate Giver of the trike. The crowd of Muslims respectfully extended their hands in prayer while the visitor prayed aloud thanking God for His provision.



Please continue to remember H. and her family in prayer! May their gratitude to God grow into a more complete knowledge of Him.

In June, the missionary wrote, "the trike has enabled us to get to know a completely new clan of Fulani. So far, we've been able to give them the 'Jesus Film,' 'Magdalena Film,' New Testament and Bible stories to view and listen to on their cell phones. We will follow up with Bible books in the Fulfulde language written in Arabic script." He also wrote, "His Wheels ministry is not just in the trikes or cycles; but, it is in the example of how our Lord can work through any of us."

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## Bicycle Transportation for Life Transformation

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In May, I went to a planned trike meeting with an international couple whose primary language is not English. During the initial greeting, I discovered that they had just returned from a health-care appointment where they received a life altering diagnosis. Our trike discussion was short. It was for “such a time as this” that the meeting was scheduled—to provide a listening ear and some home health nursing care (once a home health nurse, always one).

I then offered to bring dinner over the next day that fit within the diagnosis guidelines. We ate together, while further discussing the practical lifestyle changes required within their cultural context. I also offered to attend their next health-care appointment with them.

At dinner the next day, they said, “God has answered our prayer for help. Thank you so much.” The best gift was the renewed hope, smiles, and laughter that filled their countenance where less than 24 hours earlier they were filled with despair.

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### WE NEED YOUR HELP

We have sought professional input on helping us at His Wheels find an easier solution for email communications. The hope is that if the process is less of a nightmare for me, then I would send emails out more frequently.

Here is where we need your help. If you are still interested in receiving ministry updates, we would ask you to be sure to add our email address, [info@hiswheels.org](mailto:info@hiswheels.org) to your contacts, so you will continue to receive information from HIS Wheels International. Over the next several months, we hope to clean up our mailing list. We want to thank you in advance for your interest in His Wheels International and for taking time out of your busy schedule to help us with this administrative housekeeping task.

For those receiving our newsletter by mail, we will try to continue sending out two postal mailings a year. If you have an email, we encourage you to sign up.

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## Pakistan Accessible Design Progress

You may remember that in 2016 Alice on behalf of His Wheels was part of a 12 person judging panel for a hand-pedaled (Rickshaw) trike design contest that was organized and conducted through NOWPDP, in Pakistan. The contest generated 60 concept designs, mostly through student groups at major Universities. It was the first contest of its kind to the best of my knowledge.

In June, the project manager wrote and let me know he was handing the project over to Omair. He said, “I am thankful to you for

helping us out in the execution of the Accessible Cycle Design Challenge. . . He will be in touch with you for this and other transport-related initiatives for persons with disabilities. We are sending one of the prototypes of the accessible cycle to MIT. . . for the testing, so Omair will also share the results with you. Omair wrote, "I want to extend our organization's gratitude to you for being a supporter of our endeavor in Pakistan, and a global champion of accessibility. Amin speaks very highly of your engagement and contribution, and I hope NOWPDP can continue building on it."



*Thank you for your part in this amazing adventure of His Wheels International.*

*On Behalf of the entire HWI team,*

*Alice Teisan*

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