



HIS WHEELS INTERNATIONAL Hand-Pedaled Trikes

NEWSLETTER

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

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Recap

Here is a recap of the Maker Day held at the Wheaton Public Library on October 20, 2018, sent out by the organizer. “Hi, Presenters! We estimate that between 400 and 600 people attended the event. You all touched so many people in our community and helped them learn something new. We truly couldn’t have done this without all of you.”

During the three-hour time slot we gave away over 150 coloring book sheets and I lost count of how many people tried our three trikes.



Business Projects

In August, I met with Dr. Caleb Chan, Dean of the Gainey School of Business, at Spring Arbor University (SAU), to discuss what it would take to begin trike production on a small scale for developed and emerging economies around the world. Two, fall semester student projects emerged from our meeting.

One project is through a Production and Operations Management course where eight students are conducting a Supply Chain and Logistics Case Study for His Wheels International. The student syllabus explains it best.

Involvement:

1. Using SAU resources to design a potential in-country supply chain, explore assembly plant locations, marketing plan, determine best distribution process.

What Will This Course Do to Help:

1. Design an in-country supply chain for four components.
2. Identify best route and best mode of transportation from each component supplier’s factory to the Assembly Plant in the Host City of Dodoma, Tanzania.
3. Students in this course will participate by working on specific deliverables from this case study for HWI.

Dr. Dolson, an adjunct professor of business at SAU pointed out how this study gives students a practical life opportunity to implement the coursework.

On September 17, 2018, as part of the class, I spoke via Skype to the students, weaving the threads of my personal story with the HWI story and thanking them for being a part of writing a story beyond all of us—helping those with disabilities. Then on October 29, 2018, I took the trike to class and updated students about what has been happening for HWI this fall (read below), and answered questions.

The other project this fall is an independent study being done by Michelle, a senior business student at SAU. It is titled “Transforming a 501 C (3) into a Self-Sustainable Social Enterprise.” Dr. Chan wrote, “The intended outcome of the study will be a proposal to HWI on how its work can move forward and be sustainable.” As part of the study, I have talked by phone and in person with Michelle, sharing information, ideas, and some potential organizations to research. “She will also conduct research on how other organizations are doing this and their results,” wrote Dr. Chan.

Ideas Workshop

As we consider how to begin production as small ventures in different countries, Vadim, one of our board members had reached out to Jon, a friend and founder of Ideas Workshop <http://www.ideasworkshopuganda.org/> in Uganda. On October 16, 2018, Vadim received a quote for building one sample trike in Uganda, from our trike blueprints located online, having found all the parts in country.

Another Connection

On October 22, 2018, I received an email from someone who has been involved in building hand-pedaled vehicles since around 2002, in the southern part of Africa. He is interested in seeing if there is a way for us to work together, using the HWI design. Only the Lord knows how he plans to use the trike, a dignified form of mobility, as a means of offering hope.

Upcoming Event:

On November 18, 2018, I will speak about HWI while emphasizing the spiritual component of prayer in ministry, as part of a program at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Wheaton, IL.

*Thanks for your ongoing prayers and support of HWI.
On Behalf of the entire HWI Team,
Alice Teisan, Founder & Executive Director*

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