



# HIS WHEELS INTERNATIONAL Hand-Pedaled Trikes

NEWSLETTER

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

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## Reflection of Gratitude

Looking back over 2018, we at His Wheels International are grateful for all those who are part of our team. This year we have met many new friends and we have said good-bye through death to five important members of our team.

Between March and May, over my Dad's last 60 days of life I was able to spend 45 of them with him in Detroit. A gift I'll cherish forever is the honor of being with him for his final five days on earth and watching his excitement mount for meeting His Lord and Savior. My Father was one of HWI's biggest supporters—always believing in the work we were doing.

He lived with a disability where a bent right foot created a drag and shuffle type of walk, leaving him unable to fully participate in the many sports I enjoyed. However, he loved to bicycle and one of my best memories was the first long distance (five-mile) ride he took my twin brother and me on when we were five. I had never before connected how the lower-extremity impairment my Dad lived with and his love of cycling was part of molding the ministry of His Wheels.

Within the first mile, I encountered every cyclist's worst nightmare—a dog who tried biting me. Upon arrival at Aunt D's house and seeing her glowing smile, I experienced the joy of accomplishment. There I celebrated by sinking my teeth into the biggest, reddest, and sweetest piece of watermelon served up with love. Watermelon, my favorite fruit, was a rare treat because my mother hated the sticky mess of it in our home. It's no secret that when planning a bike trip, a successful ride is marked by the best eats stops along the way.

In July, Harvey Lyon, one of our founding board members, and one who remained on our board all these years, passed away. Kevin and I were able to attend his celebration of life luncheon in Chicago, followed by a three-hour boat cruise where I shared a few words. Harv always wanted us to take the trike to production, and about a month after his death, we began the exploration process around trike production.

In addition, we said good-bye to three of our faithful financial supporters, Mel, Joyce, and Al. I was able to attend Mel and Joyce's funerals. By God's grace I was in Detroit when I learned Al was on hospice, which allowed me to go and say a proper good-bye, one week before he died.

Throughout this season of grief, I am grateful for the promise that we as Christians grieve with a hope for eternity. Each of these members and all of you are part of the beautiful His Wheels story that God has and continues weaving together for his glory.

## Another Coloring Book Page

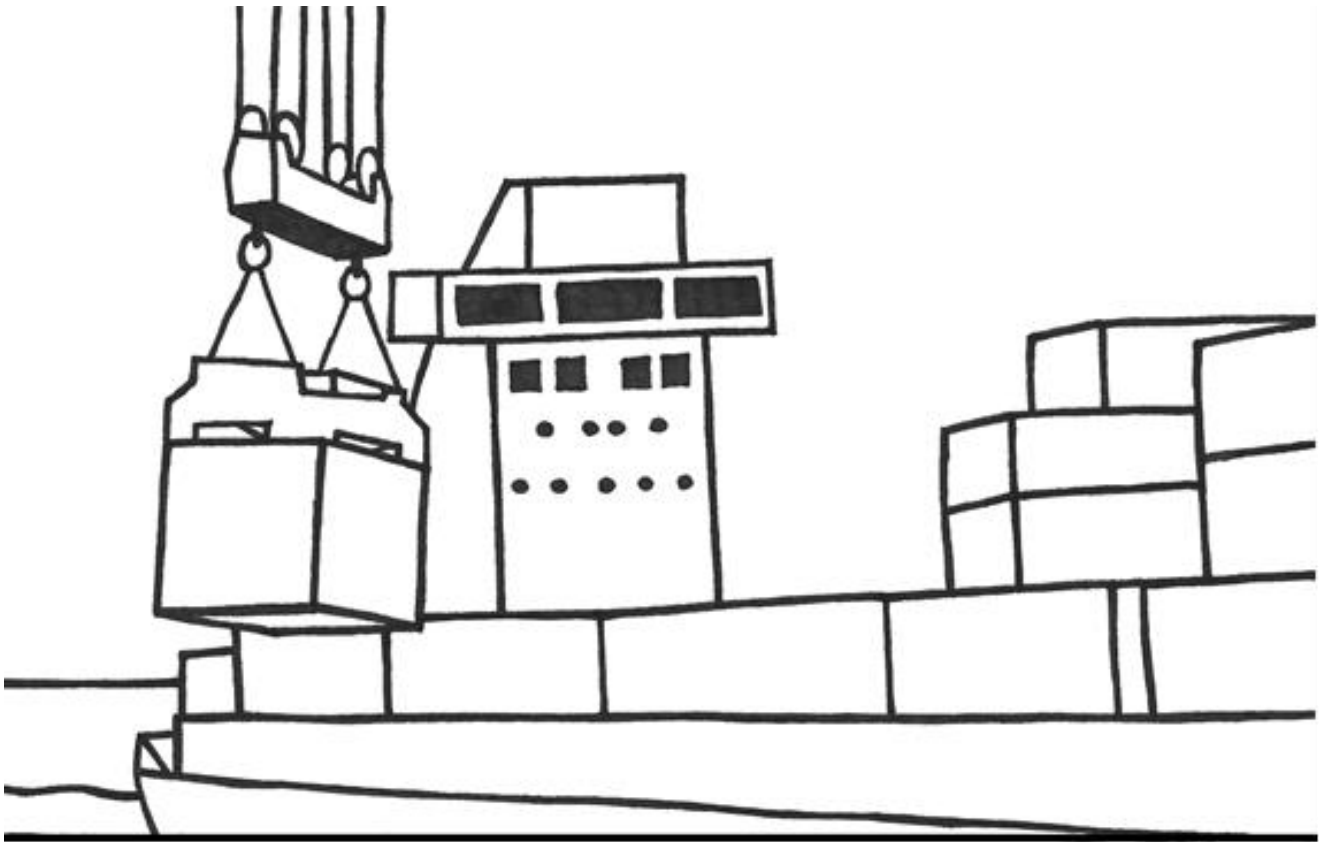
Thanks again to Kristina Matson, our talented artist, we have our second coloring book page. Please download the pdf version of this page and use it with the children you serve, <http://www.hiswheels.org/2nd-coloring-book-page/>.

Thank you for the countless ways you have added your voice, joining with us in the ministry to the least among us, as part of the His Wheels legacy of service through love.

May God Richly Bless You in 2019,  
On Behalf of the Entire His Wheels Team,  
*Alice Teisan, Founder and Executive Director*

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