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## **Upcoming Radio Interview**

On March 2, 2019 and March 16, 2019 a radio interview with Virginia Beehn and Alice Teisan will broadcast four times each day on Family Radio, 91.9 FM in the Chicagoland area. The times are 12:15-12:30 AM, 6:15-6:30 AM, 12:15-12:30 PM, 4:15-4:30 PM.

### Thank You

As I previously thanked our financial supporters, I would like to share some of the same information with each of you, friends and prayer supporters of His Wheels International (HWI). It's hard to believe that in May we will begin our fourteenth year of ministry. We could never have accomplished the mission that God has for us to do without your prayers, encouragement and financial support.

## **A Reminder**

Just a reminder and for clarification purpose, the His Wheels board voted in January 2018 to outsource the financial aspect of our ministry to Faith and Learning International (FLI), in order to concentrate HWI efforts on our core mission of promoting the design, and development of hand-pedaled trikes for people with disabilities in developing countries. We are the His Wheels project under FLI, but we still maintain our His Wheels International 501 (c) 3 status.

Through FLI, we receive the (http://www ECFA Accreditation.ecfa.org/), which provides standards for financial accountability and guarantees that HWI record keeping is compliant with the ever changing IRS Not-For-Profit financial laws. FLI will take care of Audited Financial Reports, Bookkeeping & CPA Services, Bill Pay, Tax Deductible Donor Receipts, and donor support. An additional benefit to restructuring HWI finances under FLI, is that the board was able to approve a monthly stipend for me as HWI Director. This had been a goal of the board for several years, but a practical solution did not exist which meet IRS requirements prior to restructuring.

## A Trike as a Ministry Tool

Again, I shared this story with our financial supporters, but it is so important that I wanted to share it with each of you. A couple years ago a trike went to missionaries in the Central African Republic. From there, the missionaries talked with the leader of a Fulani people group in Cameroon, where they work, who chose a 13-year-old girl, we'll call K, to receive the trike. At first, K was so weak she couldn't pedal the trike, but now she is able to get around on

the trike with ease. In 2018, the missionaries wrote that K's aunt needed a leg amputation and that she too would be able to use the trike. Unfortunately, K's aunt died.

The trike was the tool God used for establishing a relationship between missionaries and the Muslim tribal group. The missionaries were actively involved in ministering to K's aunt and the family before she died. In an email, the missionary wrote, "God helped me, through tears, to explain the way of salvation in its entirety to four men. . . . I added that we believe there is only one God. That is what our Scriptures also teach. . . . At this point, the brother-in-law took my hand and said to me, 'You are one with us. We KNOW you love us. We KNOW you would never tell us something that is untrue. We will take seriously what you have said.' I told him to read the New Testament in the Bible we gave K's father and that they will learn about Jesus from there." The men were open to the missionaries' offer to visit their compound later and continue the conversation about salvation.

It is touching to know that God allowed HWI to have a little part in this big story. Sharing Christ is never about one person, one tool or one event. It is the weaving together of many beautiful opportunities. This story links the mission of HWI back to my calling, which came in 1983 while on a nine-week student mission project in Zimbabwe, Africa. As I was trying to discern what my part was to be in missions, I felt God saying my part would be to provide a tool that would help the nationals help their own people.

Again, thank you for being part of the HWI team, and promoting the design and development of hand-pedaled trikes for people with disabilities in developing countries. Caring about a basic need allows us to share the reason we care—because Jesus first cared for us.

# On behalf of the entire His Wheels International team, Alice Teisan Founder & Executive Director

#### New Financial Contribution Information:

- 1. Visit our website at www.hiswheels.org and click on the yellow donate button in the upper right hand corner to give online
- 2. Make a check payable to Faith & Learning International with His Wheels in the memo line and mail to: Faith & Learning International P.O. Box 480, Wheaton, IL 60187

