



HIS WHEELS INTERNATIONAL Hand-Pedaled Trikes

NEWSLETTER

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

May 31, 2019, Volume 14, Issue 2

Partnering Together

We have set up four initial phases to explore the possibility of building trikes in Dodoma, Tanzania (TZ). The first phase is part sourcing. With this goal in mind, last fall, through our University Consortium, sixteen Spring Arbor University (SAU) business students, in Michigan, did a class project on sourcing four parts in TZ. Board members, supporters, friends of HWI and Joel, our Tanzanian partner, were all able to attend the final student presentations via video technology. Afterwards the class shared their final reports with us.



God's Divine Orchestration

While Joel was in Oklahoma last fall finishing his PhD dissertation research, I had prayed about the possibility of getting together with him but couldn't make it happen. One day in November, when talking together, I learned he was going to spend December in Los Angeles (LA). Months prior, I too had booked a December flight for LA, to visit friends. God took care of the details--we were within a thirty-minute drive from each other, making it possible to meet twice to continue praying and planning about next steps for building trikes in TZ.

During December, Joel, Dereck, the engineering project manager for Messiah College's Collaboratory, which provides opportunities for strategic partnership and applied research, and I met by phone. It was an opportunity to introduce Joel to another one of HWI's University Consortium partners.

Part Sourcing in Tanzania

On February 18, 2019, Joel wrote, "last week I went to Dar Es Salaam (over eight hour bus ride from Dodoma) trying to visit the company that produces bike parts." Before going, Joel tried emailing, calling, and checking the websites of the companies the SAU students researched but he got no reply. After visiting Dar he wrote, "Unfortunately, my efforts did not produce any fruits."

Such news certainly dashed my hopes but Joel remained determined. He went on to write, "This weekend I will be going to Arusha (a seven-hour drive from Dodoma) to try to visit the other possible company."

All I can do in this roller-coaster endeavor is hold on to God in prayer, follow his lead, encourage Joel and ask for your prayers.

God's Next Miracle

On February 28, 2019 Joel wrote, "God is awesome!" The trip to Arusha was very successful. Instead of visiting the factories producing bike parts I (Joel) was first led to consult an engineer, David, a connection made years ago, while living in Arusha (where Joel and his wife Faraja pastored a church), when we began talking about building HWI trikes in TZ."



Joel continues, “After seeing all the HWI documents, David said all the parts can be sourced locally! He also agreed to work with us in Dodoma, helping us to build our vocational technical school. He is an engineer and senior lecturer at Arusha Technical Institute (ATI). I was so surprised to learn that he did his Masters in India and his research project was in “Three Wheelers!” The three-wheelers David is building with students at ATI are for cargo purposes.

I’m reminded of the pioneering concepts Frances J. White, founder of graduate psychology at Wheaton College, once told me. When God asks you to do something for him, then in His time He brings together the people who have a similar desire. We never know where or when such a thing will happen, or what it will look like. Often we have to walk through the wilderness for some time. There God tests us to see if we are willing to go with him for the long haul.

I told Joel, “I’m often found to be weak and tempted to run away from God’s plan. Thanks for remaining strong.” Joel wrote back and said, “I think you are the one who has remained strong! I have always thought that you, Alice, have been very persistent about building trikes in TZ. For your information, when you and I met twice in LA to continue our trike discussions, I knew there was something driving you, which is what made me take this project seriously. I don’t see how this is going to happen, but I am just inspired by you!”

I replied, “WOW! Thanks. Maybe ministry always comes with those BIG DOUBTS. With the ministry of HWI, I always feel only one step away from being on life support!” Yet, even though I’ve tried to close HWI down three times in the last fourteen years, God hasn’t allowed it to happen. Living a dream is hard work.

Founded on Prayer

Days before Christmas 2003, I received the initial bicycle ministry vision through John and Carolyn Lutembeka, leaders in TZ. I bought ten two-wheeled bicycles for \$1,200 through them for TZ pastors.

Here are a few excerpts from my January 1, 2004, prayer journal entry, prayers God continues answering.

- Verse of the year: Luke 1:45 (NIV) “Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”
- Holy Spirit, send the wind of life through the villages of Tanzania to bring souls to life where the “Riding on Faith ministry” will go, (later to become His Wheels International).
- Send the pastors out in the power of the Holy Spirit so many will be saved, healed and then grow up to repeat the cycle.
- Lead forth, Triune God, in using me in your kingdom work. Expand and multiply the “Riding on Faith ministry.” Bring others along to partner with this bike vision for the Tanzanian people. . . Advance the overall ministry in your Spirit filled ways. Make me obedient to cooperate with your direction.”

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

On Behalf of the entire HWI team,

Alice Teisan

Founder & Executive Director



P.O. Box 423 * Wheaton, IL 60187 * (630) 510-1005 * info@hiswheels.org * hiswheels.org

Blog: www.hiswheels.org/blog/ * Twitter: @HisWheels * Facebook: HisWheelsInternational