

HIS WHEELS INTERNATIONAL Hand-Pedaled Trikes

NEWSLETTER

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

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Tanzania

Two trikes arrived in Tanzania with Joel and Faraja at the end of May 2019. Here are some exciting developments:

On 5/27/19 Joel wrote, "Just this morning while I was telling Faraja that I wasn't sure if Alice's plans were going to work for building trikes in TZ, Faraja said, 'Joel, this isn't about Alice. Over twenty years ago, before we got married, you had the dream to have a vocational technical school."

Whether a His Wheels modeled trike is ever built in Tanzania or not, **HWI has been a catalyst for a vocational technical school.** It is often hard to measure our impact – but who can put a price tag on such a win-win-win partnership? We are all aware that the dream is God-sized, and only He knows what is happening!



Joel's smile says it all!

On June 8th, David, the engineer working on motorized three-wheeled trikes in Arusha, traveled seven hours to Dodoma, TZ to help assemble the two His Wheels trikes. He was impressed!



July 27, 2019 - David, the engineer, and Joel are trying to estimate the cost of building a trike. They are also consulting the government officials about building them through SIDO (small industrial development organization). SIDO's mission is "to create, promote and sustain innovative entrepreneurial base by providing (Small and Medium Enterprises) SME's with relevant capacity development services to enhance their contribution in industrial development.

Prayer Request: With the exciting trike developments in Tanzania, the HWI board is praying and discerning if having Alice go to Tanzania next summer is the next step in partnering together. Please pray with us for God's clear direction and for the necessary funds if given the green light to go.

In October, His Wheels participated in Wheaton Public Library's second annual Maker STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) Day. We had three trikes for those of all ages to try. The trike opened many opportunities for young scholars to problem solve, utilizing STEAM concepts.

In November, Americans Serving Abroad, a not-for-profit located in New York, took our trike blueprints to Ghana. Since it wasn't feasible to send a full-size trike with them, we sent a 3-D plastic printed model, about 2 inches by 3 inches, thanks to our board member Vadim.

Downloadable Blueprint Outreach: Throughout 2019, we have had trike organizations from Zambia, and Washington State look through our blueprints. In addition, we have had engineers sign in from the U.S., and other inquiries from the Philippines, and Colombia. While it is difficult to get follow-up feedback from those who sign into our site, we know that our design ideas are making an impact! For example, earlier this year we saw a trike pictured in a Uganda ministry newsletter. Upon closer examination by Kevin, our engineer, he was able to identify a His Wheels design feature that had been incorporated into the trike. Providing the free downloadable trike blueprints allows those interested in building trikes to benefit from HWI's research and development and the building of 22 trike prototypes.

The platform of His Wheels has opened doors for Alice to participate in disability advocacy work this year:

March 2019, Alice was invited to a three-day Faith and Disability Initiative inaugural event through Wheaton College. There were disability practitioners and academic scholars from the United States, Canada and Great Britain.

From the initiative, Alice has been given the opportunity to be a guest speaker for a Disability Certification Program, leading a class session on invisible disabilities. For this class and another speaking opportunity, Alice has authored a four-part talk titled "The stages of an acquired disability." The last part, entitled "Redemption," described how His Wheels was born out of her disability.

Thank you for your part in the ministry of His Wheels International. Without you we would never have had all these opportunities for ministry.

Merry Christmas on behalf of the entire HWI team!

Alice Teisan Founder & Executive Director

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