



# HIS WHEELS INTERNATIONAL Hand-Pedaled Trikes

NEWSLETTER

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

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## Ideas Workshop

What a miracle! We've waited, hoped, and anticipated the completion of the first His Wheels style trike by Ideas Workshop in Uganda, <http://www.ideasworkshopuganda.org/>. And here it is!



There are still a few things to figure out before distributing this first prototype.

The missionary, Jon, who runs Ideas Workshop is from Wheaton, Illinois. Vadim Romanovich, a His Wheels board member, is a friend of Jon's and attended the same church. Vadim, also an engineer, has been overseeing all the communications and troubleshooting with Jon. Presently they are working on a new braking prototype that can be retrofitted to the trike.

Our hope is that the first trike will go to Stars Ministry, Uganda. Sylvia, the founder, came to Wheaton while her husband was a Billy Graham Scholar doing his Master's degree here. I was the first person she met. She said "You introduced me to many people in disability ministries." Sylvia was trained as a Social worker. She said, "I began asking myself, 'Where are all the people with disabilities in Uganda?'" As a friend and mentor since 2009, I have encouraged Sylvia as she returned to Uganda and began Stars Ministry.

COVID-19 interrupted our plan to send a trike, in July, with a nearby church's mission team. The recipient's mother was heartbroken and cried out to God for a trike miracle. God heard her prayer, one that will have a greater impact than if we had sent one trike to Uganda, the ability to build them in Uganda.

The plan is for this single mother with two children with disabilities to wash clothes one week for three of STAR's school terms as remuneration. We pray that as the mother helps STAR's in this way it will open up opportunities of socialization and encouragement for the mom too.

With every fulfilled dream, there are more dreams yet to come. We wait with expectation, hoping to deliver this first trike in 2021.

### Never Stop Dreaming or Praying

After seeing the first trike picture, I began praying about what our next goal would be with Ideas Workshop and trikes. God answered our prayer through a generous donor who offered to pay for Ideas Workshop to build the next ten trikes. We are still waiting until we distribute the first trike before getting a quote for building ten more.

Next I looked at a map of East Africa to see what countries border Uganda. They include Tanzania, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan and Rwanda. As I prayed, I thought it would be fun to get a couple of the next ten trikes to strategic groups or individuals in each of these countries. Not having any contacts in South Sudan, I began praying, "God, bring the right contacts our way." The very next day someone with an interest in Sudan had signed into our His Wheels trike blueprints.

I replied saying, "I noticed your interest in Sudan. I am curious about this because just yesterday, I was praying specifically that God would bring a contact from Sudan. I would welcome a conversation with you."

In an initial phone conversation she told me of a young Mother who needed a pedal trike, because she had to get around on her knees." I would love to have some men in South Sudan trained to weld and build, and put them to work at this ministry." She continued, "I pray that God will supply someone to construct pedal trikes. So many are needed. God bless you all for what you are doing."

After I shared about Ideas Workshop she asked "how can we get this woman on a list to receive one of the trikes." I said, "I believe God has already put her on the list."

What I've come to realize is that when God gives one person an idea, he also gives others a similar idea. In His way and in His time he brings those with a similar passion together. Please pray for patience and perseverance for all of us involved in getting these trikes built in Uganda. Nothing moves fast and this can become discouraging.

***Thank you for your part in this amazing adventure of His Wheels International.  
Merry Christmas on Behalf of the entire HWI team,  
Alice Teisan Founder & Executive Director***

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