

Bikes & Hand-Pedaled Trikes

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The End

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born (begin His Wheels International) and a time to die (end HWI)," as Ecclesiastes 3 succinctly states.

On February 13, 2025, the HWI board of directors unanimously voted in favor of dissolving His Wheels International, 501-C-3 not-for-profit. It was 20 years ago when a group of ten individuals met, in February 2005, and spent eight weeks praying and discussing whether birthing His Wheels was a viable option.

Why is HWI ending now?

Rejoice with us, HWI has exceeded all our ministry expectations, while on mission with God, Mobilizing God's Work Worldwide. As one counselor stated, "His Wheels has done the impossible (thanks to the part of thousands), beyond what anyone could have imagined, and the ministry has now run its course." See our <u>HWI Fact Sheet</u>

After ending our two-wheeled bicycle division in 2013, we turned our undivided attention towards hand-cycle (trike) work. In 2024, His Wheels spent the year dialoguing with Christopher Stanfill, PhD, Executive Director of Mobility Worldwide and his team. We shared ideas and contacts needed for taking the next steps in formalizing a hand-cycle community. We've also discussed and begun working towards developing the necessary foundational structure for getting hand-cycles recognized internationally as an important assistive technology.

How can we steward His Wheel's Intellectual property?

Our final concern was helping the hand-cycle community continue its forward momentum, finding a virtual home for our free downloadable hand-cycle blueprints, and other important community related documents, without having to remain an organization. Thanks to Mobility Worldwide International's vision of becoming the hand-cycle community hub, they have offered to house all of our work at the resource section of their website: mobilityworldwide.org/his-wheels.

Now what?

- If you'd like to write a testimonial, you can email it to <u>info@hiswheels.org</u>. Emails will not be monitored after May 1, 2025.
- Our <u>hiswheels.org</u> domain name is now pointed towards the His Wheels page on <u>Mobility Worldwide's websit</u>e and will remain that way until our domain subscription ends in 2027.
- We ended our relationship with Faith and Learning International. If you have recurring gifts, automatic withdrawals, turned on for Faith and Learning International, you will need to stop them. If you need assistance, please reach out to the donations team at <u>donations@faithandlearning.org</u>.
- We are no longer accepting donations.
- We will NOT share your contact information.
- We are hoping to have a time of remembering, sharing and celebrating the ministry of His Wheels International on Sunday afternoon, November 2, 2025 from 2-5PM in Wheaton, IL. For those interested in more details, contact Teisan.
- If you'd like to continue your involvement in the ongoing work of hand-cycles, you can sign up to receive Mobility Worldwide International's newsletter by sending an email to <u>mw@mobilityworldwide.org</u>.

What's next for Alice Teisan?

- The next chapter will somehow incorporate cycling, networking, spending time with internationals, writing and teaching on prayer (all part of her DNA)--continuing her ongoing mission of Mobilizing God's Work Worldwide.
- She has been asked to serve on the hand-cycle best practices committee chaired by C.J. Stanfill and will provide further input in whatever ways God deems part of His plan.

All Glory to God

In 1983 when Teisan went on a mission trip to Zimbabwe, Africa to see if full-time medical missions was God's plan for her life, Teisan's prayer verses were:

The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord," (Jer. 1:4-8, NIV).

Teisan returned from Zimbabwe with a God prompting that her part in missions was to provide a tool, partnering with internationals so they could help their own people. Teisan says, "Thank you, Lord, for empowering me with the boldness and obedience to say yes when challenged to begin His Wheels International, and for the many obedient yes-es that followed. Forgive me for not saying yes to all your promptings."

What Teisan didn't know in 1983 was that she would lose control of her life. It would fall in a medical ditch with ME/CFS (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome) in 1992, which became the MEDICAL waiting room where Teisan learned to stop "doing missions" and to replace her plan with learning to be "on mission with God" instead. Without the health to "do missions," the only option when the opportunity for starting HWI came, was to "go on mission with Jesus."

Thanks for joining us on the amazing ride of His Wheels International

On behalf of the entire His Wheels International Team,

Alice Teisan Founder & Executive Director