



Testimonial from His Wheels International's 20 Years of Ministry (2005-2025)

Our purpose: Bicycle and trike (Hand-cycle) transportation for Life transformation. Mobilizing God's work worldwide through the platform of His Wheels International was our way of being on mission with Him. Below is a recounting of what God has done.

*When I think of a Christian ministry, I use HWI as the best example of a Holy Spirit led organization. Alice has shown what it looks like to hold one's own agenda loosely and accept God's leading. I've also learned much about prayer during our prayer time at each bicycle volunteer work day as I listened to Alice lift our work up to the Lord. **Jan L, bicycle mechanic, Katrina Project Leader.***

It is an honor to bear witness to God's work through His Wheels International. It has been a privilege to watch what God has done through this ministry, reaching the world as well as its very own neighborhood. Our family has been blessed in so many ways by HWI: with bicycles, after moving to the U.S. from Brasil, with the opportunity to test a hand pedaled trike (which our four children thoroughly enjoyed), and the ministry of the Tres the Trikes coloring books to distribute to our disabled friends who gather at God's Choice Church of Branch County. These are only a few examples of ways HWI has touched us here in rural Michigan.

*More than anything, though, the greatest impact has been the gift of watching wave upon wave of answered prayers as I have listened to Alice intercede for HWI, and as she has waited on the Lord for direction in every aspect of the ministry. This is the overflow of walking with a fellow pilgrim on a journey we didn't know we would take, to say 'yes' to uncertainty and hope on a path that includes disability. As HWI accomplishes its mission, the path continues, the prayers continue, and certainly, His presence and provision will continue. Praise His name! **Jennifer A., Alice's friend and sounding board.***

It has been a privilege and joy to serve with HWI! The collaboration encouraged at HWI provided the opportunity for us to put our knowledge of wheelchair and bicycle use together to develop the design of the DOTT hand-cycle. In sharing what we have learned, especially regarding fabrication and fitting, we hope to contribute to improved

mobility and the prevention of secondary disabilities (such as compromise of skin integrity and overuse injury) in persons using these hand-cycles. I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to partner with Alice and others at HWI in this endeavor.

Nancy B., Physical Therapist

Tanzania is a beneficiary of HWI ministry to the nations! My family (5) received bicycles, hospitality and beyond while Billy Graham Scholars, studying at Wheaton College Graduate School. Thirty pastors in the interior parts of Tanzania received bicycles for ministry purposes. We received 2 trikes. One blessed Joseph, and the other will serve as a model for future productions within East Africa. Alice's friendship will continue: friend, advisor, and partner in ministry as we serve God in Africa through our not-for-profit organization, Integrity Community Outreach (ICO), and our church, Capital All Nations Assembly (CANAN). Joel S., (PhD) Tanzanian Pastor & National leader

Thank you so much for the time I spent working with you (Alice) and His wheels. It was such a special time in my life and I even helped some people. **Tom E. Bicycle Mechanic**

The His Wheels International vision is built on bicycles, trikes (hand-cycles) and Christ's Kingdom. But the essence of HWI has always been relationships. Every bicycle given away or received generated a relationship. Relationships led to understanding the need for a better hand-cycle design, and relationships got those designs into the proper hands. Alice will provide stats on how many bikes, trikes and dollars passed through HWI, but she lost track of the number of relationships built long ago. HWI relationships will continue to build Christ's Kingdom long after HWI ends its work as a nonprofit. **Jeff M., Founding board member**

I have followed the work of HWI since it began. It has modeled so many qualities of faithful ministry: networking with others, sharing ideas, listening, avoiding extravagant costs, praying. Even now, as HWI concludes its work, it is modeling what we all must do: "do the work of God in our generation." **Kevin M, Pastor**

Collaboration with His Wheels has given students at Messiah University (MU) a greater understanding of and appreciation for the wider hand-cycle/wheelchair development community. The partnership has increased our exposure to ideas from other like-minded organizations providing a tremendous benefit to our nearly 25-year journey of developing mobility solutions for those in less resourced communities. **John M., MU Collaboratory**

Over the years, His Wheels formed a deep partnership with Mobility Worldwide with the goal of expanding reach and raising awareness about the need of hand-cycles around the world. In 2025, the two decades of work accomplished by His Wheels was fully integrated into the programmatic efforts of Mobility Worldwide. With this contribution, Mobility Worldwide continues to incrementally improve hand-cycles (carts) produced since 1994, while carrying on the shared vision of further development and making more hand-cycles available to those in need throughout the world. **C.J.S., (PhD)**
Executive Director, Mobility Worldwide

First, I have not biked for about 30 years! Thus, it was a challenge to get back to the saddle. My recent achievement was riding to and from church (12- miles away), on the Prairie Path. I was exhausted but happy. .. two of my dreams have come true. I have always wanted to bike with my wife and our oldest son, but was too timid (now I can return to Russia and do so). Also, when coming to the US, I dreamed about being able to go wherever I wanted by myself. I thought, I'll need to rent a car, but a bike is quite appropriate and absolutely free of gas. **Eastern European Leader**

His Wheels International's impact for the underserved in the world, (those seen as a burden to the family and are the last to get food, clothing, or medical help) is immeasurable. The trike recipient now has the means to get to market, haul water, and become a functioning member of the family again, allowing him/her the opportunity to live a life with potentia, meaning, and hope where once there was none. Throughout the New Testament, this is who Jesus reached out to, providing hope and the abundant life (John 10:10). **Ken B, Career Missionary**

I first encountered HWI after the serious swimming accident of my son, Matt, at age 15. As a result of this accident, Matt was barely able to walk, let alone do any sports which were so important to him pre-accident. I spoke to Alice and expressed my desire to find some way to involve Matt in a sport. Alice said, "HWI has a recumbent bike (foot pedaled—non-HWI model) and we've been waiting to get it to the right person." The gift was a profound answer to my prayers. Now, Matt was once again able to cycle with us (as well as friends) like he did before his accident. I wrote to Alice one evening: "You'll never know what this bike has meant to our whole family. Today was the first time Matt (21) has ever gone anywhere by himself, without me, since his near drowning accident 6-years-ago. He biked to Glen Ellyn (5 miles away)" Having this bike gave Matt freedom and dignity. It gave him the ability to spend time with friends on an equal footing. Mastering the trike gave Matt confidence to try a whole host of other sports: rock climbing, wheelchair tennis and wheelchair pickleball. Matt also relearned how to ride a two wheeled bike and was able to gift the trike to a friend who was also recovering from

a traumatic accident . Thank you HWI for bringing hope, dignity, confidence and freedom to my son. I am profoundly grateful for your ministry to us. **Nancy L., Mother of a recipient**

The “missioneering” (Engineering as missions) project required us to have good communication with each other and to work closely together, **Brandon**. *It required team work, utilizing each other’s strengths.* **Benjamin**. *It was exciting to be doing something that was on the brink of technology.* **Britny. Olivet Nazarene University, Senior Capstone Design Team**

When my wife died (2011), a man from the WHEATON FREE CHURCH said, “I have just the place for you.” When he took me to HWI, I met Alice and was given a job cleaning bikes. A fond memory I have is my 76th surprise birthday party, complete with my church friends, which HWI threw for me. It’s sad to see HWI END but GOD knew all along when it would begin and when it would end. And I sure enjoyed it. Thank you ALICE and HWI! **Tom R., Bicycle Volunteer**

It has been a privilege to have had a front row seat to the beginning, growth, and now the sunset of His Wheels International. Led by Alice Teisen, HWI has had a global impact by providing mobile access to a deeply underserved community. Ms. Teisen led HWI with vision, passion, and humility. She is a model for any person or group interested in building a nonprofit that desires to have an international presence. The impact of HWI will be felt for generations. Congratulations on a job well done. **David S., (PhD) Domanada Foundation-Trustee, Cedarstone Partners- President.**

HWI came into my life at a critical time, as a young man seeking to learn more about how my skills and passions could be useful in this world. Working with Alice, the many dedicated volunteers, and the organizations who outfitted people with our refurbished bikes was truly life changing. Watching time and again how “a few fish and a bit of bread” (John 6:1-13) became enough to sustain many, constantly left me shaking my head in astonishment. Being a part of an organization that sought to provide ways for as many people as possible to achieve more of their God given dignity through mobility is something I will always cherish. **Grant B., Wheaton College, Master’s Internship**

My wife Terri and I are missionaries serving with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. I met Alice and the HWI team some years ago when we were on home assignment in Wheaton. We had just finished twelve years of service in Africa and we were transitioning to serve as church planters in France. At the time, Alice was running the HWI ministry from her garage. Each week I would go to help restore old bikes. I didn’t know anything about bikes at the time but the team patiently helped me learn how to

repair them. I knew that God was preparing me to serve in a new way when we transitioned to France. Once there, I found a similar community co-op where I was able to participate, giving me the opportunity to meet people in the community and be a light for Christ in a positive way. Biking is an important means of transportation for many in our city. HWI made an impact for the gospel in France by investing in a furloughing missionary. HWI has always had a world vision. I am grateful to God for their mission well done. - Todd A., Career Missionary & Bicycle Recipient

Part of the successful establishment of our ministry, the Christian Surgical Network in Congo is because of the gift to get to know His Wheel International. HWI has been so instrumental to build us up from the genesis of our ministry. We greatly appreciate Alice's commitment of backing our ministry with powerful prayers. She voluntarily screened our ministry's goals and recommended strategies for achieving them. Her advice was very helpful and gave us a new perspective on: writing a grant proposal newsletter, thank you letter, and etc. We especially appreciate how she shares her HWI network with us, expanding our ministry growth. God bless Alice! Jacques E., MD., FCS(ECSA) Surgeon, Founder of Christian Surgical Network, Congo.

H. live in a town; nevertheless, her clan retained the language and cultural habits of the nomadic, Islamic, cattle-herding Fulani of Cameroon. At age 7, perhaps due to vaccines that had not been adequately cooled, she came down with polio. Her legs became horribly deformed and unable to support her weight. She had to learn to drag the rest of her body along with her hands...The trike has enabled us to get to know a completely new clan of Fulani. So far, we've been able to give them the 'Jesus Film,' 'Magdalena Film,' New Testament and Bible stories to view and listen to on their cell phones. We will follow up with Bible books in the Fulfulde language written in Arabic script. ...His Wheels ministry is not just trikes or cycles; but, it is an example of how our Lord can work through any of us. CAR/Cameroon Missionary distributed a hand-cycle..

*For the rest of my life I can never repay you for what you have done. Maxene, Haiti
Trike Recipient*

His Wheels International was born out of a new dream after a cherished earlier one had ended. Growth occurred organically as Alice drew in others through encounters and conversations about the vital need for trike-transportation among those unable to walk. Each progressive step forward was rooted in prayer, deliberative team discussion, and conscious consideration of options. Those of us who trotted alongside Alice throughout His Wheels twenty years, were always generously welcomed by her and amazed at the surprising moves forward: her instructive and inspiring *Riding on Faith* and *Pray 10K* books, the prototypes and small trike production runs, and the 22 countries around the

world where the trikes showed up. Finally, bequeathing His Wheels contacts, materials, prototypes, and plans to Dr. Christopher Stanfill and his Mobility Worldwide staff, ensures that its lessons and gains will go forward in an even wider stream. Of Alice and the His Wheels International team, it can indeed be said, "Well done, good and faithful servants." **Evvv H.C., (PhD) Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies Emerita, Wheaton College**

Thank you for allowing God to use you in such a great way. Your love for people is distinct about you Alice. You have impacted more people than you can imagine. Starting with me, as I helped with a Wheaton community bicycle collection, one of the great experiences I had with HWI's. **Sylvia K., Stars Ministry Uganda, Founder and Director**

My hand-cycle (built in Uganda) has helped me not to overly depend on people. Now I can easily go wherever I want and am now able to make many friends. It helps me strengthen my upper body muscles. **Kasimu (child), Uganda recipient**

Through HWI's unwavering commitment and the remarkable talents harnessed—whether in outreach, education, or innovative strategies—you have transformed countless lives, restoring dignity, hope, and a sense of purpose to those who needed it most, You have, indeed, impacted the world in a profound way, igniting change, empowering individuals, and uplifting communities. Your success has not come from mere actions, but from a genuine heart to serve others. Through every initiative, project, and moment of outreach, you have truly embodied what it means to love and care for humanity. Whether it was a single act of kindness or the implementation of a life-changing strategy, your global contributions have been far-reaching, leaving a legacy that will endure for generations. On behalf of all those you have touched, I want to express my heartfelt thanks. Your legacy of love, dedication, and service will live on, inspiring others to carry the torch you have so brilliantly lit. I know this testimonial is longer than expected but I could even write a whole memorial book about HWI's impact that began in 2005 (17)! **Amini K. M., Congolese Pastor and PIEI Missionary**

It took Alice and HWI to stir me up to think carefully about "brokenness". The US poet-pastor Bob Dylan (if one considers him to be a poet-pastor) summarized it well, that "everything is broken" After listening to Alice's story and gaining an understanding of the mission of HWI, I stepped back and asked myself if all her work mattered. After all, I did not 'know' any disabled person except for a lifelong friend who was visually impaired. I stepped back and did a careful survey of the people I knew who were actually disabled in one way or another. I was astonished by what I 'saw' when looking carefully. There were many I knew! However, the truth was, maybe I just did not care to

*engage 'their world' or their brokenness.'...It has been disturbing. . .as I reflected on this subject of disability and brokenness. I am likely closer aligned to God and his thoughts about disability and brokenness. Thank you, Alice and the Board of HWI for being partners with Jesus over the years. Your work and service have pushed back the curse and the fall to the degree that Jesus allowed. Well done good and faithful servant(s). Brokenness does not win. Sin does not win. Christ won, wins and shall win in the end. May whoever downloads the blueprints and makes a trike for somebody, bringing a smile to their face, share in your reward going forward. We bless you all. **Wainaina N., (PhD) Kenya***

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen," (Ep. 3:20-21, NIV).

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