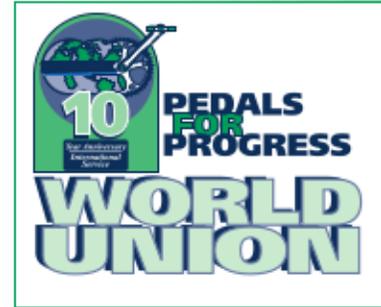




IN GEAR

THE NEWSLETTER OF PEDALS FOR PROGRESS

WINTER
2001



PFP WORLD UNION 2001 Pfp's first family gathering!

You'd think that a Rolex Award would be enough. But the reality is, winning the award puts Pfp in the position to do more! In our new position as a high-visibility group we'll have more diverse opportunities for improving our programs and strengthening our existing partnerships this year.

September 2001 marks the 10th year of international service for Pedals for Progress. To celebrate the occasion we've asked our sponsors to join us in bringing together everyone in the Pedals for Progress family. For the first time ever, representatives from each Pfp overseas program will be able to meet with program sponsors, business leaders and each other, under one roof. Our hope for World Union is to link faces to the telephone voices and the email messages we have come to rely on to keep Pedals for Progress vital and growing.

In September 2001 we all will meet for the first time. In a future World Union, we can all meet again as old friends - to talk, to catch up on old business, to brag about our families, to play golf, to see how we're all getting along.

Pfp began life as one working member with a very big idea. Now it is bigger than all of us. World Union 2001 is the "Millennium Step" to bringing all of us closer as we look ahead to 2002 and beyond.

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PEDALS FOR PROGRESS

MISSION STATEMENT

Vision

Pedals for Progress envisions a day when:

1. North America recycles over half of the five million used bicycles discarded each year, as well as unused parts and accessories for reuse overseas;
2. Poor people in developing countries have bicycles to get to work, obtain services and meet other needs;
3. The bicycle is an effective tool for self help in all developing countries;
4. Trade regulations enhance international commerce in bicycles and parts;
5. Policy makers in developing countries respect and support non-motorized transportation.

Mission

Our objectives are:

1. To enhance the productivity of low-income workers overseas where reliable, environmentally sound transportation is scarce, by supplying reconditioned bikes at low cost;
2. To promote in recipient communities the establishment of self-sustaining bicycle repair facilities, employing local people;
3. To provide leadership and innovation throughout North America for the recycling of bicycles, parts, and accessories;
4. To reduce dramatically the volume of bicycles, parts, and accessories flowing to landfills;
5. To foster environmentally sound transportation policies that encourage widespread use of bicycles worldwide;
6. To foster in the North American public an understanding of and a channel for responding to the transportation needs of the poor in developing countries.

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PFP PARTNERSHIPS AS OF 01/01/01

Country, Partner Name, Type of Program

#Bikes Shipped

Years

BARBADOS

Bridgetown, Pinelands Creative Workshop
Youth development/small enterprise

4,129

1995-2000

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Monte Cristi Rotary (District 4060 of Rotary International)
Transport/small business/community development

1,610

1997-99

Mujeres en Desarrollo Dominicano (MUDE)

Transport/small business/community development

465

1999

Centro de Trabajo Popular (CTP)

Transport/small business/community development

478

1999

EL SALVADOR

San Salvador, Centro Salvadoreño de Tecnología Apropiaada (CESTA)
Transport/small business/community development

3,664

1995-2000

GHANA

Bawku, Community Welfare Foundation (Comwelf)
Rural development/appropriate technology

451

2000

Ada, NekoTech

Rural development/appropriate technology

427

2000

GUATEMALA

Chimaltenango, Fundacion Integral de Desarrollo Sostenible y Medio Ambiente (FIDESMA),
Small business promotion, agricultural extension work

951

1999-2000

HAITI

Saint Marc, Service de Prochains Haitiens Interdenominational (SPHI)
Rural transportation

436

2000

HONDURAS

El Progreso, Yoro, Ecología, Economía, Vivienda y Desarrollo (EcoViDe)
Rural development/appropriate technology

3,169

1997-2000

Choluteca, Ecología, Economía, Vivienda y Desarrollo (EcoViDe)

Rural development/appropriate technology

489

2000

San Pedro Sula, Instituto Hondureño de Educación Radial (IHER),

Literacy/small business development

1,867

1997-2000

MADAGASCAR

Port Dauphine, Action Sante Organization Secours (ASOS)
Rural health care delivery

60

1996-99

NAMIBIA

Otjiwarango, Clay House Project
Rural development/appropriate technology

824

1997-2000

NICARAGUA

Rivas, Asociación para el Desarrollo Comunitario (ADC)
Community development

4,140

1992-99

Jinotepe, Ecotecnología (Ecotec)

Community development

2,711

1997-2000

PANAMA

Asociación Panamena de Industrias de Buena Voluntad (IBV) & Panama City Rotary
Transport/small business/community development

948

2000

SENEGAL, DAKAR,

Association des Bacheliers pour L'Emploi et le Developpement (ABACED)
Community development

890

1999-2000

SOUTH AFRICA, JOHANNESBURG

Afribike
Community development, health care delivery

444

2000

Other shipments between 1991 and 2000 have gone to non-profit agencies in Appalachia, Colombia, Ecuador, Eritrea, Fiji, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, New Guinea, Peru, the Solomon Islands, and Venezuela as well as other unlisted groups in Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Haiti and Honduras.

1997 total: 5,468, 1998 total: 6,287 1999 total: 7,001 2000 total: 8,983

TOTAL BIKES SHIPPED: 41,281



THE PEDALS FOR PROGRESS WORLD UNION

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GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**PRESENTED BY THE WILLIAM S. JELIN
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

**THE SHAWNEE INN AND GOLF RESORT
SHAWNEE ON DELAWARE, PENNSYLVANIA**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2001**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Arrival at Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort • Registration: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Hotel Lobby
Cocktail Reception: 8:00PM to 10:00PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Breakfast Buffet: 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM • Meeting: 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM • Concurrent Workshops:
10:15AM to 12:30PM • Strategic Centers Exhibition: 10:00 PM to 6:00 PM • Lunch: 12:30 PM to
1:30 PM • Meetings and Concurrent Workshops: 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM • Dinner to 6:00PM
Entertainment to 9:00PM to Midnight

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Breakfast Buffet: 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM • Meeting: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM • Box Lunch for Recreational
Activities • Strategic Centers Exhibition: 10:00 PM to 6:00 PM • Recreational Time: 12:00 PM to
5:00PM • Reception, Dinner and Award Presentation: 6:30PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Breakfast Buffet: 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM • Bicycle Collection with Stroudsburg Rotary
Check-out from Inn by Noon.

Registration/Reservation Form

NAME: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY ACCOMMODATIONS TOTAL \$ _____

Includes Reception on Wednesday, Full Breakfast Buffet on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Lunch
Thursday and Friday, Dinner on Friday and 10th Anniversary Dinner Saturday, all workshops and coffee
breaks and All Taxes & Gratuities. \$402 per person (Inclusive) for Single Occupancy; \$247 per person
(Inclusive) for Double Occupancy.

AWARDS BANQUET AND FRIDAY NIGHT STAY TOTAL \$ _____

Includes 10th Anniversary Dinner and Awards Banquet and accommodations on Friday evening and
Full Breakfast Buffet Saturday and All Taxes and Gratuities. \$135 per person (Inclusive) for Single
Occupancy \$98 per person (Inclusive) for Double Occupancy

10th ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND AWARDS BANQUET ONLY \$39 per person TOTAL \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Payment by check Payment by credit card (through Shawnee reservations)

To register, a copy of this form must be returned to the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort,
ATTN: THE PEDALS FOR PROGRESS WORLD UNION,
P.O. Box 67, 1 River Road, Shawnee-on -Delaware, PA 18356.
Payment can be made by enclosing a check or by credit card by calling reservations
at 1-800 SHAWNEE. If you pay by credit card this form must still be returned to the
Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort.

This form can also be faxed in to 1-570-424-9168. In making reservations by phone,
you must ask for the PEDALS FOR PROGRESS WORLD UNION.

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tions for 1 at World Union 2001.

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Continued from our Summer 2000 InGear, this is the final segment of Eric's journey.



WORLD TOUR 2000

From the inspiring Pedals for Progress partner sites of Central America, I continued the P4P/World Tour 2000 bike expedition across four continents. Gaining strength and confidence, I pedaled on through lush mountain passes and soaking lowland jungles in Ecuador, met howling winds among mountainous coastal dunes in Peru and endured endless days of rain in the slim center of Chile. Along the way, I trekked rocky trails shared by Army troops, kindly camposinos and goat herds and entered the fabled ruins of Machu Pichu one foggy morning at dawn. The mysterious Nasca lines came into focus from a tiny, battered airplane and human bones appeared in shifting sand as I wandered into one of the earth's driest deserts.

When I needed help, people came to my aid because I was a stranger. They never requested or expected anything in return. Before I left America, people asked if I was taking a gun. That question was made more ridiculous on the road, by squealing children running from their huts and waving until acknowledged, drivers tooting an encouraging horn or small groups gathering to admire my bike. In a brief moment of inattention at an Argentine airport, the cameras that served as my life link went to professional but humane thieves, who took only the sellable electronics and left 50 rolls of exposed film and 30 computer disks in my discarded backpack. Namibian days were spent in a frustrating, first-world insurance paper chase. Night skies shimmered with unfamiliar stars as I lay in my sleeping bag and gazed at a different side of the moon. From the vast expanse of the Etosha game reserve, I skimmed the edges of South Africa to the wind scoured Cape of Good Hope and the southern hemisphere spun forth in a collage of Malaysian humidity, natural Kiwi spectacles and Aussie charm. Fijian partners provided generous hospitality while they weathered hard political and economic times. Near the end, a 14 state dash across America through 116 degree heat, scorched mountains, Cajun fiddle jams, and southern hospitality led to the open arms of my devoted wife Rita, close friends and family on our front steps in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.



The bike I used on the road was my mobile home and it transformed me. My body adapted over time to its shape and soon felt like part of the frame. The bike became a passport to challenge and growth in infinite ways. Natural elements always played a role in the test and days of tailwinds and long gradual descents were rare. Beyond an endurance test, the bike provided an entrance into the lives of fascinating people. Folks seem to trust a cyclist more than they do a traveler arriving in other ways and the bike and my apparent isolation thrust me into so many warm, enthusiastic invitations from local people, that I soon got over my lingering shyness. There were other benefits as well. Qualities of patience, empathy, discipline, and fortitude are by-products of riding a bike around the globe that emerge gradually. I highly recommend it.

Of course, much credit goes to the shocking, although delayed realization that the world is huge! The only way around the planet was to form a daily plan, ride in all conditions, remain on schedule and focus on the goal. These factors helped create a deeply affecting personal transformation that manifested in surprising ways. First of all, you see the benefits of your efforts immediately. Needs get sifted out from wants very quickly. You learn a great deal, often too much, about yourself and the workings of the world. You see life from the viewpoint of the outsider. The joy of discovery and autonomy are sweetened by the satisfaction of accomplishing successively more difficult feats. I felt transformed from soft, suburban dilettante to pilgrim adventurer.

Of course, very personal transformations are a privilege enjoyed primarily by westerners. We spend a great deal of time in pursuit of improvement.... because we can and should. It's what moves our society ahead. However, keeping perspective about it amid the rush of our modern life is the hard part. Some Americans have marveled

FINISHING THE GOOD RIDE

at my expedition solely for its tremendous weight-loss benefits. Yet, for many of the people I encountered along the way, a transformation from their roofless hut of four wobbly, woven walls to a real home might be enough for awhile. The chance to earn a modest living and gather the essentials for life with less effort would be an improvement for millions. Seeing a doctor for the first time about the mysterious disease that's killing all the neighbors would really make a difference. Learning skills and having the tools to pass on your experience to even needier folks might improve life for the next generation.

Pedals for Progress has the ability to create life enhancing transformations. And, although there is so much more to do, we are accomplishing that in many places. In Central America our bikes are reviving whole communities. I know, I've seen it. In Africa, we may be helping to transform a whole society. Before departing on the WT2000 expedition, I made a proposal to Ken Weg, the chairman of Bristol Myers Squibb to include our bikes in their efforts distributing medicine, care and vital information among the AIDS ravaged people of Southern Africa. It's happening; bike shipments are arriving in Namibia and South Africa. We are playing an expanding role in that project; saving lives and hopefully stopping a holocaust. These are just a few examples of those grand scale humanitarian efforts that make you glad to be part of a noble organization like P4P.

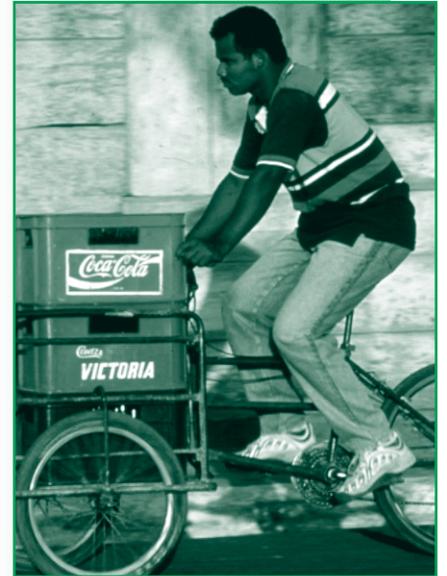
There are individual examples of our concept in action that are just as inspiring. Percy Navalo, a Commonwealth Games cycling champion, is a bright, energetic overseas partner working with at-risk youth in impoverished Nadi, Fiji. He puts his credibility as a sports role model and skills as a mechanic to use helping kids in his community learn job skills. I met Percy as I passed through the troubled island of Fiji. A recent coup had chased away most tourists and the economic picture wasn't looking good. Although Percy's family income had plummeted from \$400 per month to about \$40, he managed to keep his promise to several local kids involved in his mechanic's apprenticeship program. In cooperation with Frank Hartman, owner of the Nadi Hotel, Percy runs a bike rental business that, in stable times, generates a decent income and repair skills training opportunities for local teens. He starts them out on bikes and moves them into auto and truck repair where they can find full employment.



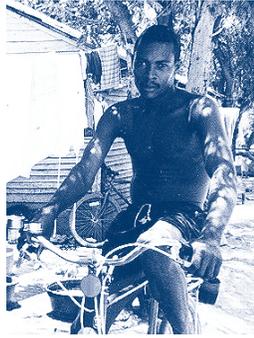
unfunded, as a handful of Fijian athletes went to the games. A wall of medals and trophies testify to his commitment and talent. His modesty and devotion to duty verify his stature as a person. At thirty years of age, it would be his last shot. I know it hurt, but he was upbeat. He simply looked forward to resumed tourism in Fiji and opportunities for his family, his village and the boys he teaches. I'd cycled across whole continents and felt humbled in his presence.

Maybe he would have taken a medal. It's hard to say. It's certain that he is making a difference in the lives of young people who respect and admire him whether he rides in the Olympics or not. After all, their lives have been transformed by people using our bikes in creative ways. And that is the impression of the P4P concept-in-action I'm left with. That the simple bikes we provide; slow but long lasting, reliable and clean, spawn quickly evolving innovation and actually change lives. And the form that the transformation assumes is as varied as the world we live in.

— article by Eric Schenk



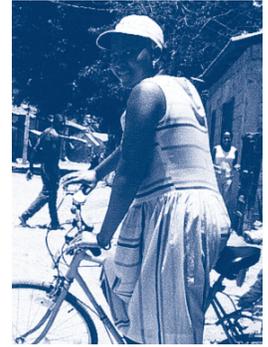
Biembo Olivé is a twenty-five-year-old Haitian immigrant who works as a day laborer on local rice plantations. He lives in the part of Boca de Mao called El Batey; the name comes from the time when it housed the Haitian workers who cut sugar cane in the state-owned plantations. Rice, bananas, yuccas and plantains have replaced sugar in this region of the Dominican Republic, but immigrants like Biembo still supply much of the labor.



As a day laborer harvesting rice, Biembo usually earns 100 pesos (\$6 US) a day. Paying car fare out of that would cost him 20 pesos daily, and given that option before having the bike, he usually walked.

He came to the Dominican Republic from Cape Haitian, his birthplace, two years ago. He came "Buscando la vida" as the expression here goes, "Looking for a living". What money he can save from his earnings, he sends to his family in Haiti, toward the construction of a better house there.

Rosa Pye is a twenty-two year-old Haitian immigrant who works washing clothes by hand, and also as a field laborer on local rice or tobacco farms. Her husband is twenty-one, Haitian, and works as a day laborer as well.



"I use the bicycle to take meals to my husband in the fields and also for me to get to work", she says. The trip to the rice fields takes from 30 minutes to an hour on foot. Riding the bike, she arrives in 10 to 20 minutes. Before owning the bike, on days when she didn't walk to the fields, she paid 20 pesos for car fare. A day in the fields has recently been netting them 80 pesos daily.

Rosa comes from a family of eight children in a small town in northern Haiti near the Haitian-Dominican border. She has been traveling to and from the Dominican Republic to work for the past five years. She met her husband in the D.R. on one of her first trips when she came to work bundling tobacco and picking tomatoes. She says that life here is a little easier.

"They have nothing in Haiti. Here at least one can work and earn a hundred pesos by Saturday to buy food". - Rosa Pye

Centro de Trabajo Popular (CTP) trains Dominican and Haitian youth in bicycle mechanics and small business skills while supplying affordable transportation to farm workers, industrial laborers, and tradespeople in and around Boca de Mao, north-central Dominican Republic.



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