



PEDALS FOR PROGRESS and Sewing Peace

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35TH ANNIVERSARY

Dear Pedal People,

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This year, Pedals for Progress celebrates 35 years of empowering sustainable economic development by recycling bicycles and sewing machines from the United States and shipping them to motivated people in the developing world. It is a great honor to celebrate this milestone by continuing the work of Pedals for Progress whose humble beginnings rose from a sleepy town called High Bridge in 1991.

I hold our founding principles dear to my heart and it's incredibly important to me to continue to aid our friends around the world facing severe adversity. In Central America, Africa, and Eastern Europe, our partner programs use our bikes and sewing machines to improve access to transportation, employment, education, and economic opportunity. These programs also provide additional outreach through feeding programs, conservation work, women's initiatives, and vocational training, meaning your support goes beyond supplying someone with a single bicycle or sewing machine.

Starting off the year strong, we continued supporting some of our strongest bicycle programs in Guatemala and Belize, revisited our friends at the Rwandan Wildlife Conservation Association protecting fragile ecosystems in Rwanda, and established new sewing machine programs in Liberia and Tanzania. We also made a special shipment of sewing machines to Oaxaca, Mexico, our first shipment to our direct neighbors since 1999.

While the future for Pedals for Progress remains bright, our partners all over the world are feeling the effects of a world at odds with itself. The realities of international shipping continue to challenge our operations. Rising fuel prices and shipping surcharges implemented worldwide since April have significantly increased the cost of moving our containers overseas. Although people remain incredibly generous with in-kind donations, uncertain economic conditions have made financial support critical.

As we reflect on 35 years and more than 173,000 bicycles and 7,000 sewing machines shipped worldwide, I remain hopeful and confident because of supporters like you. Your generosity has allowed this small grassroots organization to weather many storms and continue helping our neighbors around the globe. Check out P4P.org to read our Spring 2026 newsletter that documents this great work we've achieved with your support.

As P4P turns 35 this July, I encourage you to continue supporting our mission. Your financial contribution helps us navigate these rising logistical costs and ensures that bicycles and sewing machines continue reaching the people who need them most. Thank you.

Sincerely,

ALAN SCHULTZ
President P4P & SP

