



Bikes for the World

—Changing lives one bike at a time



Our Impact

2015 was an important year of expansion at Bikes for the World. As we grew bigger, we continued to focus on also getting better. Improving the quality of bikes shipped, increasing the quantity of used parts included in each shipment, and obtaining good feedback from our partners were our top priorities.

We added four new partners in 2015, expanding our reach to new countries and communities. Our new projects provide farmers, health care workers, and students with new opportunities for better lives.

Our bike collections, loadings, and volunteer opportunities at our warehouse brought families, friends, colleagues, and strangers together in service. By opening our doors to younger volunteers this year we invited families to serve together, building strong relationships while making a global impact.

2015



Costa Rica

Virginia



Feeding Families



Yaw Teobol, uses his bike to carry 20 liter bottles to collect water for his crops. He uses the same cans to purchase fertilizer for his farm. His bike allows him to increase his harvest.



Farmers in Africa and Costa Rica travel many miles to market and bicycles allow them to cover those miles four times more quickly. Our bikes help farmers quadruple the amount of crops carried on a bike, which allows them to earn more income to support their families.

One of our newest projects in Guinea Bissau develops local agriculture through a farming micro-finance group. The bike project generates funds to support farming initiatives in the community.



Caring For Patients



Courtesy: Robin Hammond/Panos for JSIMAHEFA Program, USAID

Frederic is part of the bike program established in Menabe, West Madagascar, to ensure bike parts and repairs are easily accessible to the Community Health Care Workers.

Providing bikes and services in the community motivates health care volunteers and makes their efforts more productive in an area in need of medical services



Less than half of all Africans have access to modern medical facilities and many live more than four miles from a health facility.

The lack of affordable transportation has a direct impact on the quality of life for the poor. Two thirds of villagers travel by foot, many spending hours a day walking to clean water sources, markets, and health care clinics.

Bikes give mothers access to clinics encouraging them to seek treatment and vaccines for their newborns and young children. Receiving prenatal and postnatal care is critical to keep mothers and their children healthy and entire villages safe from disease.



Education Empowerment



Ait Youssef ou Ail
DARNA Morocco



St. Nino-Baloc Elementary Philippines
Bikes for the Philippines



Educarte High School, Tamarindo
MiBici FINCA Costa Rica

Gerardo (left) is a scholarship student living in Costa Rica. He uses his bike to attend a school for academically advanced students. The school is a long distance from his home and without a bike, Gerardo would be unable to pursue his dreams.

This year BfW added a new partner in Morocco (Darna) that distributed bikes to four different school districts in northern Morocco.

Our partner Bikes for the Philippines is also expanding, adding half a dozen new school districts every year.

"When a school girl can have a bicycle this helps her stay in school longer. Studies have found the longer a girl stays in school, the longer she waits to have children. This increases the healthiness of her life and her children's lives. And so, her life is improved and her children's lives are improved,"
—Dave Peckham, Director Village Bicycle Project.

Service Projects

In 2015 Bikes for the World supported collections at nearly 100 different locations in nine states. Those collections utilized the expertise of hundreds of volunteers from Rotary clubs, faith groups, schools, scouts and many, many others.

Our volunteer collection managers inspired their communities to come together to collect more bikes and deliver greater change around the world. With greater mobility our beneficiaries are offered more opportunities and a better life.

BfW saw an increase in numbers at our community led collections in 2015. These collections brought in close to 5,000 bikes this year, almost 50% of our total number of bikes for the year, the highest percentage in 5 years.

The Rotary Club of Carroll Creek was our outstanding collection sponsor in 2015, with 305 bikes. We ended April with a monumental weekend bringing in over 700 bikes, led by collections with Otterbein United Methodist Church, Boy Scout Troop 495 of Kent Island and a student run collection at Jefferson High School in WVA. Thirteen of our collection events netted more than 100 bikes a piece.

This year we worked with 8 Eagle candidates, 8 Girl Scout Troops, and 11 new schools, demonstrating the power of community service to many young people.

92 locations

9 states

26 schools

25 faith groups

17 scout troops

5,000 bikes



Otterbein United Methodist Church



Eagle Project with Jack Morris troop 666



Troop 495 backed by George and Mary Medicus

Local Expansion



Ontario, Canada

33 containers
6 locations
In 2015



St Louis, Missouri



The Carolinas



Long Island, New York

BfW expanded operations in New York, Pittsburgh, and the Carolinas where we now have additional storage space and continue to collect bikes. We also assisted in placing containers for BWorks in St. Louis and Working Bikes in Chicago

In addition to loading and donating 18 containers of bikes from our headquarters in Virginia, BfW also placed 15 other containers for sister organizations as well as BfW satellite operations. BfW collected, organized and loaded over 11,500 bikes in 2015. We helped place an additional 4,000 bikes.



Oregon, Wisconsin

2015 Bikes Donated

- ♦ Barbados—Pinelands Creative Workshop

1,039 bikes in 2015

11,737 bikes to date

- ♦ Cameroon—NAVTI

400 bikes in 2015

400 bikes to date



- ♦ Costa Rica—MiBici (FINCA Costa Rica)

1,996 bikes in 2015

22,867 bikes to date

- ♦ El Salvador—CESTA

476 bikes in 2015

3,968 bikes to date

- ♦ Ghana—Ability Bikes

518 bikes in 2015

1,987 bikes to date

- ♦ Ghana—Village Bicycle Project

470 bikes in 2015

14,529 bikes to date

- ♦ Guinea Bissau— Global Fairness Initiative

423 bikes in 2015

423 bikes to date



- ♦ USA—various projects

334 bikes in 2015

4,115 bikes to date

- ♦ Kenya—Wheels of Africa

1,885 bikes in 2015

6,591 bikes to date

- ♦ Madagascar—ONG Lalana

502 bikes in 2015

502 bikes to date



- ♦ Morocco—Darna

413 bikes in 2015

413 bikes to date



- ♦ Panama— Goodwill Panama

1,458 bikes in 2015

19,802 bikes to date

- ♦ Philippines—Bikes for the Philippines

423 bikes in 2015

1,481 bikes to date



- ♦ Sierra Leone— Village Bicycle Project

240 bikes in 2015

1,669 bikes to date

- ♦ South Africa— BEN South Africa

498 bikes in 2015

921 bikes to date

