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SECTION 2

My name's Dan Pearman and I'd like to talk about the work of Pedal Power, a small charity based in the UK. I'll be giving our contact details , if anyone would like to more about how to us.

But first, how the charity began. I got the idea of exporting bicycles to developing countries I was in Ecuador. I went there in 1993 graduating from university. After three years of studying, I adventure. I loved travelling, so I decided to join a and was sent to Ecuador to land surveys. The project came to an end after five years and when I returned to the UK in 1998, I planning Pedal Power.

Where I lived in Ecuador was a very area. My neighbour had the only bicycle in the , whereas everyone else walked everywhere. My neighbour's business was unusually successful, and for years I understand why. Then I realised having a bike meant he could get where he wanted to go much trouble. Other local carpenters accept jobs in a three-kilometre radius, so how skilled they were, they could never do as as my neighbour.

At Pedal Power, we second-hand bikes in the UK and send them to some of the in the world. When we distribute bikes overseas we don't give them away for free. We'd like to, but long term that doesn't really help the economy. The demand for bikes is enormous, which makes very expensive locally. So we sell them for of the normal price. But continue operating we need to have a constant supply of bikes which we send out.

One of a town that's received bicycles from Pedal Power is Rivas. It was the first place I sent a of bicycles to. Most people there now a bicycle. The local economy so much, you recognise it as the same place. In fact, there are more bikes than on the streets of Amsterdam, if you've ever been .

But Pedal Power still your help. You may have read about some of our problems in the British media. In August 2000, we simply of money. We had containers of bikes ready to send, but no money to . terrible situation. We managed to ensure the bikes went out , but problems carried on for several months.

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Fortunately in we won an Enterprise Award which enormously. We invested fifteen of the prize money to help secure our future. Winning the award helped raise our profile, and the money enabled us to pay all our shipping costs, which represent our expense. Pedal Power changes lives when someone gets a bicycle , they see a 14% increase in their income. We're currently looking to invest in so that our office staff even better job. Because of our work, people in a number of countries now have a better so far we've provided people with bikes. But we'd like to send more, at least by the end of the year.

Now many ways you can support the work of Pedal Power, by taking a bike to a collection in your area. I should also like to say if you a bike to donate, it condition it's in – if we can't repair it, we'll strip it down for spare parts. Of course, to do that we always need , which are expensive to buy, so we any that you can give. Also, you could help by contacting the voluntary staff , they'll to suggest activities you could organise to bring in funds . People do of things – , of course, sponsored bike rides. Also, we're always of other places that would receiving a consignment of bikes, and welcome suggestions from people who've been to developing regions . We by talking on radio programmes like this, we to raise public awareness, which will lead to government organisations also giving us regular , something that we need.

If you'd like some more information about where to donate an old bicycle or offer help in please contact us on . . .

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