

Kurt Refsnider's Tour Divide fundraiser for World Bicycle Relief



Simple, sustainable transportation is an essential element in disaster assistance and poverty relief. Bicycles fulfill basic needs by providing increased access to healthcare, education and economic development, especially when compared to the alternative of walking. Bicycles empower individuals, their families, and their communities. The mission of World Bicycle Relief (WBR) is to provide access to independence and livelihood through The Power of Bicycles.

WBR is approaching the final stages of Project Zambia, a partnership set up to address the AIDS crisis in the country. WBR is providing 23,000 bicycles to community home-based care volunteers, disease prevention educators and vulnerable households. We are also training and equipping more than 400 bicycle mechanics in the field. The program will reach more than 500,000 adults, orphans and vulnerable children.

The Tour Divide course:



I'll be raising money for WBR in conjunction with my attempt at the longest mountain bike race in the world – the Tour Divide. On June 12, ~40 racers will roll out of Banff, Alberta with the intention of making it 2,770 miles to Antelope Wells, NM. I'm hoping to finish in 19 days. Racers must be 100% self-supported, meaning no support crews, food drops, or outside help of any kind are permitted, aside from whatever can be found in towns en route.

My goal is to raise \$1 for every mile of the race. Donors contributing \$135 will provide one bicycle through WBR, but contributions of *any* amount will be greatly appreciated.

To make a donation, visit

kurtrefsnider.kintera.org

And follow my progress during training and the Tour Divide race at

www.krefs.blogspot.com

Updates during the race will be posted at www.tourdivide.org, and the progress of all racers can be watched in real time via SPOT GPS transmitters.

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