

Plans in place; cycling begins

Sea to Sea tour starts June 30

While plans for this summer's Sea to Sea 2008 Bike Tour have been ongoing for almost two years, the project will be launched officially at 9 a.m., on Monday, June 30 when 144 cyclists—cheered on by

**Live video of
tire-dipping ceremony
www.SeatoSea.org**

tour supporters and volunteers—will dip their rear tires in the salt water

off the shore of Golden Gardens Beach in Seattle.

Cyclists, support crew, staff, trucks and their drivers began arriving at the University of Washington at the end of the week in preparation for two days of orientation, safety-training, worship and prayer, and getting to know each other.

With the logistics in place, the only



The 53-foot Sea to Sea gear trailer left Grand Rapids for the west coast on July 21 after being packed with supplies and some riders' bicycles.

thing left to do was start the journey (or start a new phase the ongoing journey).

This tour is more than a cycling journey across North America. It is a journey of discovering and acting upon God's call to care for the poor and stand up for the

oppressed. It is a journey toward ending the cycle of poverty for people, families and communities locally and globally.

For more on the tour's cause, see page 2 of this newsletter or click "Cycle of Poverty" at www.SeatoSea.org.

SEA TO SEA NOTES:

- Celebration Rallies coming up:
 - Seattle: Sunday, June 29 at 6 p.m. at the HUB at UW.
 - Kennewick: Sunday, July 6 at 10 a.m. at Columbia Park
- Route Change (details online):
 - July 3 into Yakima; tour is staying at Riverside Christian School.
- Mail Delivery—first of four:
 - Letters and care packages for cyclists need to arrive before the tour gets to Boise on Sat. July 12. Address available online.
- Fund-raising:
 - As of June 20, all cyclists have collectively sent in donations totalling more than \$1,510,000!

www.SeatoSea.org
1-888-CRC-BIKE

Follow the tour from home

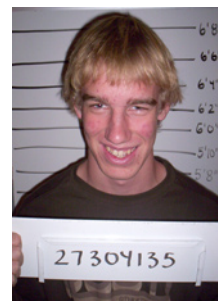
Use the Sea to Sea web site and the Shifting Gears devotional book to stay connected to the tour all summer.

- **Track the Tour:** Each day, one cyclist will ride with a tracking unit that will transmit a signal every 15 minutes giving the exact coordinates of his/her position on the route.
- **News, Photos, Videos:** Tour personnel will produce regular updates about the tour and how God is using it to address the scandal of poverty.
- **Cyclists Blogs:** There are 54 cyclists who will be blogging their Sea to Sea experience with photos and stories.
- **On The Way | E-version:** In addition to this weekly "On The Way," subscribe to get mid-week updates sent directly to your Inbox.
- **Shifting Gears:** You can still order your copy of this devotional book that offers maps and meditations for each of the tour's 54 riding days.
- **Live Video Streaming:** We hope to offer online live video coverage of the tire-dipping ceremony in Seattle at 9 a.m., Monday, June 30.

yourTURN

We want to hear from you!

1. **Score!** Our video team is soliciting original music scores or songs to use as background music in Sea to Sea weekly video updates. For details, click on "Your Turn" at www.SeatoSea.org.
2. **Capture!** In each issue of "On The Way" we'll include a photo and ask you to provide a humorous caption. Send in your creative suggestions by Wednesday to: yourturn@seatosea.org.



< Bradley Geerlinks of Georgetown, Ont., sent this photo in for his profile picture.

Can you suggest a caption that describes what could be going on?

Ending the Cycle of Poverty

There are no easy answers or quick fixes when it comes to addressing the cycle of poverty. But that's no reason to ignore it. The complex economic, social and spiritual issues related to poverty demand a comprehensive and multi-pronged response.

Through its agencies and partners, the Chris-

tian Reformed Church is walking with the poor, seeking to fulfill God's call to defend the cause of the weak and fatherless and stand up for the rights of the oppressed (Psalm 82).

The Sea to Sea 2008 Bike Tour serves as a way to further enable the Church to respond to that call. Individuals, groups and congregations are encouraged to get active in serving the poor in some new way, whether in your own community or half a world away.

Funds generated through the tour will

be used to support new or ongoing CRC initiatives in three areas of development (business, community and leadership)—each one ending the cycle of poverty for individuals, families and communities in places all over the world.

The primary agencies through which these projects are carried out are:

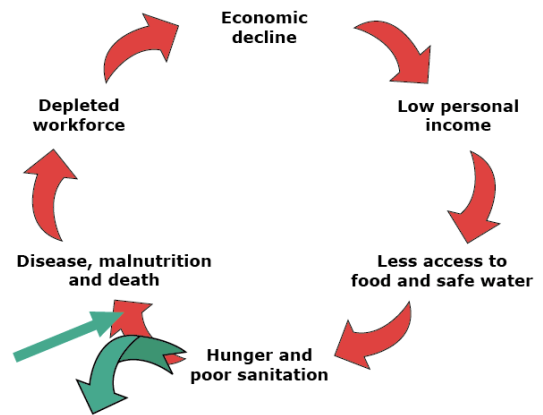
- The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC)
- Christian Reformed World Missions
- Partners Worldwide



This diagram illustrates one example of the cycle of poverty and how, through its partners, the Sea to Sea project aims to break the cycle. For more, visit www.SeatoSea.org and click "Cycle of Poverty."

Many common infections can be treated with the right medicines—as long as they are available. This can save lives, keep people working and strengthen the economy.

Access to medicine



Roll Call

Of the 144 cyclists participating in the West stage of the tour, 127 are riding Sea to Sea:

Sea to Sea riders:

Sylvan Addink
Cynthia Aukema
Manley Baarda
Lawrence Bakelaar
Theo Bandstra
Nathan Beach
Jim Beezhold
Denise Bentum
Heidi Bentum
Melinda Booy
Kincso Borgyos
Louis Bosma
Mark Brouwer
Lisa Brouwer
Robert Brouwer
Donald Brunsting
Ryan Bruxvoort
Tyler Buitenwerf
Paul Buth
Aaron Carpenter
Lois Craven
Ad de Blaeij
Karen DeJong
Andy DeVries
Brent DeVries
Randy DeWolde
Hans Doef
Clarence Doornbos
Joan Doornespleet
Mary Dracht
William Dracht

Marti Du Plessis
Claire Elgersma
Nicholas Ellens
Jonathan Elzinga
Marc Faasse
Roger Feenstra
Ralph Fledderus
Bryan Flikkema
Fred Folkerts
Jessica Fox
Brian Garrett
Bradley Geerlinks
Ed Gringhuis
Rick Gritters
Gayle Harrison
Lou Haveman
Justin Helder
Andy Hiemstra
Paul Hoekstra
Teresa Hoekstra
Jim Holwerda
Annie Issette
Gerald Kobes
Clare Kooistra
Joshua Krabbe
Peter Kranenburg
Kaitlyn Kuipers
Jake Kuipers
Markus Lise
Gatze Loonstra
Joy Lutke
Doug Lutke

Wiebo Maarhuis
Kathryn Matzigkeit
Theresa Meinders
Barb Mellema
Elizabeth Meyer
David Meyer
Larry Meyer
Kyle Meyerink
Fred Meyerink
Katrina Miller
Anne Mushumanski
Christeena Nienhuis
Steven Parker
Jake Pasma
Kevin Pasma
John Pierce
Roland Ratmeyer
Matthew Rekman
Leonard Riemersma
Annette Rolleman
Gerrit Schenk
Jeffrey Schoon
Doug Schoon
Anthony Schweitzer
Bert Slofstra
Corinne Smienk
Eritia Smit
Art Smit
Eric Stehouwer
Mark Stehouwer
Larry Stehouwer
Leanne Talen Geisterfer

David Teitsma
Sarah Terpstra
Joanna Tipple
Alida van Dijk
Hans Van dooyeweert
Jody Van Dorp
Alexander Van Geest
Case Van Mastrigt
Peter Van Noord
Marc Van Otteren
Dirk van Wyngaarden
Bill Van Wyngaarden
George Vander Kuur
William Vander Linde
John Vander Steen
John Vanderveen
Dora VanderWoude
Gresham Veldhuisen
Jason Veldhuisen
Lynn Verros
Reuben Vyn
Stephanie Webb
Vonda Wielsma
Peter Wiersma
Robert Winkel
Julia Wissink
Bill Wybenga
Rita Wybenga
Matthew Zantingh
Jenna Zee
Henry Zwaanstra
Hilena Zylstra

West Stage riders:

Dave De Ridder
Henry Devries
Greg Dyk*
Frank Folkema
Carrie Groen
Laura Holtrop
Martin Kastelein
Adrian Kloet
Shawn Luimes*
Rose Dykstra
LaVonne Koedam (Lead)
Erna Maarhuis
Dini Meyerink
Diane Slofstra
Betty Terpstra
Renata Van Oord
Geri Vink

• **Medical Support**
Alida De Boer
Betsy Fox

• **Drivers**
Marvin De Boer
Steve Dykstra
Denise Neutel

Bill Marble
Marty Minnesma
Dale Mowry*
Nancy Nieuwenhuis
Joel Pel
Agatha Van Der Starre
Ed Vander Pol
Florene Ypma
Julie Zwart
*riding West and Central

• **Camp Supervisors**
Bill DenHarder
Bert Steen Bergen

• **SAG Wagon Drivers**
Betsy Fox (Lead)
Cory Nyhuis
Julie Wiersma
Walter Vink

Staff:

• **Operations & Logistics**
Jen Van Beek
Ed Witvoet (Manager)

• **Video & Media**
Meghan Kraley
Jonathan Stoner