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Eight hard-core, off-road cyclists with strong legs and even stronger minds left Bellville on Saturday, 25 June, arriving in George last night just kilometres away from their final destination.

Their mission is "to give promising children an opportunity in life," by completing the 2011 Kynsna MTB Tour to raise funds for the "Give me a chance" foundation (www.givemechance.co.za).

This foundation, started in 2004 by Delarey and Sandie Brugman, believes that children, when given the opportunity, have the ability to help themselves to succeed with the right support structures.

Delarey, himself cycling the route, is hoping to raise R50 000 for a promising Stellenbosch Primary School learner, Chantal Davy.

For cyclist S.F. du Toit, who aims to raise at least R10 000, "this is my platform of choice for being part of the solution in our country. I have trained hard with much perseverance for this outing."

The route takes the cyclists through one of the most scenic parts of South Africa and covers a total distance of 647 kilometres - off-road - via Worcester, Montagu, Calitzdorp and George en route to Kynsna.

JJ Steyn, tour organiser, told the *George Herald* on Tuesday that so far "the week

was fantastic" even though one of the cyclists, Ken George, was struggling with the flu. The other mountainbikers are Brugman, Du Toit, Trevor Law, Nan and Lloyd Curley, Alae Brand and Tarryn Beretta.

In Kynsna some of the team will rest whereas others will take part in the Kynsna Oyster Festival 85km mountain bike race before they return to Cape Town on 4 July.

Thus far just over R20 000 had been raised

with next year's aim being R60 000. Although this is the fifth year for the tour, it is the first time that it is being done on mountain bikes and also supporting a charity.

Anyone wanting to make a pledge can contact Lee-Anne Stoffberg at 021 8851 661 or 084 6457 124, or if you want to join the 2012 tour email trafficycles1@gmail.com.

(compiled by LeeAnne Pratt)



Preparing for departure - the group of cyclists who are raising funds for the promising youth of South Africa by cycling from Cape Town to Kynsna.



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Agt fietsers trap na Oesterfees vir welsyn

MICHELLE PIENAAR
George

'n Groep Kaapse fietsryers het gister die laaste been van hul ses dae lange toer na Knysna in die reën aangedurf om geld in te samel vir behoeftige kinders.

Vyf van die agttal het gister die 80 km tussen George en Knysna getrap om by die Oesterfees aan te sluit wat vandag in dié dorp begin. Die ander drie fietsryers wou gister eerder met vier wiede beeweg om uit te rus vir die groot trap tydens die Oesterfees se bergfietskompetisie moreoggend.

Die groep het 637 km afgeleë vir die organisasie Give Me a Chance, wat geld insamel vir opleidingsgeleenthede vir die jeug.

Hoewel hierdie toer al vir vyftien tereenvolgende jaar onder die leiding van mnr. J.J. Steyn, 'n fietswinkeleienaar van Kaapstad, aangedurf word, is dit die eerste keer dat bergfietsse gebruik word. Dit is ook die eerste keer dat die toer gekoppel word aan 'n geldinsameling.



Die laaste droë oomblikke van die dag. Dié vyftal het gister ná 'n stewige ontbyt die koue aangedurf en die 80 km van George na Knysna met bergfietsse gery. Agter, van links, is mnr. Delarey Brugman, me. Nan Kirtley en haar man, Lloyd, en mnr. J.J. Steyn. Heel voor is mnr. S.F. du Toit en me. Tarryn Beretta.

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“Ons het hierdie mal idee verlede jaar bespreek en op die ou end het ons ouens gekry wat mal genoeg is om so 'n toer met bergfietsse aan te pak,” het Steyn gister laggend gesê.

Volgens mnr. S.F. du Toit is dit 'n uitdaging om met 'n bergfiets te ry omdat dit nie naastenby so vinnig soos 'n padfiets is nie. “Jou lyf en knieë is elke oggend seer en jy dink maar net aan die volgende paar ki-

lometer voor jou. Jy haal skaars 20 km/h, terwyl jy maklik 35 km/h met 'n padfiets kan ry.” Desondanks die lang sit op die saal is almal dit eens – hulle sal dit weer doen.



Tuesday 28 June - Monday 4 July 2011



Deelnemers aan die Knysna-bergfietstoer het onlangs by die Silver Spur in Bellville byeengekom voordat hulle na Worcester vertrek het. Die toer is ten bate van die Give Me A Chance-organisasie, wat jong leerlinge help om hul potensiaal te bereik deur betrokke lede van die gemeenskap te word.

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Toer vir liefdadigheid

DIE Knysna-bergfietstoer vir liefdadigheid het teen die derde skof reeds duisende rande vir die Give Me a Chance-liefdadigheid ingesamel.

Lee-Anne Stoffberg van Give Me a Chance, 'n Stellenbosse liefdadigheidsorganisasie, het gister gesê dat deelnemers reeds die R10 000-merk bereik het.

Deelnemers wat die

647 km-toer na Knysna aanpak, samel geld in deur mense te vra om hul per km te borg.

Die geld sal gebruik word om minderbevoorregte kinders se skoolfoeie en ander skoolverwante uitgawes soos boeke, klere, skryfbehoeftes en sporttoerusting te dek.

Stoffberg sê die bedrag kan meer word wanneer die deelnemers terugkeer.

Elke deelnemer se mikpunt

is om R2 000 per dag in te verdien. Die toer het Saterdag afgeskop en die deelnemers sal vandag hul vierde skof van Warmwaterberg na Calitzdorp pak en daarvandaan na George ry op hul vyfde skof.

Hulle sal Knysna Donderdag op hul sesde skof bereik en die toer met 'n padwedloop op hul sewende skof afsluit, voordat hulle na Kaapstad terugkeer. Give Me a Chance is

in Oktober 2004 deur Delarey en Sandie Brugman gestig. Dié organisasie poog om belowende leerlinge te help om hul volle potensiaal te bereik sodat hul verantwoordelike en bydraende lede van die gemeenskap kan raak.

Indien jy belangstel om hulle te ondersteun, kontak Lee-Anne Stoffberg by 021 885 1661 of stuur 'n e-pos na hope@givemeachance.co.za.