

Ride for Nepal: 500 Mile Venture Bike Tour

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VENTURE
MAKE YOUR MILES MATTER

Community Organization

• Who is Venture?

- Venture is a non-profit organization determined to make an impact in areas afflicted with human trafficking, extreme poverty, refugee crises and oppression.
- Those who partner with Venture use running, hiking and biking as a platform to raise money for food security, education, agribusiness, safety/rescue and discipleship.

• Where does Venture do their work?

- Venture mainly works in Southeast Asia
- In Nepal, Venture partners with the Lighthouse Foundation Nepal (LFN) to provide security to girls at risk for being trafficked.
- Children from the Badi tribe are considered “untouchable” in Nepal. Through Venture and LFN, children are provided a safe place to live, clothing, medical care, education and the opportunity to claim a new identity in Christ.
- In 2019, 948 children were rescued and intercepted from the human trafficking trade with the help of Venture.



Personal Growth

• Understanding global issues

- Over 2 million children are exploited into the global commercial sex trade each year, generating \$150 billion.
- In Nepal, the Badi tribe is known as the “untouchable” caste. They have sold their children into prostitution for generations.
- Providing families in Nepal with food, education and sanitation can relieve the pressure to sell their children into slavery and reverse the cycle of brokenness.

• Personal awareness

- My physical discomfort experienced during training can be used for something far beyond only myself.
- Offering my resources should extend beyond the borders of my own country.
- There is great joy to be found in sacrificing for those who will never know your name.

• Partnering with Venture in the future

- In October 2020, my husband raised over \$3,000 for Venture by training for his first marathon.



Assessing the impact

• Training and touring

- To prepare for the ride, we trained for 16 weeks, logging over 900 miles each.
- As a couple, we committed to raising \$6,000.
- The week of May 16th, 2019 we biked from Monterey, CA to San Diego, CA.

• Community impact

- As a team of 12, we raised over \$34,000 to fight sex trafficking in Nepal. This helped Venture and their partner organization to intercept over 900 girls being trafficked over the border.
- Part of the money raised was used to build the first church in a village Venture ministers to.



Take Aways

• Reflecting back

- Sacrificing time, energy, money or resources for those who are in need of safety, food and education is beyond worth it!
- Committing to something as physically challenging as 500 miles brought together an outstanding group of people – their views on serving God’s kingdom and using their energies for justice has changed who I am today.
- My knee injury turned out to teach me more about serving than biking the entire 500 miles ever could have.

• Looking forward

- My impact shouldn’t stop at the finish line. I still have a desire to partner with Venture to reach the lost and hurting.
- Looking ahead, my husband and I have an interest in working overseas with populations who are poverty-stricken and in need of resources.



Challenges and Rewards

• Challenges

- Training for the ride indoors in North Dakota from January to May was very challenging at times.
- In May during an 80-mile training ride outdoors, I injured my knee which kept me from biking much of the tour.
- The team ended at Love Does headquarters in San Diego – our first crash happened only 2 miles from our final destination!

• Rewards

- Each morning before we biked, we prayed together as a team and when we were exhausted on our bikes-we learned to pray then, too!
- Soon after tour we learned that some of the money we raised built the first church in a village in Nepal.

