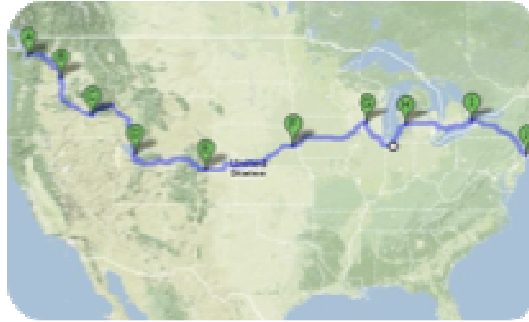




Sea to Sea Facts

- June 28- August 30, 2008; 63 days total, 54 riding days
- 3,700 miles, daily average 68 miles
- Operational costs are expected to be covered by corporate sponsors
- Each sea to sea cyclist's fund-raising goal is \$10,000 (or \$4,000 per section)
- Largest bike tour to cross North America
- Largest previous tour is 96 cyclists crossing Canada in 2005 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the CRC in Canada
- Currently 211 participants of which 128 will bike the whole distance
- The tour goes into Canada from Michigan
- Ages range from 18-81
- Cyclists range from students, teachers, carpenters, ministers, to retirees
- Male to Female ratio is about 2:1
- Sea to Sea is partnering with cyclists from the Reformed Church in America
- Cyclists will pedal over one million revolutions
- All funds raised go to programs that break the cycle of poverty



To make a tax-deductible gift, go to www.SeatoSea.org or send a check made out to Sea to Sea Bike Tour (with "For cyclist **Eric/Mark/Larry Stehouwer**" in the memo line) and send it to:

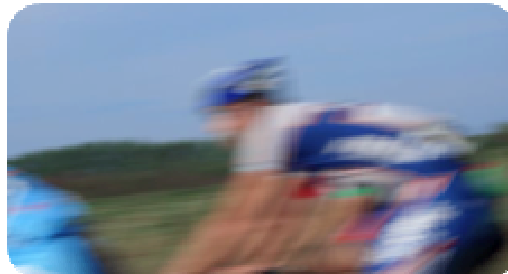
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Sea to Sea

Ending the Cycle of Poverty

This summer, [Eric/Mark/Larry Stehouwer](#) and several hundred cyclists will cycle across the country to raise awareness and money to fight poverty with the Sea to Sea 2008 Bike Tour



What

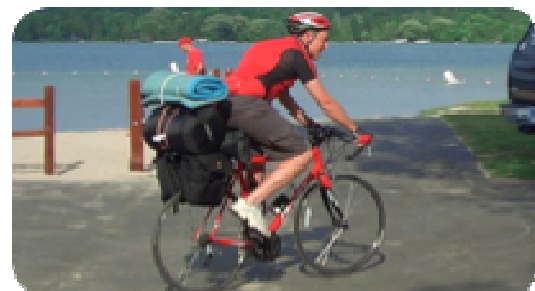
This summer, I will ride my bike across North America with the Sea to Sea 2008 Bike Tour. This is not just any bike tour but the largest cross-continental tour ever.

Presented by the Christian Reformed Church, the Sea to Sea tour begins June 28 in Seattle and will end August 30 in Jersey City, covering nearly 3,700 miles! Sea to Sea not only allows me to exercise my passion for cycling, but to speak out about my other passion, which is to make a sizable impact to end poverty.

Why

Even though this bike tour will be exciting and challenging, my main reason for participating with Sea to Sea is to raise awareness and donations to help those in poverty, specifically the poorest of the poor, or those whose basic human needs are not met.

Over the last few years, my view of poverty has changed significantly. I saw that many people do not have the means, no matter how hard they try, to improve their situation. It is true some people are poor because of mistakes they have made, but many live in poverty that they can not escape by their own means.



How

There are several ways that I will help to eliminate poverty by participating in the Sea to Sea Bike Tour. I am raising money for four CRC partners: Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC), Christian Reformed World Missions, Partners Worldwide, and the CRC Foundation, which will grant money to ministries serving the poor. My goal is to raise \$10,000. I am also raising awareness and knowledge through tour publicity and by encouraging others to learn more about poverty.

What You Can Do

- How can you get involved? You can:
- Help me reach my financial goal by making a tax-deductible gift in my name to the Sea to Sea Bike Tour.
 - Come to one of the 12 Celebrations during the tour. Nine of them are listed in the table on the right (for example, Seattle on June 29, Kennewick on July 6). In addition, rallies will also be held in Sioux Center, Iowa (Aug. 5), Palos Heights, Ill. (Aug. 12) and Wyckoff, NJ (Aug. 30).
 - Volunteer as a support crew member
 - Pray for those in poverty and for the tour
 - Be thankful for our many blessings
 - For more information go to:

www.SeatoSea.org

About the Tour

This is the opportunity of a lifetime! I'm excited to see God's beautiful creation from my bike, to be part of a community of cyclists for a summer, and to serve God by participating in a great cause.

The bike tour will be both challenging and rewarding. It will be a challenge to ride an average of 70 miles per day going up and down mountains and across prairies, to deal with all kinds of weather, and to deal with aches and pains.

The cyclists are not going to be doing this alone. A support crew of volunteers will be traveling along with the cyclists, helping fix broken bikes, hauling our gear, preparing meals, and setting up campsites.

We will bike six days a week, ending each day to rest in a campground, field or school gym where we will eat, rest, and socialize.

Tour Schedule		
Dates	Weekly Starting City	Weekly Mileage
June 30- July 5	Seattle WA	286 Miles
July 7-12	Kennewick, WA	319 Miles
July 14-19	Boise, ID	407 Miles
July 21-26	Salt Lake City, UT	503 Miles
July 28 - Aug 2	Denver, CO	551 Miles
Aug 4-9	Fremont, NE	495 Miles
Aug 11-16	Madison, WI	345 Miles
Aug 18-23	Grand Rapids, MI	391 Miles
August 25-30	St. Catharines, Canada (ending in Jersey City, NJ)	393 Miles