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CWC NEWS

CWC 2018: The ride is on!

Dear friends,

Good news: **CWC 2018 is on!** While the sign up rate for the previous rides was very fast, the sign up rate for the 2018 ride was and still is very slow. For some time I was worried that we may even have to cancel the ride in 2018, which would have been very disappointing for me and the other signed up riders, but more importantly it would also been very sad for the children under the care of our beneficiary, Effective Aid International.

Fortunately we have now with 15 riders enough people signed up or verbally committed to start the ride. There are another five/six people considering and I am rather optimistic that some of them will still come true before the booking deadline ends on December 10. And this would mean, we would end up with a similar number of riders as last year, which was perfect. Quality always trumps quantity!

I spent a lot of time trying to analyse, why the booking this year is so slow, when in the previous years it was so fast to get to higher numbers. There are a number of reasons. Job changes and other professional and personal challenges are certainly a big reason. And we can't assume that the same people will be willing to join the ride very year. It is a significant sacrifice - both in precious vacation time as well as financially. Many I spoke to mentioned that they would like to join the ride again in 2019. This means, we will have no problem filling the ranks in 2019. However, we also do not want to have the problem of slow sign up again in 2020 and hence it is so important to introduce new members into the CWC family, as we have done for the next ride with four first timers already booked for CWC 2018. If you are interested to join, the tour can be booked at https://www.spiceroads.com/specials/cwc_2018

We will now also be able to start the fund raising in earnest and please see the appeal letter in this newsletter.

Even with the initial slow sign up, CWC 2018 promises to become another wonderful experience for all involved and a success with the fund raising. Even before we have started the donation drive, we are blessed to be able to confirm already two corporate sponsors; and none less than **ING Bank** and **Underwater Shipcare Pte Ltd**.

The one day family ride of CWC 2017 was very popular with family, friends and supporters of the CWC riders. We have now also confirmed the details for the one day ride of CWC 2018 on February 3rd with three different distances to suit everybody. So, please come and bring your friends and family to join the CWC riders riding at the Baan Fah Sighy Children Home and the closing ceremony. The full details of the one day ride can be found on www.cyclistswithcompassion.com/cwc2018 and can be booked at www.spiceroads.com/specials/cwc_2018#option2.

For now, God Bless and safe cycling, always...

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CWC launches website!

Nowadays people don't believe that you actually exist, unless you have a website! CWC launched its website www.cyclistswithcompassion.com. It is and probable always will be a work in progress as we will continue to improve the site.

We are grateful for any feedback!



CWC 2018: The Ride!

Day 1, January 27th: Bangkok – Khao Yai

The ride will start after leaving Bangkok with a bus transfer to Chachoengsao. From there we will visit the 100 year market where we start our bike journey into the countryside of Nakhon Nayok.

Ride	:	85 km.
Accommodation	:	Royal Hills Resort
Website	:	http://www.royalhillsresort.com/index.html

Day 2, January 28th : Khao Yai – Muak Lek

After breakfast we will ride to the Muak Lek district of the Saraburi province. the ride will lead through scenic valleys surrounded by the shadow of Khao Yai, the big mountain.

Ride	:	110 km.
Accommodation	:	Valley Garden Resort
Website	:	http://www.thevalleygardenresort.com/

Day 3 , Mon, 29 Jan 2018 : Muak Lek – Pasak

Today, we head northwest toward Pasak. The Pasak river runs through 3 major provinces and is an important water supply for agriculture. Pa Sak Cholasit Dam was built to alleviate the drought in the lower valley regions.

Ride	:	100 km.
Accommodation	:	Pasak Hillside Resort
Website	:	http://www.pasakhillside.com/

Day 4, Tue, 30 Jan 2018 : Pasak – Nakhon Sawan

From Pasak we ride to the quiet province of Nakhon Sawan where the Ping and Nan rivers meet the mighty Chao Phraya river.

Ride	:	133 km.
Accommodation	:	Bonito Chinos Resort
Website	:	http://www.bonitochinoshotel.com/

Day 5, Wed, 31 Jan 2018 : Nakhon Sawan – Kamphaeng Phet

We ride through rice paddies. Look out for water buffaloes wallowing in a puddle and for ducks taking a dip in the rice field. This is an area of Thailand not visited by many tourists, so you will pique the interest of locals!

Ride	:	130 km.
Accommodation	:	Maeping Mango Riverside Resort
Website	:	http://maepingmangoriverside.com/

Day 6 , Thu, 1 Feb 2018 : EAI Refugee Project/ Rest Day – Yan Ri

Today is a free day for you to explore Kamphaneng Phet city. We will take an afternoon transfer to your hotel in Yan Ri.

Accommodation	:	Chatchai Hill Resort
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Day 7, Fri, 2 Feb 2018 : Yan Ri – Li

Today we head north following the Ping River upstream from Yan Ri, crossing farmlands, into Lampang province and pedaling our way to Li. We ride through lush green sceneries with rolling hills in a distance.

Ride	:	100 km.
Accommodation	:	Baan Pailyn Resort
Website	:	https://www.facebook.com/baanpailyn/

Day 8, Sat, 3 Feb 2018 : Li – Baan Fah Sighy – Chiang Mai

Today is a final day of cycling, we depart Li and ride to Baan Fah Sighy Children's Home. Transfer to Chiang Mai after the hand over ceremony is over.

Ride	:	72 km.
Accommodation	:	Na Nirand Romantic Boutique Resort
Website	:	http://www.nanirand.com/EN/

Day 9, Sun, 4 Feb 2018 : Chiang Mai – Departure

After breakfast and checking out of the hotel, we provide a transfer to Chiang Mai Airport for your departure flight home.

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Cyclists With Compassion (CWC) is a group of like-minded cycling enthusiasts and was started with the goal to make a difference to underprivileged children in Asia by raising money for better education, which in turn will bring hope for a better, brighter future. CWC plans and organises long-distance cycling tours to parts of Asia, raising awareness about the needs of children in these areas. By raising money from corporate sponsors as well as donations from friends and family donated in recognition of our mental and physical efforts, we hope to contribute our little part of making their world a little better, a little brighter!

In January 2018, cyclists from around the world will be cycling over 700 km in North Thailand in 6 days, starting at the Kh at the Khao Yai National Park and finishing at the Baan Fah Sighy Children Home app. 100 km south of Chiang Mai. Baan Fah Sighy was established 15 years ago by Australian Phil Hohnen and his Thai wife Wanida and has developed into an "oasis of love" for many abandoned and orphaned children who call it home and know it's founders as "Mum & Dad". The Baan Fah Sighy Children Home is supported by Effective Aid International (EAI), our chosen beneficiary of the ride.

For over 15 years EAI (www.effectiveaid.org) has been changing the future for displaced, orphaned and abandoned children both in Northern Thailand and Myanmar. For EAI quality education is the single most effective weapon that can be used today, to erase poverty in the future - so education is their key focus. During these past years, EAI has provided more than 13,000 individual years of schooling to children in refugee camps, displaced peoples' villages and children's homes. EAI has employed, trained and empowered hundreds of refugees as teachers in their schools and have provided love, food, safety and shelter to abandoned and orphaned children. Our ambitious plans can only become reality with the help and support from private and corporate sponsors and I would like to ask your kind support by becoming a sponsor of the CWC ride 2018. There is no minimum donation; no matter how big or small, your contribution matters and will be very much appreciated. You can donate directly to EAI, using the "Donate" feature on www.effectiveaid.org/cyclists-withcompassion or via our web site www.cyclistswithcompassion.com at the " [Donate](#) " section. You can also find full details about private sponsorship and the various options for a corporate sponsorship at the " [Sponsorship](#) " section of our website.

On the payment page you will also have the possibility to name the cyclist, in whose honour you donate. Australian-based sponsors will be issued with a tax-deductible receipt. For other payment methods and for Corporate Sponsorship, please contact contact4cwc@gmail.com. Thank you on behalf of all cyclists and organisers of the CWC 2018 ride and the many, many children benefitting from your generosity!