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A Red Thread from Beijing to Hong Kong

For the Children

International adoption in China has been thriving for the past decade, with thousands of children being placed into loving “forever families” every year. In fact, so many beautiful children have been given a second chance at life that countless overcrowded orphanages are now just quiet vestiges of their former selves. With the continued departure of healthy children from orphanages, however, one thing has become painfully clear: the majority of those that remain have special needs. Common conditions include Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, and Cleft Lip/Palate, just to name a few.

We will be biking across China (from Beijing in the north to Hong Kong in the south) in the summer of 2008 in order to raise money and awareness for special needs children living in Chinese orphanages. We will be donating all proceeds to Red Thread Charities, a 501(c)3 certified non-profit organization based in Minnesota “dedicated to serving the needs of Chinese orphans through training programs and humanitarian aid projects.”

Thank you so much for your time, attention, and generosity.

Please note that 100% of your donations will be going to charitable causes. The costs of this trip will be completely self-funded!

On our website you can learn more about us, about our goal, and various methods for sponsoring us! Once our trip begins, we will be updating on a daily basis to keep everyone on track with our progress. Please visit our website for more details...

Date	Start - End	Distance
6/16/2008	Beijing - Tianjin	135 KM
6/17/2008	Volunteer	
6/18/2008	Tianjin - Cangzhou	120 KM
6/19/2008	Cangzhou - Dezhou	120 KM
6/20/2008	Dezhou - Jinan	125 KM
6/21/2008	R&R	
6/22/2008	Jinan - Tai'An	80 KM
6/23/2008	Tai'An - Qufu	70 KM
6/24/2008	Qufu - Hanzhuang	135 KM
6/25/2008	Hanzhuang - Suining	130 KM
6/26/2008	Suining - Mingguang	135 KM
6/27/2008	Mingguang - Nanjing	125 KM
6/28/2008	Volunteer	
6/29/2008	R&R	
6/30/2008	Nanjing - Liyang	125 KM
7/1/2008	Liyang - Huzhou	100 KM
7/2/2008	Huzhou - Hangzhou	95 KM
7/3/2008	Volunteer	
7/4/2008	Hangzhou - Jiande	130 KM
7/5/2008	R&R	
7/6/2008	Jiande - Lanxi	50 KM
7/7/2008	Lanxi - Lishui	150 KM
7/8/2008	Lishui - Wenzhou	130 KM
7/9/2008	Wenzhou - Fuding	110 KM
7/10/2008	Fuding - Ningde	140 KM
7/11/2008	Ningde - Fuzhou	130 KM
7/12/2008	R&R	
7/13/2008	Fuzhou - Putian	100 KM
7/14/2008	Putian - Fengze	120 KM

Visit us on our website for our complete travel route and itinerary!

Who: Billy Pan, Craig Roen, Steven Chen

What: Bicycling Across China

When: June 16th – July 25th 2008

Where: Beijing to Hong Kong

Why: To Raise Money and Awareness for Special Needs Orphans in China

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we will be setting off from Beijing on June 16th 2008, and ending in Hong Kong on July 24th 2008. Realistically speaking, however, our dates and destinations will most likely fluctuate. The trip will take us from Northern China to Southern China following the Eastern seaboard. Or, if you are partial to the rooster analogy of China, we'll be traveling from the Neck to the Gut following the outline of the Belly.

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