

GREAT STUFF



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SA Bike for Bibles
Newsletter

2008 MOZAMBIQUE LITERACY PROJECT



Mateus Tangoni is 14 years of age. 'I was a thief and liar' he says, 'I was involved in all sorts of bad things.' The adults in his community lost patience with him and administered their own form of justice. They beat him severely and held his hands in a fire until he lost all his fingers. It will be a long time before his wounds heal. A local evangelist took Mateus into his home, and when he heard God's Word for the first time, he came to faith. Mateus listens to a talking Bible, the Bible on Audio, and is just one example of the large proportion of illiterate people in Mozambique.

After decades of colonial and civil war, the education system in Mozambique has been severely affected. As a result, literacy has become one of the major problems Mozambique faces today. Rural

Mozambique is largely an oral and generally illiterate subsistence society. The people live in abject poverty, water is scarce, the weather is harsh, education is not available, job opportunities are non-existent and the poverty cycle is deep rooted.

Through this project, the Bible Society is seeking to offer reading skills to the disadvantaged population, both Christians and non-Christians. The Bible Society is also convinced that its ministry in Scripture publishing and distribution cannot be fulfilled unless the majority of its audiences become literate.

Rural communities will be offered this literacy project, and teachers will be trained to undertake this task. New Reader Scripture Booklets will be used to teach children and adults how to read. Supporting literacy workbooks are being developed and will also be used.

At the end of the 12 month literacy program graduates will be presented with their own Bible.



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2008 EVENT DATES

SOUTHERN EXPRESSWAY RIDE

Saturday
13th September

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday
25th October



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SOUTHERN EXPRESSWAY RIDE

Saturday
13th September

Not for the faint hearted this great 50km return ride is just fantastic and will get your heart pumping up the hills.

There is no riding on the road, just on the Southern Expressway Bike Track, from Sturt to Seaford Rise.

You will need to do some preparation for this ride if you are not used to hills, but it is all worth it with some beautiful views.

Morning Tea will be provided at the half way mark before you head back to the start/finish point.

Registration is \$25 per person, and your fundraising target is \$150 towards the Mozambique project.

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FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 25th October



Saturday 25th October is THE day you need to mark off in your calendar **NOW**, to take part in this excellent and easy ride along the Torrens Linear Bike Track from Tea Tree Gully to West Beach. Invite family and friends and your church to join you for a fun morning on the bike. **NO TRAINING NEEDED!**

The event only takes up part of the morning, leaving your afternoon free for all the other things you need to do.

You can choose to start at Tea Tree Gully and ride 32km, or start near Port Road and ride 12km, the choice is yours. Get your registration in now and book a starting time. Times are booked to make it easier for you and your group. I would like to encourage you to also get a fundraising form, and get people to sponsor you for doing the ride. Get up in church, and ask people to support the Mozambique project. **SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION NOW.**



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW

BFB NEW ZEALAND RIDE NOVEMBER 2009

Discussion is underway with the Bible Society of New Zealand to see if a combined Australia New Zealand Bike for Bibles marathon can be organised. The ride would be approximately 2 weeks in duration and would take in the North and South Islands. **PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN THIS INTERNATIONAL AND AFFORDABLE RIDE NOW. I WILL THEN KEEP YOU UPDATED WITH NEW INFORMATION OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.** Also mention this possibility to others you think may be interested in being involved. Any questions, please contact me on email or by phone.

BFB Tassie Tour January 2008



Thank you to all who took part in the Bike for Bibles Tassie Tour, and to everyone back home who supported the team through sponsorship and through prayer. So far over \$60,000 has been raised for the Rwanda Project. A more detailed article is in the Bible Society Sower Magazine. If you do not receive this excellent publication, please contact me and I will forward one out to you. It contains more details of the ride, along with other photos.