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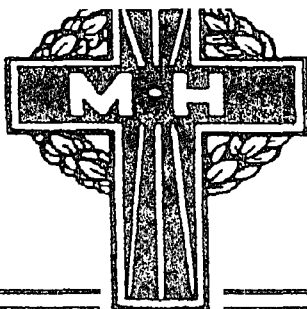
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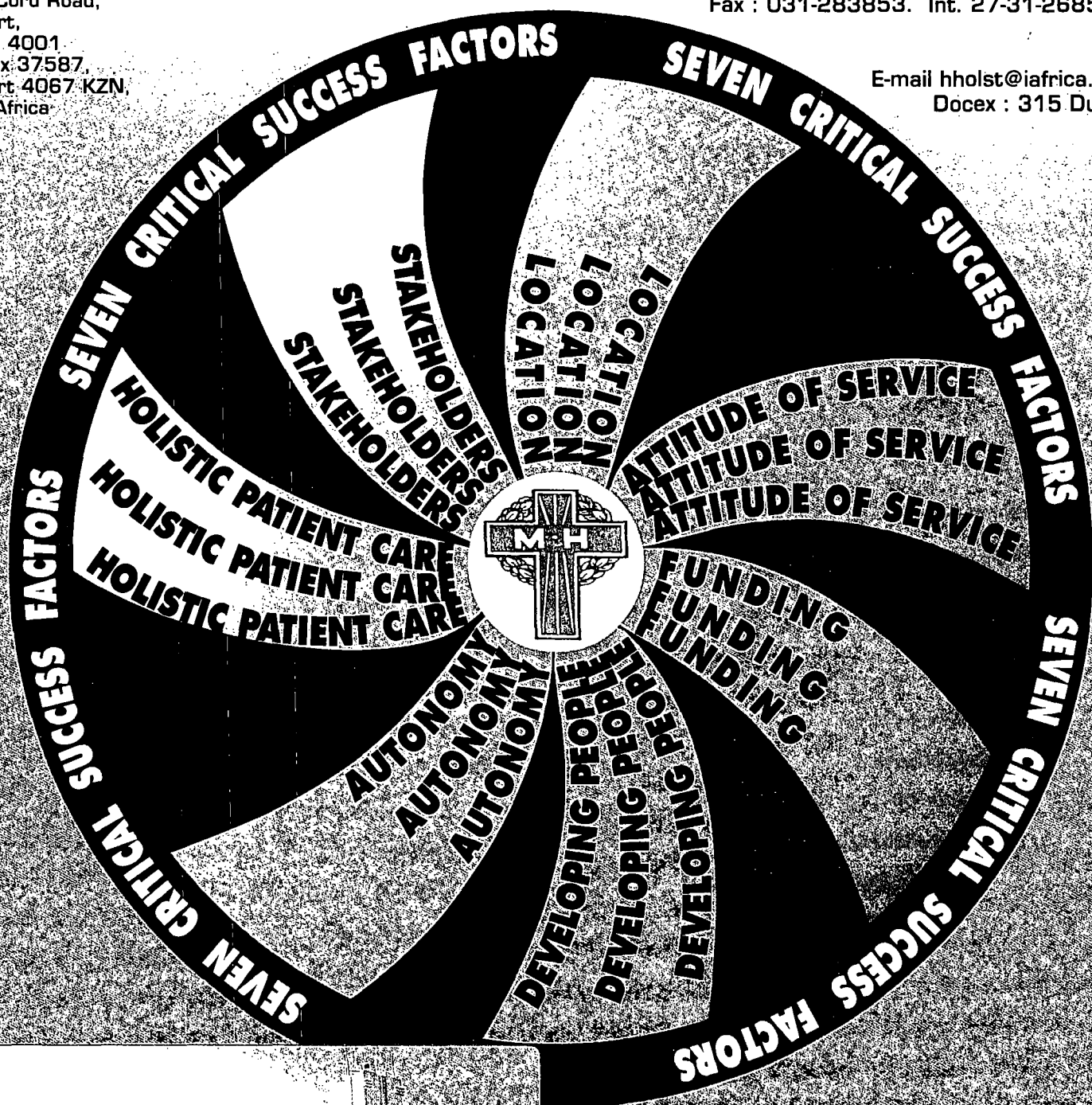


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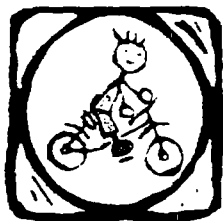
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CYCLE THE WORLD TOUR FOR AIDS



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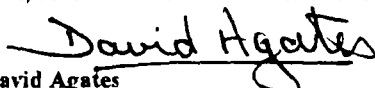
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11 BeaufortWest to Prince Albert	12 Princ Albert to Laingsburg	13 Lainsburg to Touws Rivier	14 TouwsRivier to Ceres	15 Ceres to Wellington	16 Wellington to Durbanville	17 Durbanville to Cape Town
18 FREE	19 FREE	20 FREE	21 FREE	22 FREE	23 Perth to Northam	24 Northam to Kellerberrin
25 Kellerberrin to Merredin	26 Merredin to Southern Cross	27 FREE	28 Southern Cross to Coolgardie	29 CONT	30 Coolgardie to Widgiemooltha	31Widgiemoolth to Norseman

FEBRUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Norseman to Caiguna	2 CONT.	3 CONT.	4 CONT.	5 Caiguna to Cocklebiddy	6 FREE	7 Cocklebiddy to Madura
8 Madura to Mundrabilla	9 Mundrabilla to Border Village	10BorderVillage to Nullarbor	11 CONT.	12 Nullarbor to Yalata	13 Yalata to Nundroo	14 FREE
15 Nundroo to Penong	16 Penong to Ceduna	17 FREE	18 Ceduna to Wirrulla	19 Wirrulla to Minnipa	20 Minnipa to Kyancutta	21 Kyancutta to Kimba
22 Kimba to Iron Knob	23 Iron Knob to Port Augusta	24 FREE	25 PortAugusta to Wilmington	26 Wilmington to Peterborough	27Peterborough to Yunta	28 Yunta to Olary

MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Olary to Cockburn	2 Cockburn to Broken Hill	3 FREE	4 Broken Hill to Wilcannia	5 CONT.	6 Wilcannia to Cobar	7 CONT.
8 CONT.	9 Cobar to Nyngan	10 Nyngan to Nevertire	11 Nevertire to Wellington	12 FREE	13 Wellington to Orange	14 Orange to Bathurst
15 Bathurst to Lithgow	16 Lithgow to Springwood	17 Springwood to Sydney	18 FREE	19 FREE	20 FREE	21 FREE
22 FREE	23 FREE	24 FREE	25 FREE	26 Arrive in U.S.A.	27 FREE	28 FREE
29 San Francisco to Sacramento	30 CONT.	31 Sacramento to Rene				

APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 CONT.	2 Reno to Winnemacca	3 CONT.	4 CONT.
5 FREE	6 Winnemacca to Wells	7 CONT.	8 CONT.	10 Wells to Salt Lake City	11 CONT.	12 CONT.
13 FREE	14 Salt Lake City to Rawlins	15 CONT.	16 CONT.	17 CONT.	18 CONT.	19 Rawlins to Cheyenne
20 CONT.	21 CONT.	22 FREE	23 Cheyenne to North Platte	24 CONT.	25 CONT.	26 CONT.
27 North Platte to Grand Island	28 CONT.	29 CONT.	30 FREE	31 Grand Island to Lincoln		

MAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1 CONT.	2 Lincoln to Omaha
3 Omaha to Des Moines	4 CONT.	5 CONT.	6 Des Moines to Davenport	7 CONT.	8 CONT.	9 FREE
10 Davenport to Chicago	11 CONT.	12 CONT.	13 FREE	14 FREE	15 Chicago to Teledo	16 CONT.
17 CONT.	18 CONT.	19 Toledo to Cleveland	20 CONT.	21 FREE	22 Cleveland to Youngstown	23 Youngstown to Harrisburg
24 CONT.	25 CONT.	26 CONT.	27 CONT.	28 Harrisburg to New York	29 CONT.	30 FREE 31 FREE

JUNE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 John O'Groats to Helmsdale	8 Helmsdale to Tain	9 Tain to Inverness	10 Inverness to New Tonmore	11 New Tonmore to Perth	12 Perth to Edinburgh	13 FREE
14 FREE	15 Edinburgh to Beattock	16 Beattock to Carlisle	17 Carlisle to Lancaster	18 Lancaster to Manchester	19 Manchester to Stafford	20 Stafford to Birmingham
21 FREE	22 Birmingham to High Wycombe	23 High Wycombe to London	24 FREE	25 FREE	26 FREE	27 London to Basingstoke
28 Basingstoke to Shrewton	29 Shrewton to Exeter	30 Exeter to Bodmin				

JULY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Bodmin to Lands End	2 FREE	3 FREE	4 FREE
5 FREE	6 FREE	7 David Sister	8 Travel to Holland	9 Rotterdam to Tilburg	10 Tilburg to Venlo	11 Venlo to Koln
12 Koln to Limburg	13 Limburg to Frankfurt	14 FREE	15 Frankfurt to Manneheim	16 Manneheim to Baden Baden	17 Baden Baden to Offenburg	18 Offenburg to Freiburg
19 Freiburg to Basil	20 Basil to Zurich	21 FREE	22 Zurich to Altdorf	23 Altdorf to Airolo	24 Airolo to Bellinzona	25 Bellinzona to Milano
26 FREE	27 Milano to Genova	28 Genova to La Spezia	29 La Spezia to Livorno	30 Livorno to Grosseto	31 Grosseto to Albinia	

AUGUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1 Albinia to Cirilarecchia
2 Cirilarecchia to Rome	3 FREE	4 Rome to Latina	5 Latina to Terracina	6 Terracina to Formia	7 Formia to Pozzuoli	8 FREE
9 Pozzuoli to Salerno	10 Solerno to Vall.d.Cucania	11 Vall.d.Cucania to Sapri	12 FREE	13 Sapri to Paola	14 Paola to E.Eufernia Lamezia	15E.Eufernia Lamezia to Palmi
16 Palmi to Melito	17 FREE	18 FREE	19 FREE	20 Port Said to Ismailiya	21 Ismailiya to Cairo	22 FREE
23 FREE	24 Cairo to Beni Suef	25 Beni Suef to Maghagha	26 Maghagha to El Minya	27 El Minya to Mallawi	28 Mallwi to Asyut	29 Asyut to Sohag
30 Sohag to	31 El Balyana to					

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Qena to Karmak Luxor	2 Karmak Luxor to El Deir	3 El Deir to Idfu	4 Idfu to Aswan	5
6	7	8	9	10 Nairobi to Kijiado	11 Kijiado to Namanga	12 Namanga to Oldonyo Samba
13 Oldonyo Samba to Arusha	14 Arusha to Marangu	15 FREE	16 FREE	17 FREE	18 FREE	19 FREE
20 FREE	21 FREE	22 Marangu to Same	23 Same to Mombo	24 Mombo to Segera	25 Segera to Mkata	26 Mkata to Chalinzo
27 Chalinzo to Morogoro	28 Morogoro to Mikumi	29 FREE	30 Mikumi to Mbuyuni			

OCTOBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Mbuyuni to Iringa	2 Iringa to Sao Hill	3 Sao Hill to Makambako
4 Makambako to Iyayi	5 Iyayi to Chimala	6 Chimala to Njiapanda	7 FREE	8 Njiapanda to Tukuyu	9 Tukuyu to Kaporo	10 Kaporo to Karonga
11 FREE	12 Karonga to Chiwela	13 FREE	14 Chiweta to Rumphi	15 Rumphi to Mzuzu	16 Mzuzu to Jenda	17 FREE
18 Jenda to Kululuma	19 Kululuma to Kasungu	20 Kasungu to Mponela	21 Mponela to Lilongwe	22 Lilongwe to Chipata	23 FREE	24 Chipata to Katete
25 Katete to Minga	26 Minga to Kachabla	27 Kachabla to Rufunsa	28 CONT.	29 Rufunsa to Chongwe	30 Chongwe to Lusaka	31 FREE

NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Lusaka to Kufue	2 Kufue to Mazabuka	3 Mazabuka to Chiselesi	4 Chiselesi to Choma	5 Choma to Zimba	6 Zimba to Vic Falls	7 FREE
8 FREE	9 FREE	10 Vic Falls to Hwange	11 Hwange to Gwayi River	12 Gwayi River to Lupane	13 Lupane to Bulawayo	14 FREE
15 Bulawayo to Mbulabala	16 Mbulabala to West Nicholson	17 West Nicholson to Makado	18 Makado to Messina	19 FREE	20 FREE	21 FREE
22 FREE	23 FREE	24 FREE	25 FREE	26 FREE	27 FREE	28 FREE
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DECEMBER

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		1 FREE	2 FREE	3 FREE	4 FREE	5 FREE
6 FREE	7 Messina to Louis Trichardt	8 Louis Trichardt to Pietersburg	9 Pietersburg to Potgietersrus	10 Potgietersrus to Nylstroom	11 Nylstroom to Warmbaths	12 Warmbaths to Pretoria
13 Pretoria to Bedfordview	14 FREE	15 Bedfordview to Heidelberg	16 FREE	17 TIME	18 TO	19 BE
20 USED	21 THROUGH	22 OUT	23 THE	24 YEAR	25 CONT.	26 CONT
27 Heidelberg to Harrismith	28 Harrismith to Howick	29 Howick to Ladysmith	30 Ladysmith to P.M.B.	31 P.M.B. to Durban		

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6	7	8	9	10 Nairobi to Kijiado	11 Kijiado to Namanga	12 Namanga to Oldonyo Samba
13 Oldonyo Samba to Arusha	14 Arusha to Marangu	15 FREE	16 FREE	17 FREE	18 FREE	19 FREE
20 FREE	21 FREE	22 Marangu to Same	23 Same to Mombo	24 Mombo to Segera	25 Segera to Mkata	26 Mkata to Chalanzo
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Re: CYCLE THE WORLD TO STEVEN BONACONSA / TRAVIS GALE

☒ Urgent ☐ For Review ☐ Please Comment ☐ Please Reply ☐ Please Recycle

• Comments:

FOLLOWING OUR VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS,
I UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE YOUNG MEN WILL
BE VISITING YOU ON TUE. 01 JUNE. I HAVE
RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION
FOR YOU FROM OUR DEPUTY PRESIDENT
THABO MBEKI. PLEASE DIGEST THE CONTENTS
AND ACT ACCORDINGLY. MY BEST WISHES TO
MS SANDRA THURMAN AND OTHERS OF THE
DELEGATION WHO VISITED THE LILY OF THE
VALLEY CHILDREN'S VILLAGE WHEN THEY VISITED
US ON SAT. 03 APRIL 1999. HOPE YOU CAN
FINANCIALLY HELP THE VILLAGE. I UNDERSTAND
WE HAVE TO MOTIVATE THROUGH USAID IN
PRETORIA RSA. THIS WE WILL DO BUT WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDING OUR YOUNG MEN
AS TO WHERE THEY COULD LOOK FOR
SMALLER ~~INDIVIDUAL~~ INDIVIDUAL SOURCES
OF FUNDING.

THANK YOU
Yours sincerely
David Agates
GENERAL SECRETARY.

Vision 2001 and Beyond



Deputy President J. M. Mbeki

17 March 1999

Messrs. Stephen Bonacoñsa and Travis Gale
Cycle the World Tour
McCords Hospital
28 McCords Road
Durban
4001

Dear Stephen and Travis

It gives me a joy to write this letter after being told of the challenges you are facing in your World Tour. I must also congratulate you for the distance you have travelled thus far and wish you full speed ahead.

You are an inspiration to the people of South Africa and your selfness determination in undertaking this incredible global adventure for the benefit of others afflicted by HIV/AIDS is well appreciated.

On the 9th October 1998 we joined hands in partnership against AIDS. We recognized that for too long we had closed our eyes to the threat and allowed AIDS to invade every sphere of society: our schools, places of work, homes and places of worship. Now, we grieve with orphans, friends and loved ones directly or indirectly suffering as a result of this disease.

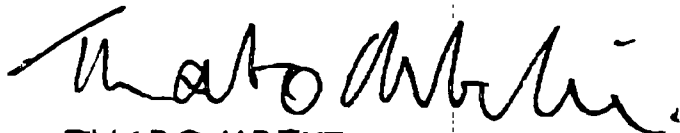
As young people yourselves, you serve as a role models to all young South Africans, proving that each of us can play an important role in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Our young people are heirs of the future we fought so hard to preserve. Our youth are a reflection of a tomorrow we may not live to see. Your vision, therefore, urges others like yourselves to dream and set goals and dare to reach out and touch those dreams and aspirations.

"Cycle the World" is a testimony of hope and an outstanding example of mobilising resources to spread the message of awareness, prevention and care. On the behalf of South Africa, thank you for transforming your vision into action. My thoughts and prayers for your safe return go with you.

I also hope that this letter of goodwill will encourage other leaders and citizens of the world to accept you as you journey through their countries. Our request is that they accept you as citizens of the world and ambassadors of South Africa. We hope that they will gladly offer you safe passage and warm hearts.

As a nation, South Africans have joined hands in partnership against HIV/AIDS. As citizens of the world let us do the same. The greatest sacrifices we can give are our own selves.

In partnership against AIDS.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thabo Mbeki', with a stylized, cursive script.

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*Sandy met with
Stephen + Travis
12/1/99*

Friday, April 30, 1999

Ms Sandra Thurman
Director of the White House Office of the National AIDS Policy
Washington
DC

Dear Ms Thurman

'Nestling on the banks of a river, overlooking the slopes of a game reserve, rests a small pink and white cottage, surrounded by undulating hills covered in Natal scrub. In Spring, after the fires have burned themselves out, the hills come alive with new green shoots and vibrant pink, yellow and white flowers blossom in profusion. The only sounds are the cacophony of bird calls, the occasional lowing of cattle and the whispering of the wind. This is Eston, in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, home to the Lily of the Valley Children's Village for boys and girls under the age of ten. All of them have been rejected by society - some abandoned in dustbins, or on the steps of a church. None of these children have known the bonds of family - as we know it. These children are not just orphans. All of them suffer at varying stages from HIV and AIDS, Some may die of related illnesses. Others will sero-convert. But right now, their only security is the love and exceptional care they receive at Lily of the Valley. This is their home. This is the only family they know.

One little girl - Ayla, embodies the spirit of this special place. Tiny, beautiful, frail, with a wisdom in her eyes that tells us she has lived a thousand lifetimes in less than 2 years, Ayla's photograph is going around the world, on the handlebars of a bicycle. I am sure the above paragraphs bring back some beautiful, yet haunting memories of 'our' babies at Lily of the Valley.

Thank you for contributing to the 'Cycle the World for AIDS' target of one million South African Rands. Our two intrepid cyclists, Stephen Bonaconsa and Travis Gale, are currently in the USA and making steady progress towards the East Coast- final destination: New York. I am reminded of something Steve said on New Year's Day - the day they started out on their global adventure - *"We can cycle around the world. But if we do not raise the Million Rand that will help children abandoned because of AIDS, then we would have failed."* Thank you for putting us a step closer to our goal. AIDS is reaping a deadly harvest that is rapidly increasing. Reports suggest that 32% of pregnant women in KwaZulu-Natal are now HIV+. What does the future hold for the world's children - the future generation of consumers, workers and leaders?

The youth of today and the babies of tomorrow are our most precious asset, and AIDS is decimating them - as you saw, with your own eyes.

But AIDS is not just the government's problem. It's everyone's problem - including mine and yours, and ordinary people, the world over, CAN make a difference! Steve and Travis prove this. As role models to their peers, they set a unique and inspiring example to young and old alike.

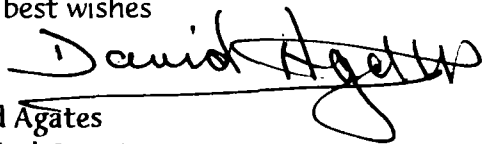
What is even more remarkable is that they are doing this entirely alone. They are relying on good, old-fashioned pedal-power to cross the USA! No 5-star hotels or fancy support vehicles or equipment. It is just them and what they can carry on their bikes. Their only means of support is the 'Youth for Christ' network in the USA, who are arranging their accommodation in various towns and also opportunities for them to speak to the people of the United States, telling of our predicament- and our hope - here in South Africa.

Would it be possible for you and other US government officials to meet with Stephen and Travis in Washington? It would be a great morale boost for them to know that their efforts are not going unnoticed, especially before they leave your shores for the United Kingdom and Europe.

We update their website regularly and if you want to know about their (often hilarious) encounters on the highways and byways of the USA, please visit their website:
http://www.budgie.org/cycle_the_world.htm

I am honoured to have met you and on behalf of McCord's, deeply appreciate your interest in this *global* project, that *will* succeed. Stephen, Travis and the management and staff of both McCord's Hospital and the Lily of the Valley have no doubt that, with God's blessing, our two adventurers will return after completing the entire 21 500km journey, and that their efforts *will* raise one million Rand. And on their return to Durban on the evening of 31 December 1999, two thousand cyclists, lead by Durban Mayor Obed Mlaba, will herald the end of their incredible journey. And Ayla - the baby you comforted - whose photo has pride of place on Travis' handlebars, will achieve the maxim, "*If we only did it for her, it was worth it*".

With best wishes

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David Agates
Hospital Secretary