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# CWC NEWS

## CWC 2018 - A diversified unity!

Dear friends,

In just over one month CWC 2018 will flag off in Bangkok and for seven days a bunch of people will ride over 700 km together, eat together, share rooms together - some are long-time friends, some meet each other for the first time - but at the end of the ride on February 3, 2018 they all will share the same memories of an unforgettable experience. We have now 15 riders signed up - one more is still considering - (and possibly 8 or 9 additional riders for the last day, one day ride into the Baan Fah Sighy Children Home for the closing ceremony). And the group could not be more diversified; we have 4 ladies, 11 gents; 8 are long distance ride veterans, 7 first timers; 7 of us are over 50 years old, 3 of us are even over 60 years old and we come from 7 different nationalities. As diversified we may be, we are all united in our endeavour to do something extra ordinary with our lives and to bring hope for a better life to some beautiful children in North Thailand and Myanmar.

In a few days it's Christmas; Christmas has a different meaning for different people. And although it is a holiday observed mainly by Christians, I always felt that it brings a certain period of calm and reflection to the world. And I think that this is exactly what we may need - the bit of calm and reflection to give us pause to look at our lives and realise, how blessed we are. And also to look a little bit outward and see that there are too many to whom our lives and the things we too often take for granted are far away dreams. But perhaps you could be a part in making their dreams a bit more real by supporting us and the CWC riders with a small donation to Effective Aid International ([www.effectiveaid.org](http://www.effectiveaid.org)), CWC's chosen beneficiary. No matter, how big or small, any amount will make a difference. You can make an online donation at <https://www.cyclistswithcompassion.com/donate>.

On behalf of everybody at Cyclists With Compassion I would like to wish you and your loved ones

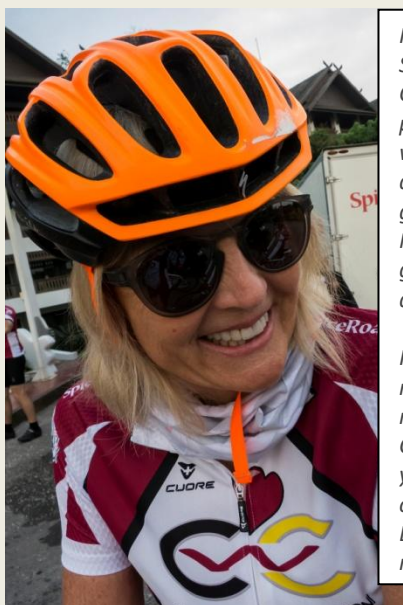
*A Very Merry Christmas  
All The Very Best Wishes  
For A Happy And Blessed New Year 2018!*

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

*Reiner*

We continue with our introduction of some of the riders in CWC 2018. They come from different countries, age-groups, professions, creeds. They are business man and business women, entrepreneurs, pilots, retirees, students, triathlon finishers, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, grandfathers and grandmothers; some are veterans of long-distance cycling, some are first-timers, but in the end: They are all ONE!

## The Riders Of CWC 2018 Introducing Themselves To You!



*Hi, I am Annelise Naser. Since our move from South Africa to the Australian Gold Coast almost 19 years ago, I have had the privilege of seeing my dreams come true with all my 4 children established and happy and being able to be 'Ouma' for the 4 grandchildren. Yes I love children! My heart is to see children being children, guided into educated young, confident adults.*

*Little people with lion hearts!*

*I am very grateful to CWC, who has enabled me to be involved in some small way to making a difference in a child's life. Cycling wise :) I have been on the bike more years than any on the tour! (That's pushing on the right side of 60, Andy !)*

*Looking forward to cycling again and meeting the group of 2018 !*

*Hi, my name is Chris McConnell, I run a small business on the Gold Coast as a Home Removalist.*

*I am married with two adult children, and a cute wee dog.*

*Last year I joined the Cyclists with Compassion team on their ride for one day out of Chiang Rai.*

*After not riding a bike for any distance since I was a kid, I attempted to keep up with everyone. All of the riders were very gracious and I managed to ride over 50km with their encouragement.*

*I really enjoyed meeting everyone and may have mentioned in the excitement of it all, that I would do the ride with them next year. Well here we are and I am looking forward to it. I have got a cool bike and I am training my poor body to get used to it.*

*I can't guarantee anything but I'll give it a good crack.*

*Hey guys, my name is Gary and I have been doing charity rides annually since 2010. I'm a big supporter for causes which benefit less fortunate kids and hope they get a chance in life to be someone that can contribute back to society.*



*Hi, I am Grace Young, 55 and part of a rescue team headed by Jesus. I believe CWC is part of this team, too.*

*Let's cycle!*



*Hi, I am Tony Ng, I left the corporate world to pursue my passion & interests. Sports is certainly one of my indulgences!*

*Every adventure is not just about challenging myself to complete it but it is also about enjoying the journey.*

*Joining 2018 CWC charity event for the 1st time, I am excited & look forward to the gruelling 730km cycling road trip.*

*See all of you in Bangkok!*

## The CWC 2018 Lead Guide: Khun Wathana (Woody)!

The success of a long-distance bike tour depends on many factors: route, weather, group DNA, etc, but more than anything on the bike guides, the support crew and especially the lead guide. Their responsibilities are many; from finding the right turns, managing staff and riders, catering for varying dietary needs and most importantly... keeping everybody safe and of course finding the best coffee along the route and so much more...! Khun Wathana or "Woody" as he is better known handles all this and more with effortless excellence and with a smile on his face. He was our lead guide at the last CWC and we are pleased and happy that he will again lead the ride in 2018.

See you soon, Woody!



*Hi, I am Khun Wathana, I am 51 years old, riding for almost 27 years, originally from Chiang Mai, I am an adventure guide for trekking, kayaking and cycling for almost 20 years. I have been working with Spiceroads since their beginning almost 15 years ago.*

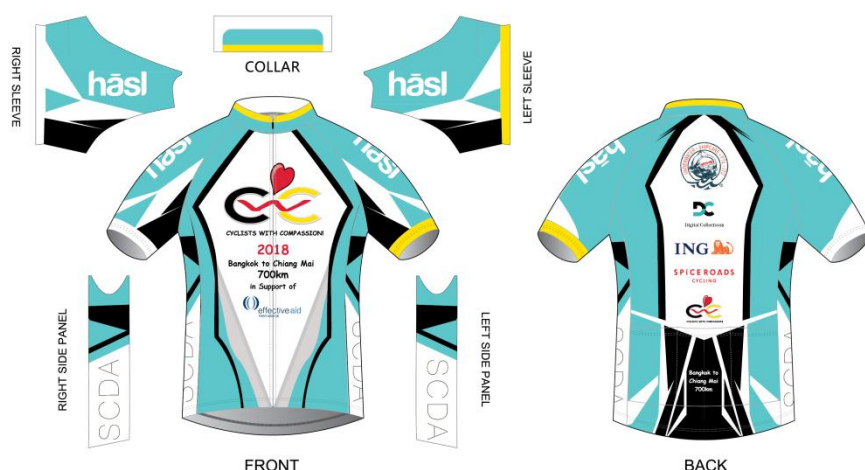
*Now I am also the mechanic supervisor with Spiceroads.*

*!m married with 1 daughter and 1 son!*

*"Riding is all my life! "*

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## The CWC 2018 Team Jersey!

"An Armani suit can be bought, but this jersey must be earned!"

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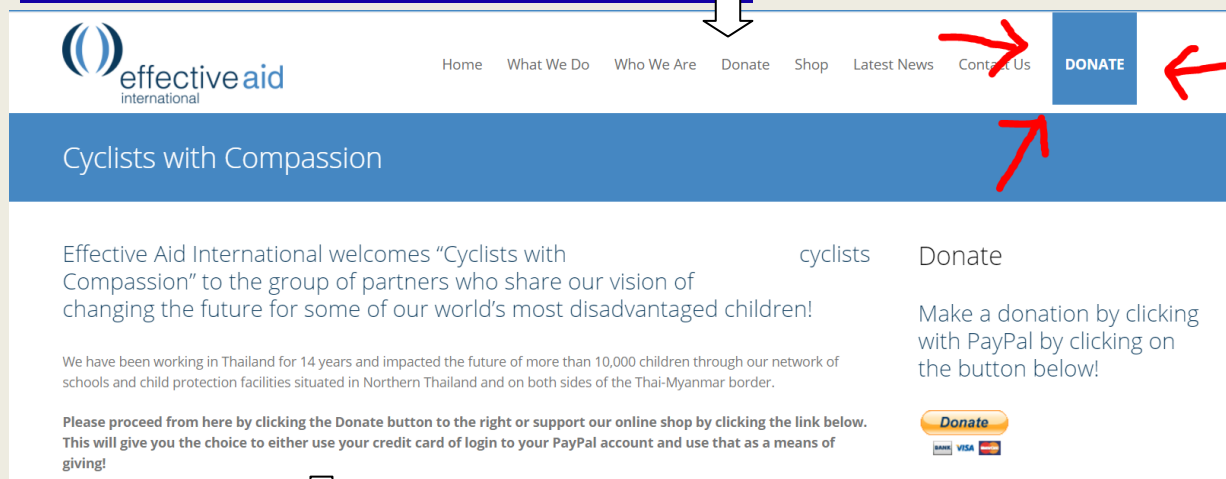
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After pressing "Donate Now" you will be routed to safe credit card facility to make payment of the donation (pic 4). For those that prefer to use PayPal, please use the yellow "Donate" button on the EAI CWC-dedicated donation page (pic 2).