



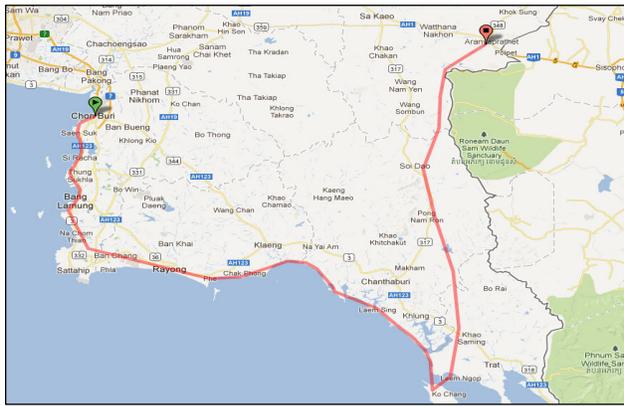
The Tour of Hope (TTOH) is an international non-profit initiative of like-minded cycling enthusiasts who come from all walks of life. They are united by an aspiration to convert their passion for riding into practical support for the less privileged, primarily in the areas of education and health prevention. Since 2006 the group, which has grown from a handful to well above 100, has been organizing yearly bicycle tours in which they ride to raise funds for charitable causes.



This year, for the third year in a row, TTOH has worked closely with the World Vision Foundation of Thailand to support its efforts to provide a better life and prospects for some less privileged people in Thailand. TTOH projects with World Vision in the past three years have included school libraries and community centers, complete with books, tables, chairs and computers. Together, such projects benefit thousands of underprivileged children and adults.



In addition to the libraries TTOH has donated hundreds of bicycles to children at many schools in the north, south and east of Thailand. The reason for giving bicycles is that many children in these areas live too far away from any school to walk the distance. With no public transport available and no means of private transportation, many of the children are deprived of education and hence of a good future. The donated bicycles allow them to attend school.



This year, TTOH 2013 took place from Nov 2 to Nov 9, cycling about 750 km from Chonburi, two hours north-east of Bangkok, to Aranyaprathet, near the Thai-Cambodian border and crossing point to Siem Reap. Some riders continued for another 8 days of 1050km cycling, from Aranyaprathet to Nong Khai.

This year's library/community center project was at the Baan Klong Bon School in the Nong Ta Kong Sub district, Pong Namron District, Chantaburi Province, near the Thai-Cambodian border. We also donated 80 bicycles and helmets for 4 different schools in the vicinity.

As in previous years, each cyclist paid for his or her own expenses, while canvassing for donations from family and friends. Together with the generous support from our corporate sponsors, we were able to raise close to US\$50000 to fund the library and bicycles. Our plans to help the underprivileged in Thailand via TTOH 2013 became again reality with the help and support from our corporate donors and the passion and generosity from each of the cyclists.



We have witnessed the direct and massive positive impact our donations have had on the children and the communities we have helped as, during our fund raising rides, we visit the people we are helping. We like to thank our corporate sponsors, our cyclists and all the private donors who supported us and looking already forward to TTOH2014.

The Organizers, TTOH 2013