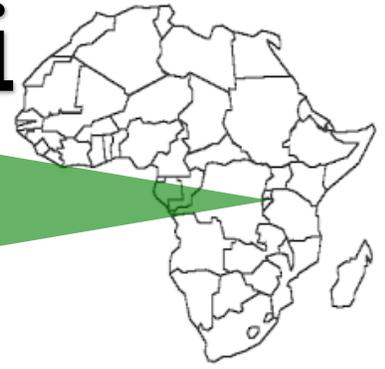


# Biking for Burundi



## Bike-A-Thon

Dear Friends and Family,

We are excited to introduce you to our family **Bike/Walk-A-Thon** Fundraiser! This is a fundraiser event which will help raise funds to serve orphans in Burundi, Africa while encouraging our children's love for riding bikes. Our children, Ansel and Sophia, are so excited for their brother to come home from Burundi. Through our adoption process their hearts have become opened to the plight of the orphan. They have decided this was a way they could make a difference and are asking you to consider joining them. The **Bike/Walk-A-Thon** allows our children to have an active role in not just our adoption process, but in making a difference in the world around them. **100% of the money collected will go directly to the purchase of soccer balls, pumps, The Shoe that Grow, and food for orphans in Burundi, Africa.** ANYONE can participate. We will be officially kicking off the **Bike/Walk-A-Thon** on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 when you can begin collecting pledges. This is designed to be easy and fun, so we are hoping everyone will participate.

Our **Bike/Walk-A-Thon** is a fun and fit activity for participants, with all participants striving to achieve their personal best distance. Participants set realistic lap goals based on age and development. We will have some water available at the event.

Our goal is to raise at least \$1,000.00 to fund the purchase of soccer balls, air pumps, the shoes that grow, and have money to purchase food. We hope that each family will participate in the sponsored Bike/Walk-A-Thon to the best of its ability. If each family at least raises \$50, we can achieve our goal. Thank you very much for your participation!

Here's how it works-

1. The Biking for Burundi Bike/Walk-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Meadowood Park in Speedway, In. The event will begin at 9:00 am at the gazebo at Meadowood Park. We will all meet at the gazebo. Each participant will turn in their pledge sheets for a total to be calculated. After the event, each participant will report to the gazebo to report their totals and have their sheet signed by an official so that their donors know they reached their goal.
2. Participants may start collecting pledges as soon as they receive the pledge sheets. **Reminder: Pledge sheets need to be brought on the day of the bike/walk-a-thon, Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.** Feel free to use the family info sheet to share information with sponsors.
3. Pledges may be made by anyone. **Each sponsor making a pledge should write their own name, pledge per mile and maximum pledge.** Participants may collect the pledge in advance but must keep pledges until all are collected.
4. On the day of the final bike/walk-a-thon event, participants will bike/walk. We will begin our morning with an opening event. Each lap is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile (lap totals listed below). Each participant will be issued a "lap tag," each time the participant reaches the starting point, thereby keeping track of the number of laps completed.

- Upon completion of the bike/walk-a-thon, participants will hand in their lap tags. A volunteer will record each participant's lap total on their pledge sheet and return it. Participants may then collect outstanding pledges.

**Please return pledge sheets with the money to the Miller Family at the Avon Chic-Fil-a on Monday, July 9th from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm.** Stay and have dinner! Let them know you are supporting Miller Family Adoption Spirit Day and 20% of your purchase will be donated to our adoption process.

- This event, will be raising money to purchase a few items that will be delivered to children in the orphanage where our son and brother lived before coming home. Dusty and Deidra plan to take soccer balls, pumps, and The Shoes that Grow with them when they travel to Burundi, Africa to bring their son home. They will also take money to purchase food to leave in his orphanage as well.
- We have mentioned a few times The Shoe that Grows. We would love to tell you more about this amazing organization. 1.5 billion people suffer from soil transmitted diseases worldwide. Without shoes, children are especially vulnerable to soil-transmitted diseases and parasites that can cause illness and even death. Children who get sick miss school, can't help their families, and suffer needlessly. And since children's feet grow so quickly, they often outgrow donated shoes within a year, leaving them once again exposed to illness and disease. The Shoe That Grows can change all that. The Shoe That Grows work with non-profits, churches, schools, and individuals to get The Shoe to kids living in poverty. Every \$15 provides a child with a long-lasting pair of shoes. We are working with The Shoe that Grows to both purchase and deliver shoes when we are in Burundi to bring our son home.

To learn more visit: <https://theshoethatgrows.org/> or scan this QR Code:



This link is a great video to show your potential sponsors: <https://vimeo.com/107434916> or scan this QR code:



Check out the pictures on our family info page to see the shoes. We will also have a pair at the Bike/Walk-A-Thon that you will be able to check out. We are very excited to join with this organization to share Shoes that Grow with children in Burundi.

- We look forward to all our participants having a great time! For questions or concerns or to volunteer, **contact Deidra Miller at 317-430-0416 or [reflectionsacademy@yahoo.com](mailto:reflectionsacademy@yahoo.com).**



#### Lap Goals

# of laps	Total Distance
1	$\frac{3}{4}$ mile
2	1.5 miles
4	3 miles
6	4.5 miles
8	6 miles



Dusty and Deidra have been married for 14 years. Ansel is 11 years old and Sophia is 9 years old. As a family we have been praying for God’s plan in growing our family. Ansel and Sophia are so excited about becoming a big brother and big sister. We believe God has led us to Burundi. If you are like us, you might not know much about this country.

Burundi, officially the Republic of Burundi, is a landlocked country in the African Great Lakes region of East Africa. Small, poor, densely populated, and landlocked, Burundi lies just south of the Equator. From the capital, Bujumbura, on Lake Tanganyika, a great escarpment rises to fertile highlands. Agriculture employs 90 percent of the people.



“I can’t wait to play with my brother. We will be able to play sports together. I can teach him how to play basketball. We will sleep in our bunkbeds and laugh and talk at night.” ~Ansel Miller

“I want to host this Bike-A-Thon because I want to help the kids who aren’t coming home to a family right now. I want to share soccer balls so they have a chance to play, laugh, and have fun. I want to make sure they have shoes so that they don’t hurt their feet or get sick. And I want to buy food so they have something to eat so they can be healthy and able to play and have fun.” ~Ansel Miller

“I am excited about being a big sister because Ansel has always been there for me and I think my new bother will too. I can’t wait to grow up with both of them. I am excited to have a brother from a different country. I think it will be really exciting to have him in our family.” ~Sophia



The Shoe that Grows: Same shoe on both kids. What an amazing idea! We excited to share these shoes with children in Burundi, Africa.

Scan this QR code to watch a video about the Shoes That Grow.



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## 2018 Bike/Walk-A-Thon!

### Meadowood Park, Speedway

June 16, 2018

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to bike and/or walk at least \_\_\_\_\_ laps for **Biking for Burundi**.

My goal is to collect: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Dear Potential Sponsor,

I am participating in the **Biking for Burundi** Bike/Walk-A-Thon. All proceeds will help fund the purchase of soccer balls, pumps, shoes and food for orphans in Bujumbura, Burundi. You can sponsor me for an amount per lap and can name a maximum amount that you are willing to contribute. After the event, I will return to tell you how many laps/miles I biked/walked and collect your contribution. Make checks out to Deidra and/or Dusty Miller.

Thank you!

Name of Sponsor	Pledge per Lap 1 lap= 3/4 mile (Example: \$5.00)	Maximum Pledge	OR a flat donation	Amount Collected from Sponsor	Sponsor Phone/ E-mail
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Administration Use Only

Total laps completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Admin: \_\_\_\_\_