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## In the News

### 2,012 miles in 2012: A bicycle ride of compassion for the children of South Asia

Each year, three million children die from malnutrition and disease (unicef). That's one child dying every 10 seconds.

There are people who care about this fact and people who don't. And then there are people who care A LOT. People who want to do something about it. People who decide to go the extra mile—literally.

People like David and Sharon Argabright. On March 26th, they started on a bike ride. But not just any bike ride—a bicycle ride of compassion, traveling 2,012 miles from Nashville, TN, to Key West, FL. And it's not their first ride: for the fourth year in a row, David Argabright, supported by his wife in an SAG vehicle, is going "the extra mile". Starting with a 575 mile ride in 2009 and 820 miles in 2010, he rode all the way from San Diego, CA, to St. Augustine, FL, in 2011: 3,100 miles of compassion.

In this monumental effort David & Sharon are supported by family, friends and partners all over the world who are giving generously towards the establishment of child development centers (CDCs) in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal. Thousands of dollars have been raised so far to sponsor a total number of 27 CDCs for two years. In CDCs, underprivileged children, who would usually have little chance of a hopeful future or even survival, receive an education, health care and nutrition, spiritual and social training and emotional support. In addition, their families and communities are transformed through a variety of awareness raising and income generating measures. [Click here to learn more about child development centers.](#)

For the fourth time, David Argabright and his team are mastering an incredible challenge, for one simple reason: compassion. You can join them in opening the windows of opportunity by sending a needy child to a child development center. Please consider transforming the life of a child or several children today! More information and online giving is available at [www.compassion575.com](http://www.compassion575.com). For more information on this year's bike ride, please see [David Argabright's blog](#). To donate through Helping Hands, please visit the [online donation page](#) and select "child development center" or designate a specific CDC ([see the "projects" page for more information](#)). 100% of your gift will be used to support the operating costs of child development centers in South Asia. Staff is in place to begin immediately serving the needs of children, but they lack the resources and are awaiting our financial support. You can also sign up to [sponsor a child](#) through Helping Hands (several countries available).

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