

Dear friends and companions

I am now getting into the saddle for **Summits4Hope** for the second time. Anyone who knows me knows: I am a lifetime athlete. My sporting journey began with my judo career during my school and university days – including at the ETH Judo School and at Hantei (later Dynamis) in Zurich, later in Uster, Wohlen, Chur, and Tamins. In Wohlen, Chur, and Tamins, I was also active as a trainer.

With cycling, which I discovered for myself after my judo days, I finally developed into an endurance athlete. Since my youth, I have been restlessly in motion. Whether during my daily commute or in ultra-races over more than 1000 kilometers – the bike is my elixir of life. With **RIDE 4KIDS – NEVER RIDE ALONE**, I have found a format that is priceless to me: I can combine my passion for sport with sustainable support for children.

When I look back on my first year as a CharityRider, I feel great gratitude. Thanks to great support, the foundation in Mozambique has already been able to move mountains. We are talking about real successes here: In the year 2025 alone, **four large sanitary blocks were completed. Over 21,000 children benefit today** from the hygiene measures. These children stay healthy and receive a real chance for education. Knowing that the **help arrives directly on-site**, motivates me for my next challenge.

On August 14, 2026, at 5:00 PM, the starting gun will fire for my new adventure at the **TORTOUR MYSELF 50**. I have a very personal score to settle this year: In 2025, I "only" made it 450 kilometers in 24 hours. This time, I want to crack the 500-kilometer mark. I will once again go to my limits and show what is in me. For me, it is the greatest privilege to use my sporting endurance for a goal that reaches far beyond the finish line.

The aid strategy for the year 2026 is clearly defined: **The goal is to reach almost 20,000 children** sustainably. Existing successes are secured through professional maintenance at all previous schools. Two specially trained maintenance teams provide fast help through repairs. Simultaneously, the cooperation with a local vocational school enables the **training of young sanitary installers**. Hygiene workshops also guarantee that the help has a long-term effect and that real local self-responsibility arises.

I know Gilbert personally and value his passion. The fact that **every donation lands 100% with the children without deductions** is a matter of honor for me. Gilbert guarantees this with his promise. **Your support counts twice!** You give the children in Mozambique a better future and give me the necessary strength to crack the 500 kilometers. Of course, you can deduct your donation from taxes. Let us move great things together. We donate hope, create perspectives, and show that we never ride alone – neither on the road nor in life.

I thank you from the heart for your support!

Sincerely, your Gilles

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