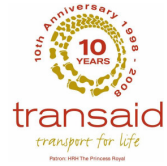


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NETWORK RAIL CHALLENGERS RAISE £33,000

Transaid's Cycle Malawi Challenge team has returned from Africa after successfully completing a gruelling 460 km bike ride alongside Lake Malawi to raise funds for the transport development charity.

The Challenge saw Network Rail employees Thomas Giddings and David Stride join 10 other volunteers from the transport & logistics industry and beyond commit to a personal fundraising target of £2,750 each, together with a strict training regime to join Transaid's inaugural overseas challenge event. A total of £33,000 in sponsorship has been raised so far, with the money still rolling in.

The group spent five days cycling from the capital city Lilongwe along undulating roads and dust tracks to the spectacular town of Nkhata Bay. They also spent some time at Transaid's bicycle ambulance project which has manufactured trailers that can be fixed onto the back of bicycles to transport sick or pregnant villagers to hospital, sometimes up to 30 km away.

Speaking of his experience on the trip, David Stride said: "This was an opportunity to raise money for a really worthwhile cause whilst experiencing first hand the warm and friendly nature of the African people – something I will never forget. It was the first time I had taken part in anything like this; it was a fantastic and rewarding experience with a wonderful group of people and one that I would recommend to anyone," he added.

Transaid has just confirmed its next challenge event – Cycle Kenya, a bike ride through Kenya's breathtaking Rift Valley in November 2007. To download an info pack and itinerary, please visit www.transaid.org/support-us/events-and-appeals

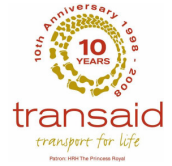
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Note to Editor: Malawi is a small, landlocked country in the South East of Africa. It is one of the world's poorest countries. The majority of the population live on less than a dollar a day and life expectancy is just 41.

Transaid (www.transaid.org) is an international development agency that aims to improve people's quality of life in the developing world by making transport more available and affordable. It was founded by Save The Children and the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK) and works by sharing skills and knowledge with local people to enable them to put in place and manage efficient transport systems.

Transaid's core work includes creating transport management systems for the public sector and assisting with the provision of professional driving qualification development and the training of driver trainers. It also assists with teaching preventive vehicle maintenance management and introducing local, low cost transport solutions including its innovative bicycle ambulance. Transaid also helps promote HIV, AIDS and road safety awareness and shares its specialist knowledge with the humanitarian aid sector.

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Transaid enjoys strong backing from the transport and logistics industry and the active involvement of its patron, HRH The Princess Royal.

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