

Hello, my friends-

Well, it's been another amazing year! After completing the Qualcomm Million Dollar Challenge (QMDC) in '07, I took some much needed time off (a whole 10 days). But then got right back in the saddle to qualify for the Beijing Paralympic Games (held from September 06 - 17, 2008).

(For some background and to explain why many of you have not seen me in eons:) In May, I moved to Boulder to fully focus on, and train to exhaustion for, the National Championships on June 06 in Denver. I qualified for a spot on the Paralympic Team (which I've been told is the best, strongest Team yet!) and stayed in Boulder for the entire Summer to train like a maniac for The Games.

Presently, I am at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs (have been since mid-August) waiting to jet to San Francisco and then Beijing late tomorrow (9/02/08) night. Every morning here has been spent eating (A LOT) and then biking up and over mountains alternating with 40 mile Time Trial efforts (@ 30 - 40 MPH!). There has been a lot of effort instilled into this Beijing adventure ... hey, I have the United States to be accountable for! From September 06 - 17, if you would like to watch the competitions, please click here: **U.S. Paralympic Team** or **Universal Sports** for daily coverage. My events (in cycling, of course) are the Individual Time Trial on Sept. 12 & the Road Race on Sept. 14.

But, this amazing, eventful present will cease (after venturing around China for a week after the Games) when we (with Julie and my sister Erin) return from the Far East on 9/24. I will then have to change my focus to the Qualcomm Million Dollar Challenge, riding from San Francisco to La Jolla in 6 days, for the third time in as many years. My only gripe is that I have been lax at my fundraising efforts due the focus necessary for the Paralympics.

These are tough times for everyone and I would hate to put anyone in financial jeopardy. But, if you could help me raise the required \$10 K in order to assure my spot on the QMDC crew, it would mean the world not only to me, but to the many, many other people in need of athletic supplies and support. (Your donation is fully tax-deductible.) The Qualcomm Million Dollar Challenge is a very worthy grantee as it donates the million dollars (+ as we raised WELL over the million initially desired for the past two years) to the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF). For the 501c-3 donation site, please click here: **Qualcomm Million Dollar Challenge 2008 - General Donation**. Any amount that you can help is very appreciated.

For any and all information on either of these items (QMDC and/or CAF), please click these links: **Qualcomm Million Dollar Challenge 2008 - Home** & **Challenged Athletes Foundation**. I will return to Cardiff-by-the-Sea by October 1st to start my endurance training for the QMDC. I will only have a scant 2 weeks to train, but my past feats and training should/will be sound enough for this year's adventure.

Hope everyone has been well. Again, I am sorry for the lack of contact, but I have been focusing on a huge job. Thank you for your continued friendship and help with this next phase in life.

Cheers ... David

PS- Please forward this to anyone whom I may have missed. Thank you!

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