

Background



Background

The Republic of Mali, located in northwestern Africa, is one of the poorest countries in the world. Every day, women and children lose the battle to survive because of malnutrition and lack of good medical care. The statistics are staggering! One out of every four children will never reach his/her fifth birthday.

One out of every ten women will die in childbirth.

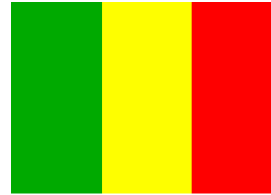
In response to the incredible need, The Christian and Missionary Alliance began working over 50 years ago through what has become six small medical clinics located close to the city of Koutiala. Until recently, however, the closest hospital to the Alliance medical clinics capable of handling major problems in gynecology, obstetrics, and pediatrics was at least 250 miles away, in the capital city of Bamako. As a result, many mothers died before emergency medical treatment could be obtained. A dream arose to build a Christian hospital that would make a difference!



The dream became reality when the Hospital for Women and Children opened its doors on May 22, 2006, in Koutiala, Mali. During the first year of operation, over 1000 babies were delivered and the numbers continue to grow every month. For the first time, these women and children have been given the opportunity to receive excellent medical care. The response has been overwhelming!

Caring for the Moms & Kids in Mali, West Africa

<http://www.koutialahospital.org>



Koutiala Hospital is making a Difference in Mali, West Africa



The Koutiala hospital, located in Mali, West Africa, is being expanded to better meet the physical and spiritual needs of women and children.

I have pledged _____ per mile for Mali Hospital.

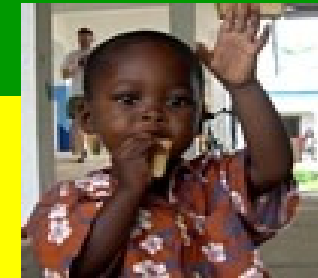
The Orchard Foundation
PO Box 35660
Colorado Springs, CO 80935-3566
888-689-6300 (toll free)
719-268-7200 (office)
<http://www.theorchard.org>



Rev. Bruce A. Overstreet
Phone: 518-324-5430
Fax: 518-324-5482
Email: baobiker@gmail.com
Web site: www.bike4mali.org



www.bike4mali.org



**Coast to Coast
for Christ
and kids**
www.bike4mali.org

The Need

The number of women and children seeking medical attention at The Hospital for Women and Children continues to grow each month. To keep pace, facilities and staff need to expand as well. Plans are under way to build, equip and staff a third large maternity building beginning spring 2008. This building will need to be fully equipped for delivery and surgical use. In addition, monies need to be set aside to send and train staff – particularly Malian doctors and nurses - and sustain the ongoing ministry of the hospital. An endowment is currently being set up to ensure that the work of the hospital will continue to grow and move forward.



The purpose of the *Cross Country Ride* is to raise \$1 million or more, for the ongoing work of The Hospital for Women and Children in Koutiala, Mali. It is my desire that the medical ministries in Mali be able to grow as necessary, financially unhindered.

Give a dollar or a even a penny for children

I am challenging individuals to pledge per mile toward this goal. Just \$1 per mile would mean almost \$4,000 for the hospital. Even one penny per mile would mean \$40 toward this goal. Whether you pledge a penny, a dollar, or any other appropriate amount, you have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of many women and children throughout the land of Mali. Please partner with me.

Projected Route



Projected Route

My projected start date is June 2, 2008. The trip is approximately 4000 miles and the hope is to average 70 miles per day. The ride should take about 8 weeks. Here is a brief itinerary:

- Starting point is Clam Beach near Trinidad, California
- To Redding, California via Route 299
- Then Reno and across Nevada to Utah
- Scheduled break with family @ St. George, UT to see the Grand Canyon
- Resume the ride, heading to Colorado
- Stop at the national office of the C&MA/ Orchard Foundation in Colorado Springs
- Then east across Nebraska to Omaha.
- On across Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana.
- Scheduled visit with family in Indianapolis.
- Northeast through Ohio to the shores of Lake Erie
- On to Pennsylvania and New York where I hope to ride parts of the Erie Canal bike trail.
- Northeast across the Adirondack Park and then to Plattsburgh.
- Across Vermont and New Hampshire
- Southeasterly across Maine
- Concluding at Old Orchard Beach – a location significant to the early days of the C&MA.

My Pledge for Koutiala, Mail Hospital

Sign up for:	Per mile	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> One Dollar per mile	\$1.00	\$4,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Half a Dollar per mile	.50	\$2,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter per mile	.25	\$1,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> A Dime per mile	.10	\$400.00
<input type="checkbox"/> A Nickel a mile	.05	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> A Penny a mile	.01	\$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Some other amount per mile)	_____	_____
		Total: _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Method of Payment

- Check
- Bill Me
- Visa
- MasterCard
- American Express

Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

**I have pledged
_____ per mile for Mali
Hospital.**

**The Orchard Foundation
PO Box 35660
Colorado Springs, CO 80935-3566
888-689-6300 (toll free)
719-268-7200 (office)**

**Rev. Bruce A. Overstreet
Phone: 518-324-5430
Fax: 518-324-5482**

Contact person: 518-324-5430