

**Y**es. This is one of those letters telling you what I'm up to, but at the end there's a twist. My hope is that you will read this to see just how you fit into this puzzle. Last June I finished up my masters in mechanical engineering and naturally began to ask "What's next?" I knew that for me a full-time job as the next step wasn't it. So began my exploration of other possibilities. In July I decided that the my next step would be to participate in an Ironman triathlon; an event in which the participants swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run 26.2 miles. Later that month I signed up for Ironman New Zealand; I figured that if I'm going to do an Ironman it might as well be some place extravagant. Crazy? - perhaps. When I signed up for the event I wanted to be able to bring more meaning to it than simply completing it for my own sake.



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**J**ust this passed month, I contacted World Vi-

sion ([www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org)) regarding their One Life Revolution program ([www.oneliferevolution.org](http://www.oneliferevolution.org)), dedicated to saving the lives of orphaned children in the Africa country of Zambia. More than 14 million children in Africa have lost one or both parents to the AIDS pandemic. Many more are left vulnerable as family resources are stretched thin to care for these orphans. It is estimated that by 2010, the number of orphans will more than double to 25 million. Most of these children are not infected with HIV/AIDS and yet have no one to look after them. Older siblings are forced to drop out of school in order to take care of younger siblings. These innocent children still grieving over the loss of their parents are forced to function as adults. Everyday is a struggle for survival.



**H**ere is where you come in. I have teamed up with World Vision to raise awareness and money for these children. I'm asking you

to sponsor me in my endeavor by sending a tax deductible donation to World Vision. The total distance of the Ironman is 140.6 miles. Sponsoring me at only \$0.22 per mile means \$30 given for these children, and \$30 will provide desperately needed health care for one child. This means, for every sponsor I get, one more child is helped through World Vision. I hope you join me in my "Race for Hope" for these children. You can keep apprised of the current funds raised, how training is going, and general updates by visiting [raceforhope.tripod.com](http://raceforhope.tripod.com). I would love to hear back from you, please email me at [kleinadam@yahoo.com](mailto:kleinadam@yahoo.com).

**T**hanks for your support!

### **A Word From World Vision**

We are very proud to be associated with Adam's inspiring efforts in the Ironman event on behalf of hurting children in Africa. Every dollar is important in this fight and we are so thankful to Adam, and to you, his sponsor, for supporting Adam in his Race for Hope!

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