

# Wild Ride for Solar Suitcases 2025

Be a light for change!

Donate at [www.alongsidehope.org](http://www.alongsidehope.org) as you are able and designate your donation to

Help Bishop Clara offer Light & Hope Prayer Flags.

Walking with Anita,

St. Timothy's 100 Mile Walking

St. Paul's Cathedral Kamloops WaySeekers

Alongside Hope Wild Ride has become one of the annual special fundraising campaigns. This year we are raising funds for a new project to install solar suitcases in Mozambique and Madagascar. A **solar suitcase** is a bright yellow case that is mounted to the interior wall of a health clinic and connected to a solar panel on the roof. The case opens up to reveal power outlets for portable lights, a head lamp, a fetal Doppler and cell phone chargers. The Solar Suitcase gives Medical attendants the tools they need to support women through labour and delivery, especially at night. Providing safe births builds trust in the local health care.

As a participant in Alongside Hope's fourth annual Wild Ride. I have completed my pledges to cycle 5 times on my E-bike from Dallas Park, Kamloops to St. Peter's Monte Creek-a total of 200km and host alpine meadows walk at Sun Peaks (which ended up a hike of 12km). My donation is delivered. I invited friends, family, my parish, the churches of the Territory of the People to make a difference with their donation.

Each solar suitcase costs \$6,500(Cdn.) and the Wild Ride campaign hopes to raise \$52,000, enough to install solar suitcases in 8 clinics. As of September 16 - \$32,300 has been donated.

Wild Ride campaign is part of Alongside Hope's ultimate goal is **to raise \$320,000** to install 35 Solar Suitcases in Mozambique and 14 in Madagascar, bringing **clean, reliable power to 49 clinics** where women and babies deserve the very best care, no matter the hour.

**Thanks to a generous donor, every dollar you give before October 31, 2025 will be matched up to \$150,000. *That means your impact could double.***



August 1 – Joy at St. Peter’s Monte Creek



August 18



August 26 – Joy at St. Peter’s Monte Creek Cemetery



September 10 – View of St. Peter’s from north side of the Thompson River/Old Shuswap Road





September 14 – final Wild Ride to St. Peter's Monte Creek – Joy, Bishop Barbara, Anita Bourassa



Sue C., Susan P. & JoyGothard

August 2 – Sue Cane, Susan Petty, Joy at Sun Peaks





Anita Bourassa sitting in HOPE at the Riverside Trail – her walks every Wednesday August 27-October 1



Shelby Byer and some of her Trailblazers team from St. Timothy's 100 Mile House.