

5% – the chance Jim Halbeisen was given of surviving the gangrene that was cutting off circulation to his fingers and feet following complications of treatment for leukemia. However, survive is exactly what Jim did, although it was at the cost of having both legs, his left hand, and the fingers and thumb of his right hand amputated. After the surgeries, Jim gave himself six months to be back on a bike again. Thanks to the Village Dirtbags and Steve Miller, owner of Bicycles Unlimited in Lompoc, a tandem mountain bike was custom built for Jim to ride with his daughter Marissa.



"To think of the Dirtbags, how they're doing this for me - I really appreciate that. That's our community...they've all got good hearts... it's a great bunch of guys!"

"Every day is a challenge, but you just learn to do the new stuff. The more you do, the stronger you get."

JIM HALBEISEN



SAVE THE DATE

To see the difference you have made in the lives of these kids and their families, please join us at **Bicycles Unlimited**, 660 North H St. in Lompoc, on December 17th between 10 am and 12 noon as we distribute bikes and helmets.



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Hello Friends,

The Village Dirtbags, a local group of mountain bike enthusiasts, are excited to present the sixth annual *Christmas Bike for Kids*. Our mission is simple: provide bikes and helmets to families of VAFB's deployed service members. The *Christmas Bikes* program is our way of supporting and showing appreciation for America's finest and their courageous families.

In 2006, the first year of *Christmas Bikes*, we gave away 12 bikes and helmets. Last year, that number was 100. This year, with so many service people still overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan, our goal is 125 bikes and helmets. Each bike and helmet is chosen specifically for a particular child's needs.

The Village Dirtbags would like to give you the chance to join us in our mission. Your support will be greatly appreciated by the children at VAFB, their parents, and the Dirtbags - just in time to celebrate the spirit of the Christmas season. Thank you in advance for your help!

To make a donation, mail your check and the attached form to 1201 E. Ocean Ave., Suite K, Lompoc, CA. Your friends can download a form online by going to www.VillageDirtbags.com and clicking on *2011 Christmas Bikes for VAFB Kids*.

For more information on the Village Dirtbags, go to www.VillageDirtbags.com.

Sincerely,
The Village Dirtbags



Thank you for your 2011 Christmas Bikes for Kids of Deployed VAFB Service Members contribution.

This year's contribution will be tax deductible as we have partnered with the Lompoc Chamber Community Development Foundation. 100% of each contribution will go directly towards the Bikes for Kids project.

Please complete the information below, make your check payable to "CCDF Christmas Bikes for VAFB Kids" and mail this form and your check, by December 15, 2011 to: *Bikes for VAFB Kids, 1201 E. Ocean Avenue, Suite K, Lompoc, CA 93436.*

ONE BIKE PLUS HELMET FOR EACH \$175 CONTRIBUTION

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR ADDRESS: _____

I would like to sponsor _____ Bike(s) and _____ Helmet(s) at \$175 each (*All size donations accepted*).

Total enclosed: \$ _____

THE VILLAGE DIRTBAGS

The Dirtbags have a strong passion for cycling, healthy competition, friendship and good fun.

We strive to be excellent ambassadors of cycling, to preserve and protect the environment where we live and cycle, and to promote mountain biking in a way that is environmentally sound and socially responsible.

In addition to the Christmas Bikes, our outreach includes: Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, Juvenile Diabetes, Lompoc Comprehensive Care Center and Ride 2 Recovery for Veterans.