

Students riding with clear vision

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STAYING out of the kitchen cupboard for two days during this month's World Vision 40-hour famine will be challenging enough for most growing teenage boys.

But for two Tauranga lads who have blitzed the challenge for more than a decade, they needed to raise the bar substantially higher.

This year, two 17-year-olds are planning to cycle from Tauranga to the Sky Tower in Auckland — and then back home again. The monumental 440km bike ride of Sam Bojesen-Trepka and Riki Lindsay will take place on May 21 as thousands of

children across the country are gearing up take part in the 40-hour famine the following day.

With two weeks to go, they are already nearing sponsorship of \$1000 thanks to teachers, friends and family — but aim to make it to \$2000. All funds raised will go to World Vision.

Starting out from the gates of Bethlehem College at 6am, the friends hope to complete the first half of their ride by 2pm. The idea stemmed from Sam's brother cycling back to Tauranga from Hamilton.

"I thought, we should do that. Then it grew to, let's go to Auckland and then to, let's cycle there and back," said Sam.

Opting for the route over the Kaimai Range and through Matamata, they will be

shadowed by Charlotte Bartrum, a P E teacher at Bethlehem College.

After a rest of three hours, they will begin the return journey, cycling through the night to make it back to school by Friday midday at the latest.

Riki's aunt and uncle have already provided the two teenagers with cycle equipment and sports drinks, while Sam's bike was lent to him teacher Stephen Crowther. The duo spend up to 15 hours a week training on their bikes and in the gym.

■ **If you would like to support the pair, contact Sam on 027 3131 715 or email: samuel.g.h.bojesen-trepka@hotmail.com.**



ON YOUR BIKES: For this month's World Vision 40-hour famine, Tauranga teenagers Sam Bojesen-Trepka and Riki Lindsay are challenging themselves to raise \$2000 with a 440km return cycle from Tauranga to the Auckland Sky Tower.

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