



FIRST LOVE INTERNATIONAL 100 Kilometer - ULTRA MARATHON

Hi Guys! I'm Ashley, Tom & Linda Clinton's granddaughter, and I have some big news to share with you! Many of you have been receiving letters from me during the months of August and September for the last several years regarding my Papa (Tom) running his age in miles in order to raise funds for the ministries of First Love. Last year on October 10th, the old guy ran 61 miles because he was 61 years old, and since so many of you sponsored him we reached the goal of raising \$1,000 per mile in this run for a total of \$61,000! **And here's the best part about all of this...** because that goal was reached some great stuff has been accomplished this past year in First Love's work with orphan boys and girls around the world! **But...do you know what? There are so many more kids out there who need our help!**



Papa and Grandma keep meeting more kids whose moms and dads have died, and they want to help as many as they can with a home where they can be loved, given hope, and also hear about Jesus. And here is where it gets exciting! This is the year that my Papa has been shooting for since he ran 50 miles when he turned 50, because this is the year that he turns 62 years old - and do you know what 62 miles is?



62 miles is exactly 100 kilometers!!! It's what Papa has been calling THE BIG ONE since I was born, 12 years ago! And this year Papa is going to attempt to run THE BIG ONE...100K!

October 9th is the date when this long anticipated run will take place, and guess what the fundraising goal is? **I have to swallow hard even as I type this, but, because there are so many opportunities out there to be a blessing to so many more orphan kids, the goal for this year's run is also a BIG ONE... \$1,000 per kilometer! Yikes...that's \$100,000!!! One hundred BIG ONES! 100K!**



I know...running 100 kilometers and trying to raise \$100,000 are a couple of awfully big goals! As a matter of fact—they seem impossible!!! **They are the kind of goals that could only be accomplished if God is in them!** Even at my young, pre-teen age, I have learned that God generally accomplishes His goals on earth through people like you and me. He whispers to us through His Spirit and tells us to think big thoughts, pray big prayers, and take on big challenges. Well guess what? I think this 100K for 100K deal definitely meets the qualifications for a big time thought and challenge! And, I truly believe that God is going to do it through us! You know why? Because nothing is impossible for God!!!

I've been working out with Papa at Peak Fitness trying to help him get into good shape so that he can complete the entire 100 kilometer run on October 9th, so now let's all pray to God and accept the challenge of sponsoring my Papa in an extra big way so that together we can raise the goal of \$100,000!

I put a sponsor sheet and a return envelope in with this letter, and I would ask you to fill it out and send it back to First Love. Please also speak to your friends and family and see if they would be willing to help out with this challenge too!

Just think of it...100K for 100K to help bring hope, love, & Jesus to orphan boys and girls around the world! It is a mighty, big goal, but I know that we have a Mighty, Big God...so let's go for it!!! I'll keep you posted more later!

Love you!

Ashley (for my old Papa!)

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